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Subject: Notice of Election to Become the Exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 3-04.10)

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the Marina Coast Water District (District), a County Water District and political subdivision of the State of California, organized under Division 12, sections 30000 and following, of the California Water Code, gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its election to assume the role of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to undertake sustainable groundwater management for the portion of the Corral De Tierra Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 3-04.10) underlying the District's Ord service area.

On September 6, 2016, after giving notice as required by California Government Code section 6066 and California Water Code section 10723, the District held a public hearing in accordance with California Water Code section 10723 (b). Proof of Publication is attached as Exhibit 1. Following the hearing, the District Board Directors adopted Resolution No. 2016-54, attached as Exhibit 2, electing to become the GSA pursuant to California Water Code section 10723 for the District's Ord water service area within the Corral de Tierra Subbasin and outside of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin, as shown on the attached Exhibit 3 map.

The District will continue to work cooperatively with any GSA formed for the remainder of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin. The District will enter into any required intra-subbasin cooperative agreement for the subbasin as a whole. In addition, the District will enter into such voluntary cooperative agreements as it deems appropriate for groundwater management of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

Per California Water Code section 10723.2, the District shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. An initial list of such interested parties, including an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSPs, is included as Exhibit 4.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding any of these matters, please contact me at (831) 883-5910.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K. Van Der Maaten', written in a cursive style.

Keith Van Der Maaten
General Manager

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – Proof of Publication

Exhibit 2 – Resolution No. 2016-54

Exhibit 3 – MCWD GSA Map - Corral de Tierra Subbasin (in pdf and GIS shape file format)

Exhibit 4 – Initial List of Beneficial Uses and Users of Groundwater



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Ordered by:

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Monterey

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of The Monterey Herald, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily and Sunday in the City of Monterey, County of Monterey, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Monterey, State of California; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than 6 point), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

08/19/16, 08/26/16

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 08/26/2016 at Monterey, California.

Signature

This space is reserved for the County Clerk's Filing Stamp

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Marina Coast Water District

Notice is hereby given that Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) will hold a public hearing regarding the adoption of a Resolution of Intention to form one or two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) as outlined in the California Water Code, Part 2.74, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Section 10723. The proposed GSA boundaries would encompass all of MCWD's water service areas within the Seaside Area Subbasin and the Corral de Tierra Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, excluding that portion of MCWD's service area within the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin. If the non-adjudicated portions of the Seaside Area Subbasin and of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin remain separate subbasins, then the formation of two GSAs will need to be considered. The public hearing is intended to review, provide explanation of, and allow for public input on the formation of one or two GSAs by MCWD within the proposed boundaries.

The public hearing for the proposed formation of one or two GSAs shall be held at the following date, time, and place:

Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 pm
Marina City Council Chambers,
211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, CA 93933

If you need special assistance to participate in this public hearing, please contact MCWD at (831) 384-6131. Notification 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this public hearing. [28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title II]

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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September 6, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-54
Resolution of the Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District

Election to Become the Exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Within Portions of Two Subbasins

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (“Directors”) of the Marina Coast Water District (“District”), at its regular meeting duly called and held on September 6, 2016, at 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, California, as follows:

Recitals

A. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code Sections 10720 – 10736.6 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and,

B. SGMA gives local agencies, such as the District, additional authorities and powers to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner and allows for limited state intervention when those local agencies fail to comply with SGMA’s requirements; and,

C. SGMA requires that each California Department of Water Resource (“DWR”)-designated groundwater subbasin be managed by a single Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) or by a combination of GSAs and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GS Plan”), or multiple coordinated GS Plans, as the case may be; and,

D. Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency with a service area overlying a groundwater subbasin or portion thereof to establish itself as the GSA for its service area; and,

E. Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a GSA as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of SGMA; and,

F. The District’s Central Marina and Ord Community water service areas overly portions of the Seaside Area, Corral de Tierra, and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and,

G. The District’s Ord Community water service area is within a portion of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin and is also within a portion of the statutory boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD); and,

H. Water Code Section 10723(c)(2) designates the MPWMD as the exclusive groundwater management area within MPWMD’s statutory boundaries unless MPWMD elects to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency for that area; and,

I. By MPWMD Resolution No. 2016-01, the MPWMD Board of Directors elected to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency for that portion of MPWMD situated north of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin; and,

J. District staff is proposing that the District become the GSA for (1) that portion of the District's Central Marina water service area within the Seaside Area Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and (2) that portion of the District's Ord Community water service area north of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin within Seaside Area Subbasin, which shall collectively be referred to as the "Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin" and as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and,

K. District staff is separately proposing that the District become the GSA for that portion of the District's Ord Community water service area within the Corral de Tierra Subbasin, which shall be referred to as the "Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin" as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and,

L. Establishing the District as the GSA for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin will enable the District to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for those respective areas; and,

M. The District is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and,

N. Adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organizational and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and,

O. Prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish the District as the GSA for the respective areas, Water Code Section 10723 requires a local agency to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a GSA; and,

P. Pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish one or two GSAs were published on August 19, 2016 and August 26, 2016; and,

Q. On September 6, 2016, the District held a public hearing regarding adoption of a resolution to establish the District as the GSA for for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin as shown on the Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps, which maps exclude that portion of MCWD's Ord Community service area within the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin and exclude that portion of its service areas within the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin; and,

R. It would be in the best interest of the District for it to become the exclusive GSA for that portion of its service areas shown respectively on the Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps; and,

S. DWR has proposed that the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and that portion of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin outside of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin be merged into a new subbasin named the "Monterey Subbasin", but that basin boundary modification is not yet finalized so the District's service areas within the Seaside Area Subbasin and the Corral de Tierra Subbasin must be treated separately; and,

T. The District has opposed the proposed merger because it is contrary to the basin boundary modification requested by MPWMD, which the District supported, but the District desires to avoid any delays in processing the District's GSA formation notifications should the new combined Monterey Subbasin go into effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds, determines, and represents.

2. The District hereby elects to become the exclusive GSA (a) for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and (b) separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin as shown respectively on the attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps, which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. District staff is hereby directed and authorized to provide separate notices of this election to become the exclusive GSA (a) for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and (b) for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin to DWR in the manner required by law.

4. Should the new Monterey Subbasin go into effect, then the Board of Directors requests DWR to automatically convert the District's two separate GSA formation notifications into a single notification to form an exclusive GSA for one combined area in order to avoid delay in processing the District's GSA election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on September 6, 2016, by the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Shriner, Lee, Moore, Gustafson

Noes: Directors None

Absent: Directors None

Abstained: Directors None


Howard Gustafson, President

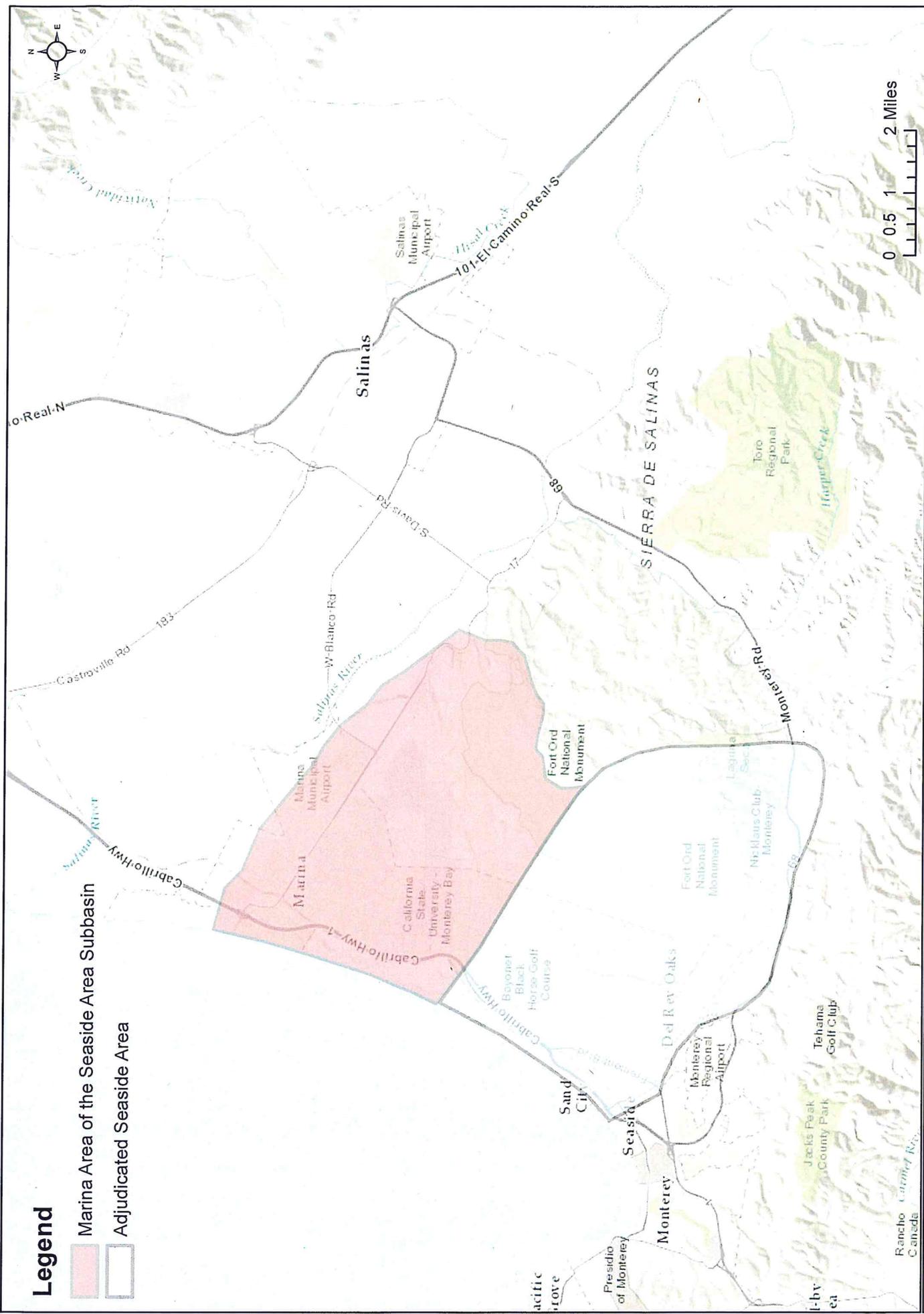
ATTEST:


Keith Van Der Maaten, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Marina Coast Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016-54 adopted September 6, 2016.


Keith Van Der Maaten, Secretary



Legend

- Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin
- Adjudicated Seaside Area

Date: 08/25/16
 Author: J. Holliba

Exhibit A-Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin

Exhibit 2

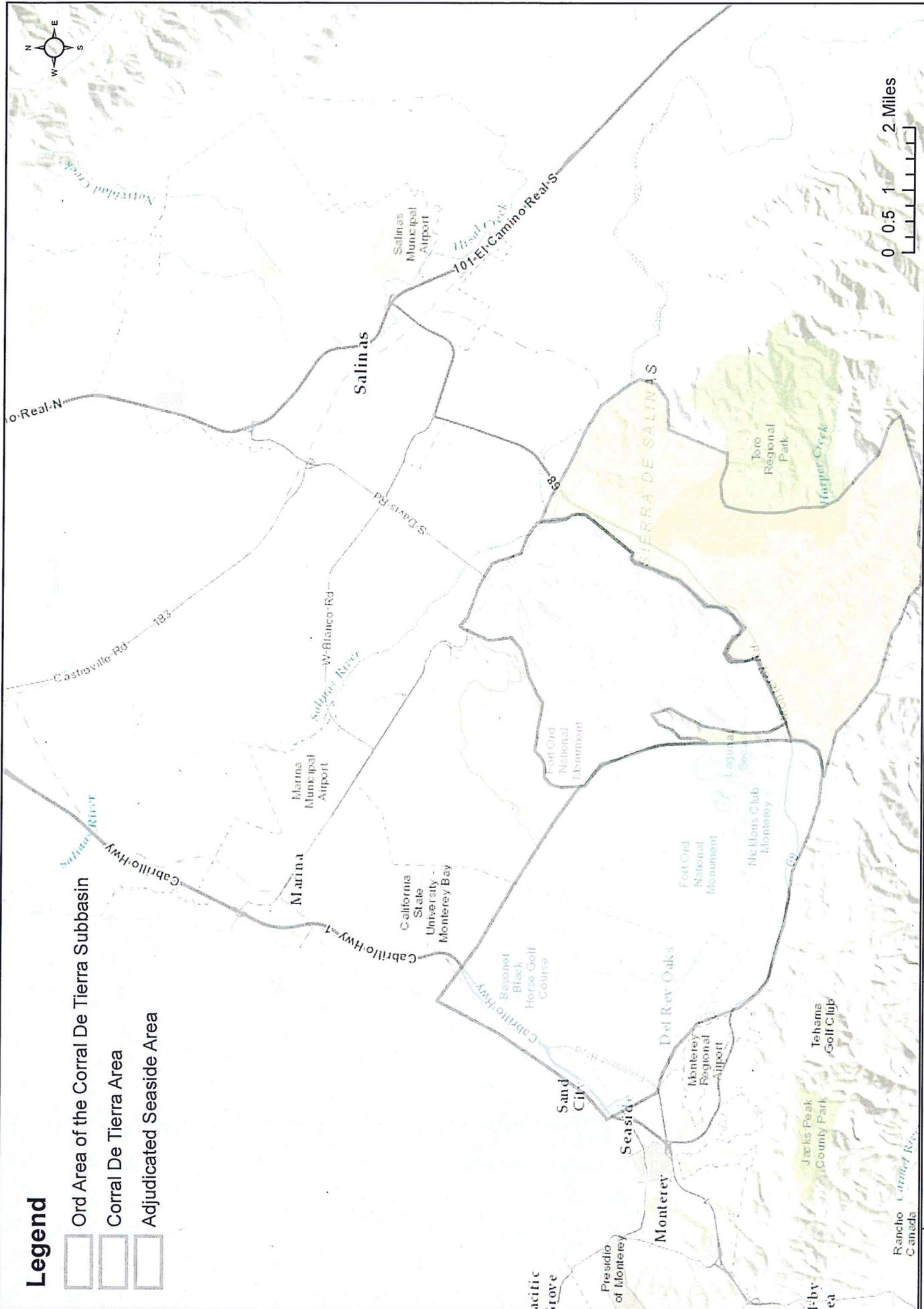
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Legend

-  Ord Area of the Corral De Tierra Subbasin
-  Corral De Tierra Area
-  Adjudicated Seaside Area



Date: 08/25/16
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Exhibit B-Ord Area of the Corral De Tierra Subbasin

Exhibit 2

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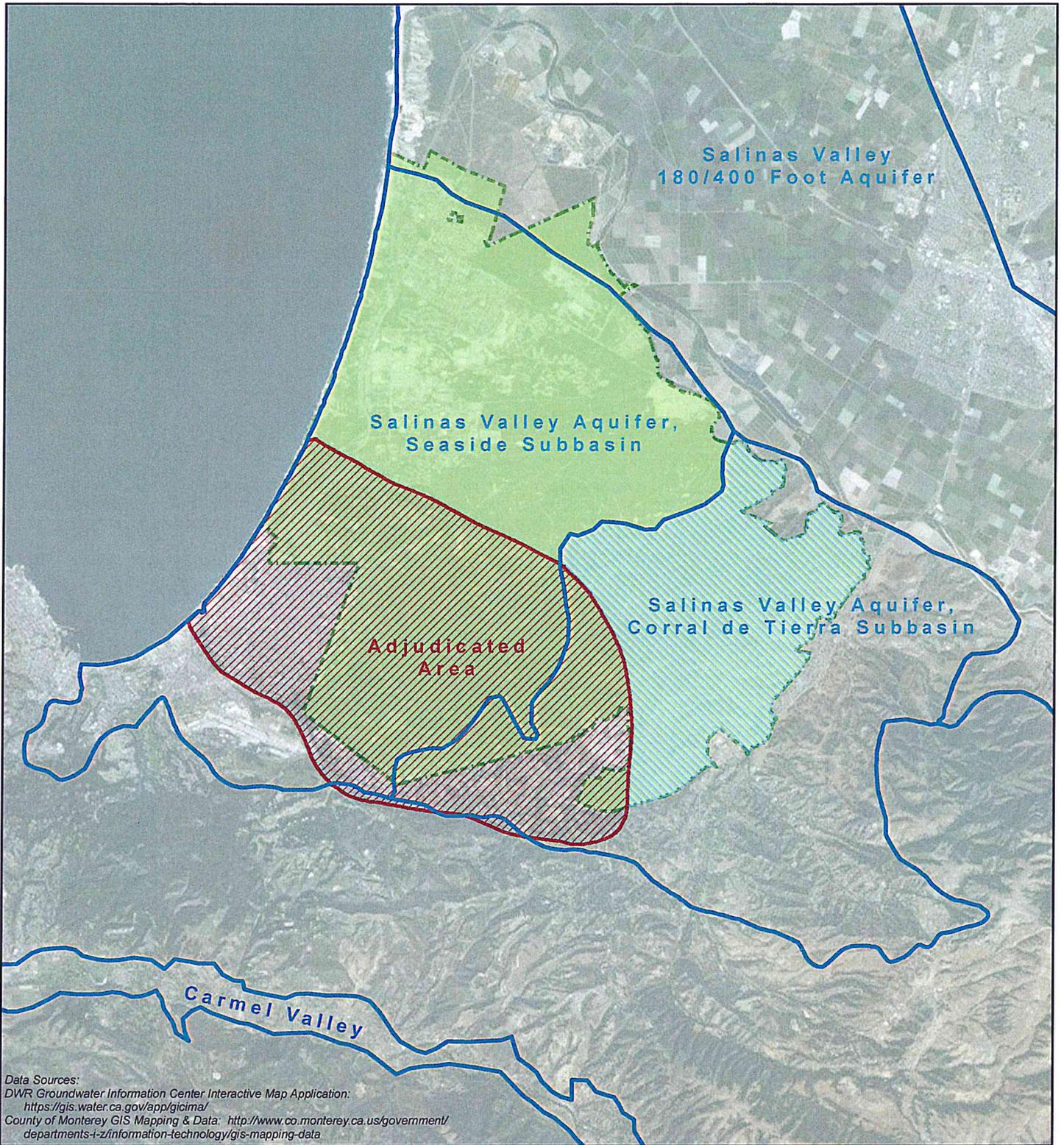


Exhibit 3: MCWD GSA Map - Corral de Tierra Subbasin

-  Marina Coast Water District service area
-  Proposed MCWD GSA Area - Corral de Tierra Subbasin
-  Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin
-  Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin boundary



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Map Date: September 2016

INITIAL LIST OF BENEFICIAL USES AND USERS OF GROUNDWATER
for the
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In accordance with California Water Code sections 10723.4, a list of interested parties has been developed and will continue to be updated throughout the Marina Coast Water District's (District) development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GS Plan). As required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code section 10720, et seq.) the District will consider all beneficial uses and groundwater users and managers. These beneficial interests and parties include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

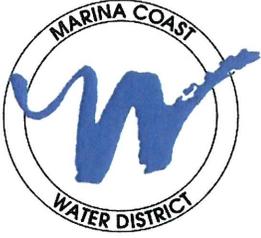
1. Local Water Districts adjoining the GSA:
 - a. Monterey Peninsula Water Mangement District
 - b. Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
2. Holders of Overlying Groundwater Rights: agricultural and domestic well owners, municipal well operators and public water systems
 - a. U.S. Army
3. Surface Water Users
 - a. To be determined
4. Environmental Users of groundwater:
 - a. Fort Ord National Monument
5. Local Land Use Planning Agencies:
 - a. County of Monterey
 - b. Fort Ord Reuse Authority
6. Federal Government: There are several federal agencies which may old or mange land overlying the groundwater sub-basins with the service area of the District GSA, including:
 - a. U.S. Bureau of Land Mangement
 - b. U.S. Army Ord Military Community, Presidio of Monterey
7. California Native American Tribes:

None within the GSA.
8. Disadvantaged Communities:

None within the GSA.
9. Entities listed in California Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of the subbasin to be mangaged by the District as the designated GSA:
 - a. Monterey County Water Resources Agency
10. Other Entities:
 - a. GSAs that may be formed to manage the remainder of the subbasin.

The District is open to an open and inclusive process to implement SGMA. Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and GSP. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during regular and special board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8 (a).

The above-referenced agencies, water providers and other interested stakeholders will be contacted to determine how best to consider and protect their interests, and invited to participate in evaluating and defining roles and responsibilities during the GSP planning and implementation process.



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Subject: Supplement to Notice of Election to Become the Exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Marina Coast Water District (District) is providing this supplement to the notice of election to become the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in light of the pending formation of the new Monterey Subbasin. The District gave notice of election to become the GSA to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) on September 16, 2016. Subsequent to giving notice to become the GSA for portions of the Seaside Area Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 3-04.08) and the Corral De Tierra Subbasin (DWR Basin No. 3-04.10) underlying the District's Central Marina and Ord Community service areas, DWR informed the District that it would in fact merge these portions of the two subbasins into the new Monterey Subbasin.

DWR is forming the new Monterey Subbasin as a result of MPWMD's basin boundary modification requesting that the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin be separate and apart from both subbasins. The portions of the District service areas within the Monterey Subbasin north of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin is shown on the attached Exhibit A. This supplement is to conform the GSA notification to form an exclusive groundwater management agency for those portions of the District's Central Marina and Ord Community service areas within the new Monterey Subbasin.

An initial list of interested parties, including an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability plan for the GSA, was included in the September 16, 2016 notifications pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.2. The District will develop an open and inclusive process to implement the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Interested parties will have opportunities, both formal and informal, to provide input to the District throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA and the groundwater sustainability plan for the GSA. Such opportunities may include, but are not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA (e.g., Water Code section 10728.4); opportunities for public comment during regular and special

board meetings; and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8 (a).

Agencies actively involved in groundwater management in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin include the the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and the Seaside Watermaster for the Adjudicated Seaside Basin. The County of Monterey is conducting the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin Planning Process for the remaining Salinas Valley subbasins. The District will continue to participate in that process.

The District shall consider the interests of all beneficial groundwater uses, groundwater users, and groundwater management agencies. The District will work cooperatively with any GSA formed for the remainder of the Monterey Subbasin and will enter into a coordination agreement for all groundwater sustainability plans for that subbasin. The District will continue to work cooperatively with the adjoining Adjudicated Seaside Basin and any GSAs to be formed for other adjoining subbasins. The District will enter into such voluntary inter-subbasin agreements as it deems appropriate for groundwater management of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

If you have any questions or require further information regarding any of these matters, please contact me at (831) 883-5910.

Sincerely,

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Keith Van Der Maaten
General Manager

Attachment:

Exhibit A –MCWD GSA MAP – Monterey Subbasin (in pdf and GIS shape file format)

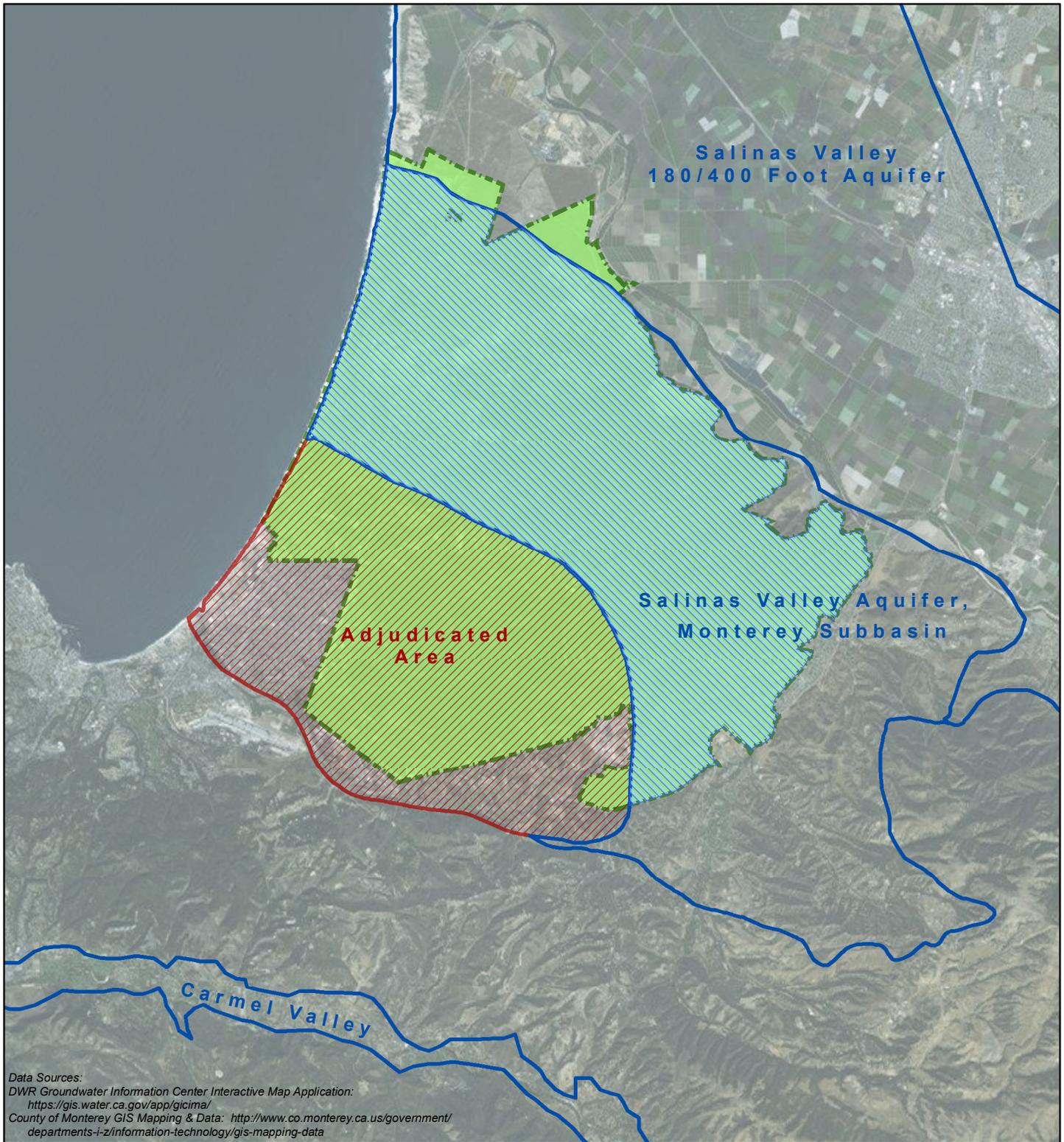


Exhibit A: MCWD GSA Map - Monterey Subbasin

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