

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

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Re: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District election to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD or District) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8. NSJWCD intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management for those portions of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater subbasin (DWR Basin No. 5-22.01) and the Cosumnes subbasin (DWR Basin No. 5-22.16) that lie within the District's boundaries. A map showing the basins, the District's service area, and the proposed boundary of the GSA, along with a narrative description, is attached in "Exhibit A." The GIS Shape file for the district is only being provided via email only.

Before electing to become a GSA, NSJWCD held a public hearing on January 25, 2016 pursuant to Water Code section 10723(b). Proof of publication of the meeting, as required by Water Code section 10723(b) and Government Code section 6066, is attached as "Exhibit B."

A copy of the Resolution electing to become a GSA is attached in "Exhibit C." The District intends to use its existing Board of Directors for the purposes of governing the GSA, and did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities to elect to become a GSA.

As required under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), NSJWCD developed a list of interested parties, and this list will continue to be amended as necessary during the development process for the local Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). Pursuant to Section 10723.2 of SGMA, the District will also consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those entities responsible for developing GSPs. A list of these parties along with an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSA's sustainability plan is attached as "Exhibit D."

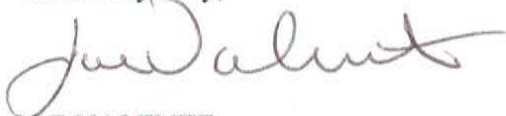
NSJWCD has not entered into a joint powers agreement or memorandum of agreement at this time. But it intends to proactively and openly consult with other agencies, municipalities, and the State of California, regarding the management of the groundwater within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and Cosumnes Subbasin. Other agencies that have or may elect to become a GSA within these subbasins' boundaries include:

City of Stockton
San Joaquin County
City of Lodi
Lockeford Community Services District
Stockton East Water District
Central San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Woodbridge Irrigation District
South San Joaquin Water Conservation District
Calaveras County Water District
Stanislaus County
Calaveras County
Sacramento County
Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Authority
Amador County

NSJWCD is also working with San Joaquin County to request a basin boundary modification to return the Consumnes Subbasin portion in San Joaquin County to the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin so that NSJWCD overlies one subbasin for management purposes. This boundary modification may impact the list of agencies.

If the Department of Water Resources requires additional information, please contact our General Counsel Jennifer Spaletta at (209) 224-5568.

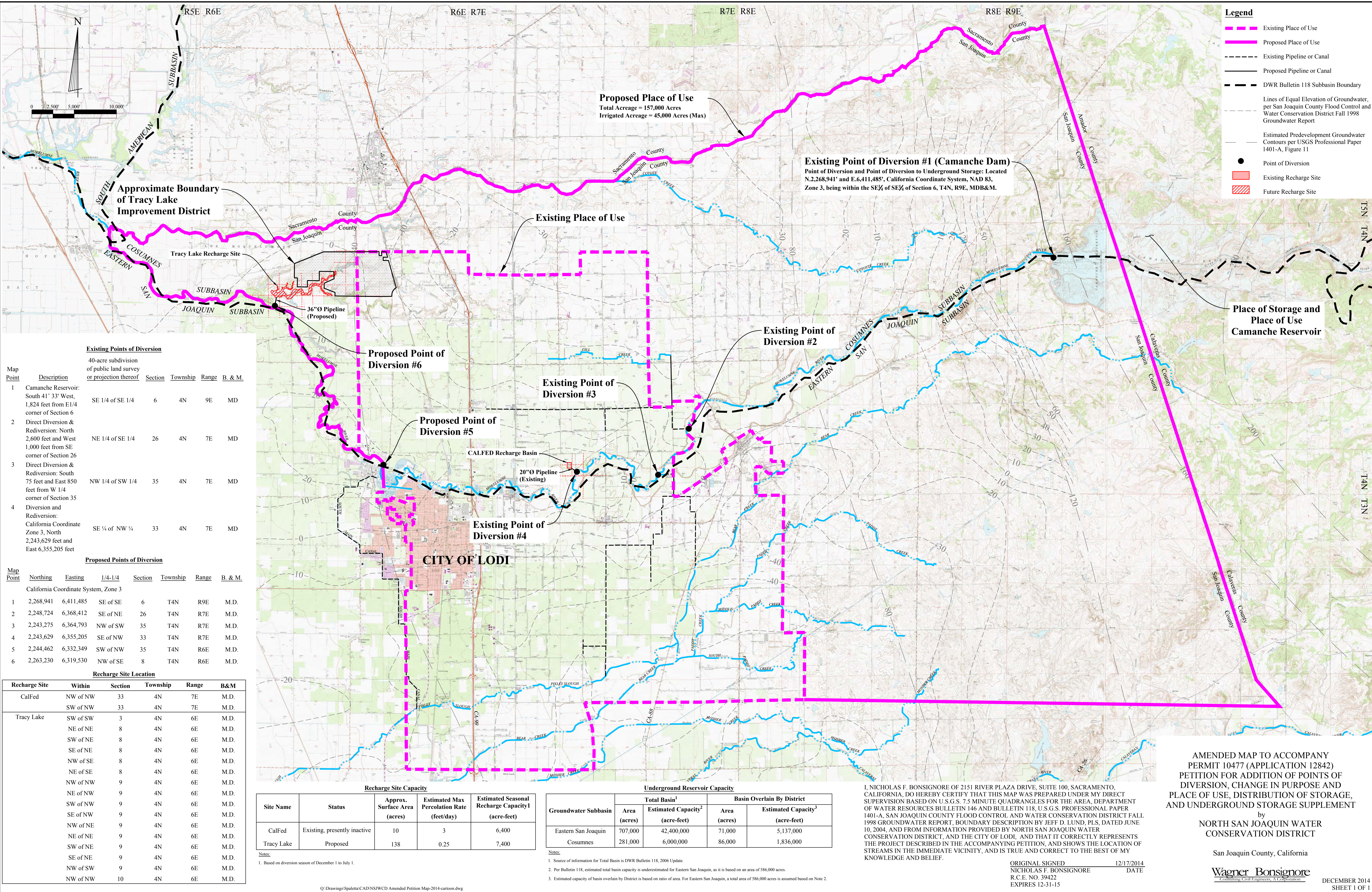
Yours very truly,

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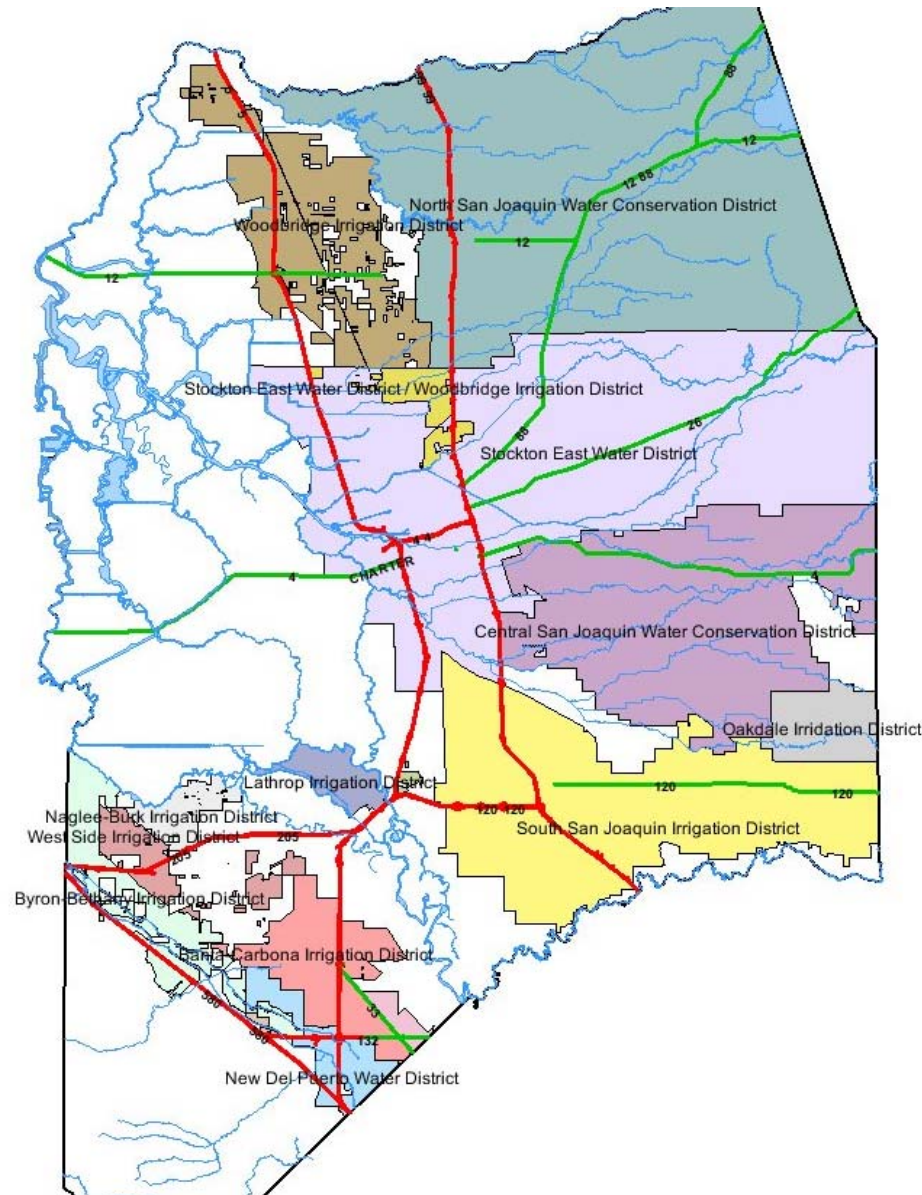
JOE VALENTE
President of the Board of Directors
North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Enc: GIS Shape File for District boundary sent via email only

Exhibit A – Map of District Boundaries

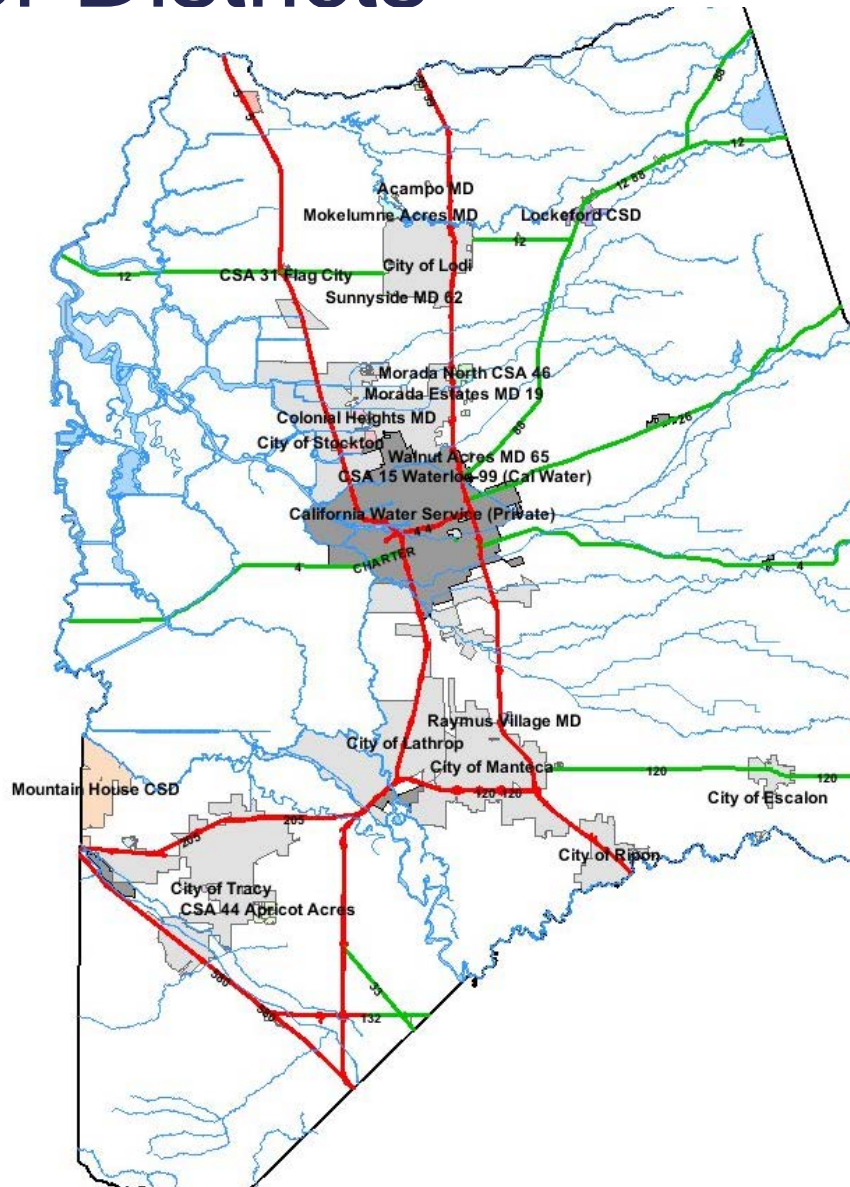


SJC Irrigation Districts



Woodbridge Irrigation District, Stockton East Water District, South San Joaquin Irrigation District and San Joaquin County have elected to be GSAs in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin

SJC Water Districts



The City of Lodi and
Lockeford Community
Services District have elected
to be GSAs in the Eastern San
Joaquin Subbasin

Southeast Sacramento County Ag Water Agency

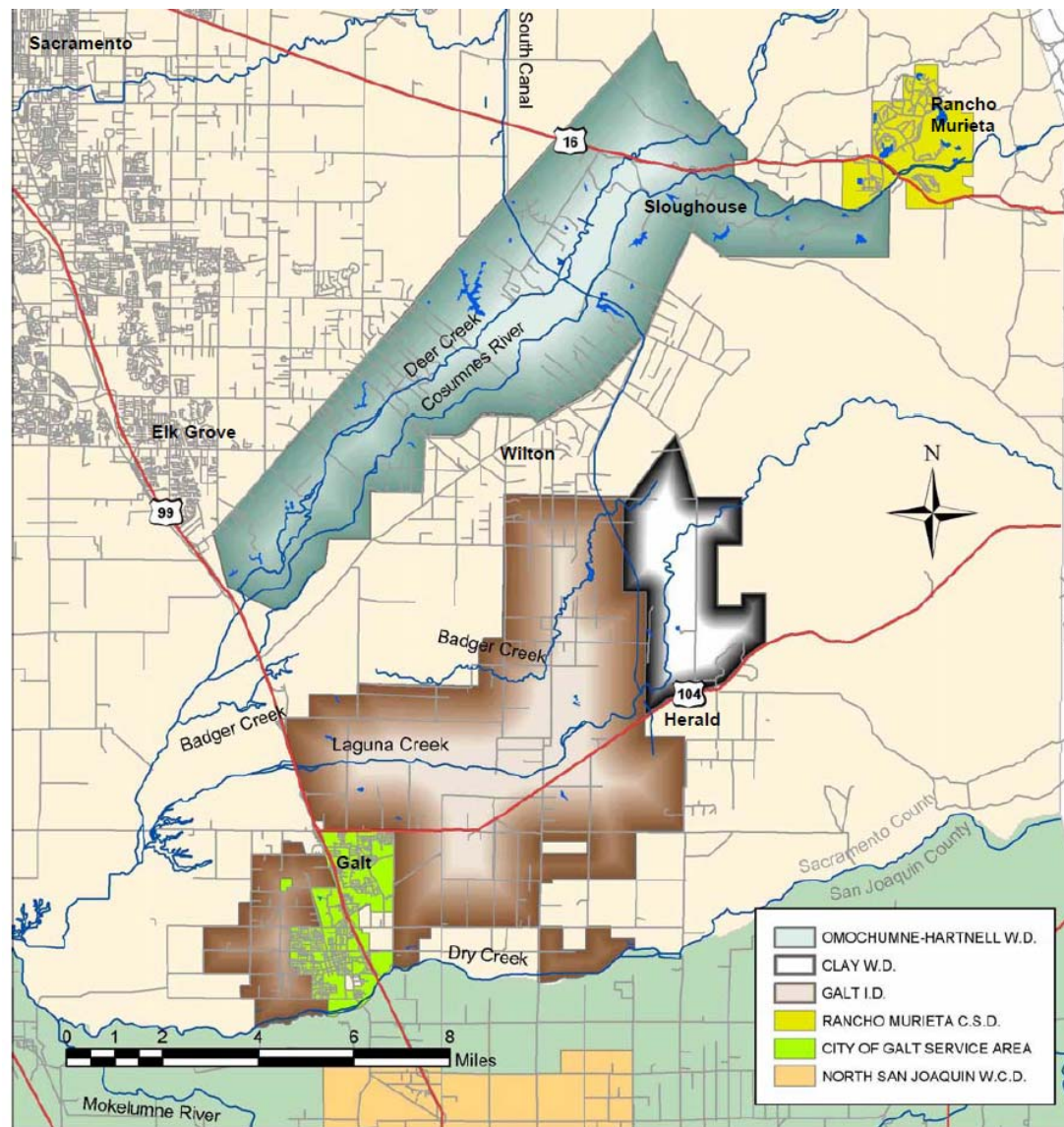


Figure 1. Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Agency Member Districts Locations and Boundaries

The Southeast Sacramento County Agricultural Water Agency Member Districts or some of its member agencies may elect to become GSAs in the Consumnes Subbasin, a portion of which underlies the NSJWCD jurisdictional boundaries

Exhibit B – Proof of Publication

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

(2015.5 C.C.C.P.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of San Joaquin

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 Lodi News-Sentinel, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published daily except Sundays, Mondays and holidays, in the City of Lodi, California, County of San Joaquin and which newspaper had been adjudicated a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court, Department 3, of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, under the date of May 26th, 1953. Case Number 65990; that the notice of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than non-pareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereto on the following dates to-wit:

January 6th, 13th,

all in the years 2016

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

Dated at Lodi, California, United States of America this 13th day of January 2016.

Signature

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Proof of Publication

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

North San Joaquin Water Conservation District will hold a meeting on January 26, 2016 to consider whether to seek to become a groundwater sustainability agency under Water Code Section 10723. A groundwater sustainability agency is one or more local agencies that implements the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code 10720 et seq.). The District's meeting will be held on January 26, 2016, beginning at 2 p.m., at the Lodi Public Library, 201 W. Locust St., Lodi, CA 95240. January 6, 13, 2016 - 156571

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Exhibit C – Resolution by NSJWCD

NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 1

ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in 2014 to, among other things, provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins.

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, including the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin and the Cosumnes Subbasin, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA).

WHEREAS, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD or District) is a local agency, as defined under SGMA, and is authorized to serve as a GSA for the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin and the Cosumnes Subbasin.

WHEREAS, NSJWCD's serving as the GSA for the area within its boundaries will allow the District to participate in the preparation and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) that covers the District's territory.

WHEREAS, the District posted notice of public hearing in the Lodi News-Sentinel on January 6 and 13, 2016 relating to the District's intent to become a GSA.

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2016, NSJWCD held a public hearing and elected to become a GSA for those portions of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin and the Cosumnes Subbasin that lie within the District's boundaries.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of North San Joaquin Water Conservation District as follows:

1. The Board of Directors finds that it is in the best interests of NSJWCD to become a GSA for those portions of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin and the Cosumnes Subbasin that lie within the District's boundaries.
2. The Board of Directors authorizes the Board President to do and cause to be done any and all acts necessary or convenient to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution to the extent that any such acts do not need to be taken by the Board of Directors, including

providing to the California Department of Water Resources notice of the intention to form a GSA, a copy of this resolution, and a map showing the District and the area it intends to manage under SGMA,

Moved by Director Flinn, seconded by Director Scanlon, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call the following vote was had:

Ayes: 5 Directors

Noes: 0 Directors

Absent: 0 Directors

Abstain: 0 Director

The President declared the resolution adopted.

I, David Simpson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at an adjourned regular meeting of said Board of Directors held the 25th day of January 2016.

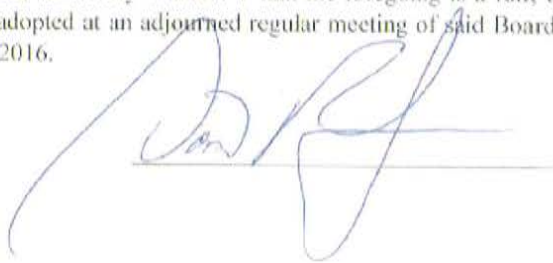
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Exhibit D – List of Beneficial Users

LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 10723.2

California Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency notification include a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the groundwater sustainability agency and the development and implementation of the agency's sustainability plan.

Section 10732.2 requires that the groundwater sustainability agency consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans. A listing of these interests is provided below. The interested parties are listed in bold, italicized typeface.

Agricultural Users and Domestic Well Users

The District conducts monthly board meetings open to the public and hold larger landowner meetings on current issues. The District will interface with agricultural users and domestic well users during these meetings and through focused work groups in developing GSA policies and plans. The District will also work with the local Farm Bureau in the same manner.

Municipal Well Operators and Public Water Systems

Within NSJWCD, the City of Lodi, Lockeford Community Service District and San Joaquin County provide municipal water supplies. The District is working with all three of these entities through work groups on SGMA planning and coordination.

Local Land Use Planning Agencies

The District will be working with the City of Lodi and San Joaquin County on all SGMA plans and policies as well as implementation through existing work groups.

Environmental Users of Groundwater

The District developed relationships with environmental interest groups through the Mokewise process and plans to continue to update these groups and seek input on SGMA plans and policies.

Surface Water Users (If Hydrologic Connection Exists)

Landowners in NSJWCD, the City of Lodi, NSJWCD, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Woodbridge Irrigation District are surface water users of the Mokelumne River, which runs through the center of NSJWCD. The District is working with all of these entities on a regular basis and will continue to do so with SGMA planning and implementation.

Federal Government

The District is currently unaware of any Federal Government interests in groundwater management in the NSJWCD area other than through federal grant programs that the District is participating in through the USBR.

California Native American Tribes

The District is currently unaware of any California Native American Tribe interests in groundwater management in the NSJWCD area.

Disadvantaged Communities

There are disadvantaged communities in the NSJWCD area served with water through Lockeford Community Services District and County Public Water Systems. The District is working with LCSD and the County through existing work groups.

CASGEM Monitoring and Reporting Entities

San Joaquin County is a CASGEM entity and the District is working with the County through existing work groups on SGMA planning and implementation.

Other Interests of All Beneficial Uses and Users of Groundwater

The District is committed to ensuring its SGMA planning is consistent with plans and policies of other entities in the same subbasins and is coordinating with these other entities through existing work groups managed through the County Groundwater Banking Authority.