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October 18, 2016

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
Sustainable Groundwater Management Program
California Department of Water Resources
901 P Street, Room 213-B
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

SUBJECT: Notice of intention to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, City of Santee - San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin

Mr. Nordberg

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) that the City of Santee (City) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin, DWR Basin No. 9-15 (Basin) that lies within the City limits. A map and shapefile showing the City limits, which is the proposed area, is enclosed in the attached resolution (Attachment 1).

On September 28, 2016 the City of Santee City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b), prior to its decision to become a GSA. The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 (Attachment 2).

After holding the public hearing, the City Council adopted the enclosed resolution (Attachment 1) electing to become a GSA within the City boundaries. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities were adopted by the City at that time.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.2, the City will consider the interests of all beneficial users and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties include but are not limited to the following:

a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights including: agricultural users, domestic well owners, other overlying groundwater users, and public and private land owners.
b) Municipal well operators/water districts including: County of San Diego, City of San Diego, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Helix Water District, and

Lakeside Water District.

c) Public water systems: Padre Dam Municipal Water District, Helix Water District and City of San Diego
d) Local land use planning agencies: County of San Diego and City of San Diego
e) Environmental users of groundwater – the City will work with any agency proposing environmental uses of the groundwater within the basin
f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.
g) Federal government including, but not limited to: the military and managers of federal land, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
h) California Native American Tribes Including: Ewiiaapaayp, Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Sycuan Band of Kumeyaay Nation, Barona Group of the Capitan Grande, and Kwaaymii Laguna Band of Mission Indians.
i) Disadvantaged communities including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community systems.
j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater managed by the GSA.

The City is in discussions with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is working cooperatively with them. To the best of the City's knowledge, the County of San Diego is the only agency that currently has a listed GSA with the DWR. Other entities considering formation of a GSA within the Basin currently include:

City of San Diego
Padre Dam Municipal Water District
Lakeside Water District
Helix Water District

The City intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders regarding the sustainable management of groundwater with in the basin. By this notification, the City has provided the DWR with all applicable information in the Water Code Section 10723.8(a). If further information is required please contact me at 619-258-4100 x175 or at cschmitz@cityofsanteeca.gov

Sincerely,

Carl Schmitz
Principal Civil Engineer

Cc; Marlene Best - City Manager, Melanie Kush - Director of Development Services, Shawn Hagerty - City Attorney

Attachments:
Attachment 1. Resolution No.96-2016 with Groundwater Basin Boundary Map
Attachment 2. Public Hearing Proof of Publication

Attachment 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 096-2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENT TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE SAN DIEGO RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN AND NOTIFICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES OF SAID INTENT

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law and incorporated into the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720, and became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the groundwater in the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin to be managed by one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs); and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes local agencies with land use, water supply or water management responsibilities , or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA for the basin; and

WHEREAS, the City is a local agency as defined in the SGMA eligible to serve as a GSA and is committed to the management of its groundwater resources to create and promote sustainable groundwater use in the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, establishing the City as a GSA will help enable the City to coordinate a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with other stakeholders to ensure diverse stakeholder interests are represented during GSP development; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on September 28, 2016 after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) since it does not result in any direct or indirect physical change to the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City does herby elect to become a GSA for the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723 for that portion of the Basin underlying the City limits (Figure 1).

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SECTION 2: Staff shall provide notification of this election to the Department of Water Resources per Water Code Section 10723.8 within 30 days from the adoption of this resolution.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Santee, California, at a Regular Meeting thereof held this 28th day of September, 2016, by the following roll call vote to wit:

AYES: **DALE, HALL, MCNELIS, VOEPEL**

NOES: **NONE**

ABSENT: **MINTO**

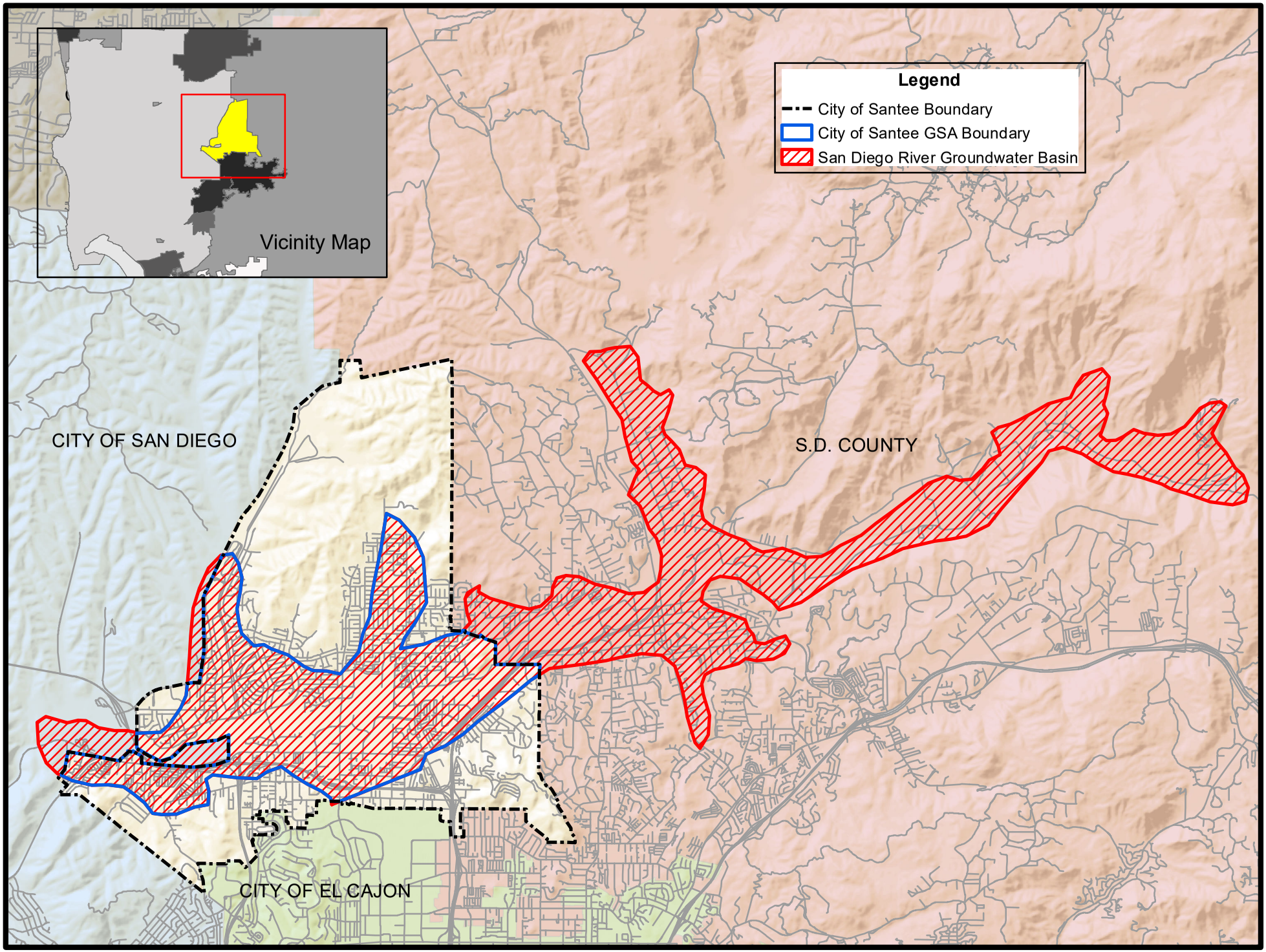
APPROVED:

RANDY VOEPEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATSY BELL, CMC, CITY CLERK

Attachment: Figure 1 San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin Boundary



San Diego River Groundwater Basin

Attachment 2.

AFFP
45399 Public Hearing (GSA)

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } SS
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO }

Marcela Aguayo, being duly sworn, says:

That she is Legal Ad Mgr. of the East County Californian, Decree #51488, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in El Cajon , San Diego County, California; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on

September 08, 2016, September 15, 2016

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.
SIGNED:

Marcela Aguayo

Legal Ad Mgr.

Subscribed to and sworn to me this 15th day of September 2016.

, East County Californian, San Diego County, California

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, of the CITY OF SANTEE, pursuant to California Water Code, Section 10723(b) and Government Code section 6066, that a PUBLIC HEARING on this item will be held before the SANTEE CITY COUNCIL at the SANTEE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, at 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, California at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 28, 2016.

SUBJECT: A public hearing to determine whether the City should elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq.) for the portion of the San Diego River Valley Groundwater Basin within the city limits of the City of Santee. The following resolution will be considered at the hearing:

"RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER THE PORTION OF THE SAN DIEGO RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS"

CEQA STATUS: The proposed action is exempt from environmental review under Section 15061(b)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines, since the resolution to become a GSA does not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Pursuant to the California Government Code, please take notice as follows: If you challenge the action described in this written notice in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raises at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santee at, or prior to, the public hearing. A right to appeal a City Council decision is governed by the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5. The time limit to file for judicial review of a City Council decision is governed by the California Code of Civil Procedure, Section 1094.6.

The City of Santee complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require reasonable accommodations for this meeting, contact the City Clerk's Office at (619) 258-4100 at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the public hearing. If you have any questions about the above proposal or want to submit comments, you may contact Principal Civil Engineer Carl Schmitz at the Department of Development Services, 10601 Magnolia Avenue, Santee, CA 92071. Phone (619) 258-4100, extension 175.
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