# MADERA SUBBASIN

Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

# Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan

City of Madera GSA County of Madera GSA – Madera Madera Irrigation District GSA Madera Water District GSA

# APPENDIX 1. INTRODUCTION Technical Appendices 1.A. through 1.J.

January 2020 Amended January 2025





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Prepared For Madera Subbasin Coordination Committee

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# **APPENDIX 1. INTRODUCTION**

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# APPENDIX 1.A. CITY OF MADERA'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

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# CITY OF MADERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Dave Merchen – Director of Community Development <u>dmerchen@cityofmadera.com</u> • (559) 661-5430 205 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street • Madera, Ca 93637

September 12, 2016

Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager Senior Engineering Geologist California Department of Water Resources 901 P Street, Room 213-B Sacramento, Ca 94236 Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov

### RE: City of Madera's Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

Pursuant to California Water Cod 10723.8 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), the purpose of this letter is to provide notice that the City of Madera has elected to be established as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for portions of the DWR Groundwater Basin 5-22.06 underlying the city limits of the City of Madera. The extents of the boundary proposed to be managed by the City of Madera GSA are shown in Exhibit A.

On August 17, 2016, the Madera City Council held a public hearing regarding the establishment of a GSA encompassing that portion of the Madera Sub-basin lying within the City of Madera's city limits. The public hearing was conducted in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and was noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 (Exhibit B). After holding this public hearing, the Madera City Council adopted Resolution 16-13 establishing the City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Exhibit C). No new bylaws or ordinances were adopted in conjunction with this action.

The City's election to be established as a GSA was made after collaborating with other agencies that have responsibility to manage groundwater resources within the Madera Sub-basin. All such agencies voluntary formed the Madera Sub-basin GSA Formation Committee, which provided a forum to evaluate alternatives for compliance with SGMA and set a preferred course of action. Agencies participating in the Madera Sub-basin GSA Formation Committee include: City of Madera, County of Madera, Aliso Water District, Gravelly Ford Water District, Madera irrigation District, Madera Water District, New Stone Water District and Root Creek Water District.

Due to the overlap which occurs between the service areas of the City of Madera and Madera Irrigation District, special collaboration was required to avoid conflict. The City and Madera Irrigation District agreed that the Irrigation District GSA boundaries would exclude the city limits, and that the City GSA boundaries would encompass the entire city limits. The City and Madera Irrigation District have executed a memorandum of understanding confirming this point and agreeing to coordinate and collaborate on other issues related to SGMA compliance. Pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the Water Code, the City of Madera GSA shall consider the interests and work cooperatively with all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability Plans. An initial list of interested parties has been developed this purpose, attached as Exhibit D to the notice. This list may be expanded as the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan commences.

The following information is included in this notice and transmittal pursuant to Section 10723.8(a) of the Water Code:

- 1. Exhibit A Boundary Map of the City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- 2. Exhibit B Notice of Public Hearing Pursuant to Government Code Section 6066
- 3. Exhibit C City of Madera Resolution 16-13
- 4. Exhibit D List of Interested parties
- 5. City of Madera GSA Boundary Shape File

If you have any questions regarding any of the information provided in this letter please let me know.

Sincerely,

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David J. Merchen Community Development Director

# "EXHIBIT A"

# **GSA Boundary Map**







## "EXHIBIT B"

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

# **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### **GROUND WATER SUSTAINABILITY**

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#### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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#### **County of Madera**

I am a citizens 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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday the 17th day of August, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 205 West Fourth Street, Madera, California, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Madera will hold a public hearing to consider the following matter, in addition to others that have been, or will be scheduled:

Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Formation of a Ground-water Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Man-

Pursuant to Water Code Section 10723, the City of Madera ("City") will hold a public hearing to determine whether the City will become a Ground-

water Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the Madera Sub-basin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin.

Pursuant to Section 65009 of the Government Code of the State of California. Notice is Hereby Given that if any of the foregoing projects or matters are challenged in Court, such challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to the public hearing.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this hearing notice, you may call David Merchen, Community Development Director, at (559) 661-5430. Si usted tiene preguntas o comentarios, o necesita ayuda con interpretación, favor de llamar el Departamento de Planeamiento (559) 661-5430

Prieto poses with girls participating SONIA ALVAREZ No. 4014- July 30, August 6, 2016 City Clerk

July 30, August 6, 2016

I certify or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct Signature Date August 6, 2016

Proof of Publication- The Madera Tribune, P.O. BOX 269, Madera CA 93639- (559) 674-2424 Adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by court decree No. 4875 dated November 8, 1966 The Madera Tribune

"EXHIBIT C"

## RESOLUTION

#### Resolution No. 16-135

#### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA APPROVING THE FORMATION OF A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law by the Governor to provide for sustainable management of groundwater by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority to sustainably manage groundwater through the adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes local land use authorities, water suppliers, and certain other local agencies, or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera (City) is a local agency qualified to become a GSA because City manages water supply and delivery, and has land use responsibilities over a portion of the Madera Subbasin (Basin Number 5-22.06, DWR Bulletin 118) within the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, a DWR-designated high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the City has informed other local agencies with responsibility for land use and groundwater authority within the Madera-Sub-basin of its intent to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, City held a public hearing on August 17, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

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

- 1. The above recitals and findings are true and correct.
- 2. The City of Madera does hereby elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency to cover the portion of DWR Basin No. 5-22.06 within the City Limits as of August 17, 2016, as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to this Resolution.
- 3. The City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby created shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by California Water Code Section 10723.4.
- 4. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the Community Development Director is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8 (a).
- 5. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Madera this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

Mayor Poythress, Council Members Rigby, Medellin, Holley, Robinson, Oliver, Foley Gallegos.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None,

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

ROBERT L. POYTHRESS, Máyór

ATTEST:

SONIA ALVAREZ, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

BRENT RICHARDSON, City Attorney



# "EXHIBIT D"

## LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES

#### City of Madera Groundwater Sustainability Agency List of Interested Parties

The City of Madera has collaborated with all parties that are known to be eligible to form groundwater sustainability agencies within the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin. All such parties worked together to establish the "Madera Sub-Basin GSA Formation Committee". After discussion and deliberation, the GSA Formation Committee members agreed upon a course of action whereby individual agency-based GSAs would be formed, after which all GSAs within the sub-basin would work together on a single groundwater sustainability plan (GSP). The City intends to utilize pre-established relationships and the agreed upon course of action to collaborate with other GSA's to ensure that the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing the GSP, are considered.

#### 1. Agricultural Users

There are a limited number of agricultural users within the City of Madera. The City will engage directly with those users. Outside the City limits, the City will work collaboratively with other GSAs within the basin, including those that provide direct service to agricultural users, to consider the interests of agricultural users within the sub-basin.

2. Domestic Well owners

There are a limited number of private domestic well owners within the City limits. The City will coordinate with the County Environmental Health Department and use public outreach tools to identify such owners and their interests such that they may be considered. Outside the City limits, the City will work collaboratively with other GSAs within the sub-basin, including those that allow the development of domestic wells, to identify and consider their interests.

3. Municipal well operators

The City is the owner and operator of municipal wells within the City of Madera GSA boundaries. There are no other known municipal water well operators within the sub-basin.

4. Public Water Systems

Outside the City limits, the City will work collaboratively with the County of Madera GSA, which operates public water systems within the Madera sub-basin, to consider their interests.

5. Local land use planning agencies

The City of Madera is the local land use and planning agency within the City of Madera GSA boundary. Outside the City limits, the City will work collaboratively with the County of Madera GSA, which functions as a local land use planning agency for the unincorporated area within the Madera Sub-basin.

6. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no known environmental users of groundwater within the Madera Sub-basin. The City of Madera GSA will seek to identify such users through the public outreach process to be conducted as part of the preparation of the groundwater sustainability plan.

7. Surface water users

There are a limited number of users of surface water within the City of Madera GSA boundary. Such users are served by the Madera Irrigation District. The City of Madera will coordinate with the Madera Irrigation District GSA to consider the interests of surface water users within the Madera Sub-basin, both within and outside the City GSA boundaries.

8. The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.

There are lands owned by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for the Madera Irrigation District distribution system located within and outside the City of Madera GSA Boundaries. The City of Madera GSA will collaborate with Madera Irrigation District, which is the operator of those facilities and coordinates with the USBR on a regular basis.

9. California Native American Tribes

There are no known California Native American tribes maintaining a presence within the boundaries of the City of Madera GSA. The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs owns land on behalf of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California outside the City GSA Boundaries, but within the boundaries of the Madera Sub-basin. The City will engage the North Fork Rancheria directly, and through the Madera Irrigation District GSA, which previously executed an MOU addressing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

10. Disadvantaged Communities

The City of Madera is considered a disadvantaged community as is Madera County. There are also more narrowly defined DACs within the sub-basin. The City will engage disadvantaged populations within and outside the City GSA boundaries through public outreach tools and through the points of contact that have been identified through prior planning efforts.

11. Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring

The City of Madera is a member of the Madera Sub-basin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. The City GSA will collaborate with these agencies and their members relative to groundwater monitoring.

# APPENDIX 1.B. MADERA COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

**GSP Team:** 

Davids Engineering, Inc Luhdorff & Scalmanini ERA Economics Stillwater Sciences and California State University, Sacramento



# WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

JULIA D. BERRY DIRECTOR 200 W. Fourth St. Suite 3100 Madera, CA 93637 (559) 675-7821 FAX (559) 675-6573 mcwater@madera-county.com

January 27, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

The County of Madera (County) is writing to inform your agency of the County's decision to initiate the process to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the lands within the Madera Subbasin boundary, see Exhibit A. The County is comprised of three subbasins: (1) the Madera Subbasin, (2) the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and (3) the Chowchilla Subbasin. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requires local public agencies who want to manage groundwater to follow a public process to become a GSA. Any local agency that has land use, water supply, or water management responsibilities can elect to become a GSA within its political boundaries.

The County intends to commence the GSA formation process, see enclosed notification. The commencement of this process is part of an overall strategy by the County to file with the Department of Water Resources after the other agencies in each subbasin completed or initiated the GSA formation process. This strategy was followed with a goal of insuring coverage for the entire subbasins to achieve compliance with SGMA. Madera County looks forward to cooperating with your agency in the development and implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to preserve our local resources.

Sincerely,

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Julia D. Berry Director, Madera County Water and Natural Resources Department

Enclosures: Exhibit A – GSA Boundaries Madera County Service Area Notice of Intent



# WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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January 27, 2017

Via Email & U.S. Mail

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Mr. Dane Mathis Sup. Engineering Geologist 3374 East Shield Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Dane.Mathis@water.ca.gov

Mr. Mike McKenzie Senior Engineering Geologist 3374 East Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Charles.McKenzie@water.ca.gov

RE: Notice of Madera County's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Madera Subbasin

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the County of Madera's (County) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the Madera Subbasin (Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). Madera County is a political subdivision of the State of California established under the state Constitution, and is eligible to serve as a GSA. This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date Madera County's Board of Supervisor's (Board) approved its January 27, 2017 resolution electing to serve as a GSA.

This notice also includes all information required to be submitted pursuant to Section 10723.8(a) of the Water Code. This notice encloses a map depicting the County's proposed GSA management area. (Water Code, § 10723.8, subd. (a)(1).) The County's proposed management area is within the County's service area. It is not the intention of Madera County to overlap any neighboring agencies which have formed or are in the process of forming GSAs. Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Madera Subbasin will include: (1)City of Madera, (2)Madera Irrigation District, (3)Gravelly Ford Water District, (4)Madera Water District, (5)Root Creek Water District, (6)New Stone Water District and the (7)the County of Madera.

The County's resolution electing to form a GSA is also enclosed. Also, attached to the resolution is the "Proof of Publication" for public noticing. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as a GSA.

Pursuant to Section 10723.8(a)(4) of the Water Code, the following is a list of "interested parties developed pursuant to Water Code 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 sustainability plan."

Specifically, Section 10723.2 of the Water Code requires a GSA to "consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs," including the following interests:

(a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including: (1) Agricultural users.

• The area to be managed by Madera County is comprised of many agricultural users of groundwater who rely on groundwater solely for irrigation purposes. The County will engage agricultural groundwater users in the process through public outreach, including the Madera County Water Association and Madera County Farm Bureau.

(2) Domestic Well owners.

• The area includes domestic well users. The County intends to reach out and engage this portion of groundwater users by invitation to publically held meetings.

(b) Municipal well operators.

• There are no municipal well operators.

(c) Public water systems.

• There are 23 Public Water systems and one Mutual Water Company, the Central California Women's Facility and Valley State Prison which will be engaged in this process.

#### (d) Local land use planning agencies.

• Madera County is the local land use authority in the boundary to be managed by the Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

(e) Environmental users of groundwater.

• There are no environmental users of groundwater.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.

• There is no hydrologic connection between surface water and groundwater flows. The surface water features in and near the County's service area: the San Joaquin River and the Chowchilla Bypass.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.

• Not applicable.

(h) California Native American Tribes.

• Not applicable.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

•The following Disadvantaged Communities will be engaged in the process by invitation to publically held meetings:

Parksdale County Service Area 14 – Chuk-Chanse Fairmead Sotelo Valley Teen Ranch Bonadelle Ranchos

(j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring.

• The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM Group currently covers the County service area, and Madera County participates in the reporting.

Interested parties will have several opportunities, both formally and informally, to provide input to Madera County throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA including, but not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA, opportunities for public comment during regularly scheduled County Board of Supervisor's hearings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a).

Should you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at (559) 675-7821.

Sincerely,

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Julia D. Berry Director, Madera County Water and Natural Resources Department

# "EXHIBIT A"

# **GSA Boundary Map**





## "EXHIBIT B"

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

# **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### **HEARING/WATER CODE SEC. 10723**

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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#### **County of Madera**

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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

DECEMBER 28, 2016 JANUARY 4, 2017

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

Signature JANNOARY 4, 2017 Date:

Proof of Publication- The Madera Tribune, P.O. BOX 269, Madera CA 93639- (559) 674-2424 Adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by court decree No. 4875 dated November 8, 1966 The Madera Tribune

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 24, 2017 at their regu-lar meeting in the Board of Super-visors' Chambers located at the Madera County Government Cen-ter 200 West 4th Street, Madera California the Board of Super-visors will hold a public hearing to consider the following application

10110-0-0-0

Consider the following application 10:00 A.M. Hearing, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723 to de-termine whether the County will be-come a Groundwater Sustainabil-ity Agency for a portion of the Madera Subbasin of the San Joa-guin Valley Groundwater Basin Written comments may be submit-ted to the County, Atm. Julia Berry, ted to the County, Atm. Julia Berry, Bepartment of Water and Natural Resources, 3rd floor of the County Resources, 3rd floor of the County Administration Building, or via Administration Building, or via email mowater@madera-county.com, no later than 3:00 PM January 20, 2017. Members of the public will be allowed to make oral comments in addition to written comments submitted before mak-comments submitted before mak-comments submitted before mak-comments will be allowed to make oral comments submitted before mak-comments will be allowed to make oral comments undition to written comments will be allowed to make oral comment

Dated: December 28, 2016

RHONDA CARGILL, Chief Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Madera, State of California No: 4342 - Dec: 28, 2016, Jan. 4, 2017 "EXHIBIT C"

## RESOLUTION

#### BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of

THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Madera County – Madera Subbasin

Resolution No.: 2017 - 015

A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO SERVE AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE MADERA SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 Water Code Sections 10720-10737.8 ("the Act") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that each California groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, Madera County encompasses the Madera Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.06) in the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater basin, an unadjudicated groundwater basin; and.

WHEREAS, Madera County is a public agency as defined in section 10721 of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized to be a GSA for portions of the Madera Subbasin pursuant to section 10723(a); and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing to consider whether the District should become a GSA was published in the Madera Tribune newspaper Notice as required by section 6066 of the Government Code and is attached hereto as "Exhibit A"; and

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing at which the County Board of Supervisors considered whether the County should be a GSA for the Basin; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, that:

- Madera County elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Madera Subbasin, shown on the map attached hereto as "Exhibit B" and incorporated herein by reference.
- Within 30 days of the date of this resolution, the Director of the County Department of Water and Natural Resources is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).
- The Director shall after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the basin in accordance with tall applicable statutes and regulations.
- The Director shall report on an ongoing basis the progress of implementation of the Act to the County Board of Supervisors.
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The foregoing Resolution was adopted this  $\frac{24^{40}}{2017}$  day of  $\frac{\sqrt{2017}}{\sqrt{2017}}$ , by the following vote:

Supervisor Frazier voted Supervisor Rogers voted: Supervisor Poythress voted: Supervisor Rodriguez voted: Supervisor Wheeler voted:

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

yes yes yes

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Legal Form: COUNTY COUNSEL

Digitally signed by: Dale E. Bacigalupi DN: CN = Dale E. Bacigalupi email = dbacigalupi@lozanosmith.com C = US /Date: 2016.11.16 13:15:28 -08'00' Dale E. Bacigal By upi

# APPENDIX 1.C. MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

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Assistant <u>General Manager</u> Dina Cadenazzi Nolan

Legal Counsel John P. Kinsey

April 5, 2016

## Via Email & U.S. Mail



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> Division 5 Carl Janzen

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# RE: Notice of the Madera Irrigation District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of Madera Irrigation District's (MID or District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in a portion of the Madera Subbasin (Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). MID is a public agency, established by the State Legislature as a Special Act District, and is eligible to serve as a GSA. This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date MID's Board of Directors (Board) approved its March 31, 2016 resolution electing to serve as a GSA.

This notice also includes all information required to be submitted pursuant to Section 10723.8(a) of the Water Code. This notice encloses a map depicting MID's proposed GSA management area. (Water Code, § 10723.8, subd. (a)(1).) MID's proposed management area follows the boundary of the District and land owned by the District, with the exception of lands within the City of Madera and Madera Water District. The District's resolution electing to form a GSA is also enclosed.<sup>1</sup> (*Id.*, subd. (a)(2).) Also attached to the resolution is the "Proof of Publication" for public noticing. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as a GSA. (*Id.*, subd. (a)(3).)

Pursuant to Section 10723.8(a)(4) of the Water Code, the following is a list of "interested parties developed pursuant to [Water Code] 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 [District's] sustainability plan."

Specifically, Section 10723.2 of the Water Code requires a GSA to "consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs," including the following interests:

- (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including: (1) Agricultural users.
  - The Madera Irrigation District encompasses approximately 130,000 acres, of which, approximately 120,000 acres are agriculture. As MID is a conjunctive use District, most of agricultural users in the District are also groundwater users. MID has preexisting relationships with these landowners.
  - (2) Domestic Well owners.
    - Most rural domestic well owners are also agricultural landowners and will be considered by the District.
- (b) Municipal well operators.
  - City of Madera. The City of Madera is a municipal well operator in MID's boundary. The City of Madera will establish a separate GSA for management. MID and the City of Madera are currently working on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding GSA management. The City of Madera and MID are both members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority.
- (c) Public water systems.
  - There are County Service Areas (CSA's) managed by the County of Madera within the District. The District will coordinate with the County of Madera on these areas. The County of Madera and MID are both members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. Additional water systems within the management area may be identified during the SGMA implementation process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The District did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities that are applicable to this notice.

- (d) Local land use planning agencies.
  - County of Madera and the City of Madera. The County of Madera, City of Madera, and MID are members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority and will coordinate and cooperate through those processes.
- (e) Environmental users of groundwater.
  - Not applicable.

## (f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.

- Not applicable. Within MID's boundary, the only surface water users are supplied by MID and described above.
- (g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.
  - See the "California Native American Tribes" Section below. Additionally, there are lands owned by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for MID's distribution system. MID is the operator of those facilities and coordinates with the USBR on a regular basis.
- (h) California Native American Tribes.
  - The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs owns land within MID's boundary on behalf of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California. On May 12, 2015 MID and the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California executed an Amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding. In paragraph 6 (b) of the Amendment the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act was acknowledged.

# (i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

• Madera County is considered by DWR a county with a countywide median household income of less than 80%, MID is located entirely within Madera County. Disadvantaged communities include, but are not limited to, the City of Madera, Fairmead, and Parkwood. Many of these areas are County Service Areas (CSA's) managed by the County of Madera. The District will coordinate with the City of Madera and County of Madera on these areas. The County of Madera and MID are both members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority.

### (j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring

• MID is a member of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. The agencies in these organizations include the City of Madera, County of Madera, and local water agencies including Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Water District, and Aliso Water District. Agencies from the Chowchilla Subbasin and Delta Mendota Subbasin also participate including Columbia Canal Company, Chowchilla Water District, and the City of Chowchilla.
Interested parties will have several opportunities, both formally and informally, to provide input to MID throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA including, but not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA, opportunities for public comment during the MID's regular and special board meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a)).

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 559-673-3514.

Sincerely,

Thomas Greci, PE General Manager

Enclosure

## "EXHIBIT A"

## **GSA Boundary Map**

## EXHIBIT "B"





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### "EXHIBIT B"

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

### **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 31, 2016

#### RE: GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

#### **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

#### **County of Madera**

SS.

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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

MARCH 12, 19, 2016

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

Signature

Date: March 19, 2016

MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT Notice of Public Hearing

#### Election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723, the Madera Irrigation District ("District") will hold a public hearing during a special meeting on March 31, 2016, commencing at 9:00 a.m. at the District's office at 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, CA, to determine whether the District will become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District, Attn: Andrea Sandoval, Board Secretary, no later than 4:00 p.m. on March 30, 2016, to the District's office or asandoval@madera-id.org. During the hearing, the District will allow oral comments and will receive additional written comments before making a decision. The President of the Board may limit oral comments to a reasonable length.

Dated: March 8, 2016, Thomas Greck, General Manager OB 1, 000 1607 and 2018



No. 2769 - March 12, 19, 2016

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### RESOLUTION

#### MARCH 31, 2016 RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Madera Irrigation District ("District"), at a special meeting duly called and held on March 31, 2016, at the business office of the District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the District's service area overlies a portion of the subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin knows as a portion of the Madera Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.06 in the Department of Water Resources' CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying a portion of Madera County (the "Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the District is a local public agency as defined in section 10721 of the Water Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the District is authorized to be a GSA for a portion of the Basin pursuant to section 10723(a) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, notice a public hearing to consider whether the District should become a GSA for a portion of the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," was published in the Madera Tribune on March 12, 2016, and March 19, 2016, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code and section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District has made a good faith effort to provide courtesy copies of the hearing notice to the Basin's other potential GSAs, including the board of supervisors of Madera County, the City of Madera, and other districts that overly the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing at which its Board of Directors considered whether the District should become a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to become a GSA for a portion of the subbasin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Madera Irrigation District do order as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference.

- 2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).
- 3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations in partnership with other GSAs in the Basin.
- 4. The General Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.
- 5. The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District, at a special meeting of the Board held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

| AYES:    | Directors Davis, Erickson, Loquaci, Cosyns, and Janzen |
|----------|--|
| NOES:    | None   |
| ABSENT:  | None   |
| ABSTAIN: | None   |

ATTEST:

Richard Cosyns, Vice President

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Carl Jarizen, President

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016-21 adopted March  $\beta_{1,2016}$ .

ndrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

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## APPENDIX 1.D. MADERA WATER DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

GSP Team:

Davids Engineering, Inc Luhdorff & Scalmanini ERA Economics Stillwater Sciences and California State University, Sacramento

#### Madera Water District 1663 N. Schnoor Avenue, Suite 105 Madera CA 93637 (559) 674-4944

July 13, 2016

Mr. Mark Nordberg Sustainable Groundwater Management Program California Department of Water Resources 901 P Street, Room 213A P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001 Mark.norberg@water.ca.gov

#### RE: Notice of the Madera Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the Madera Water District (MWD) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin, as proposed, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (Basin) located within the boundary identified in **Exhibit A**. At this time, no other entity has elected to become or has provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of their formation of, or intent to form a GSA to manage aforementioned portions of the Madera Subbasin.

A public hearing was advertised (**Exhibit B**) and then held on July 13, 2016, at which the Madera Water District Board of Directors allowed public comment and approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA (**Exhibit C**) for a portion of the proposed Madera Subbasin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

MWD anticipates the need to enter into intra- and/or inter-basin agreements to ensure that Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulations developed under SGMA.

Mr. Mark Nordberg July 13, 2016 Page 2

For a detailed list of interested parties and stakeholders, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP, see **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

Should you have any questions or require additional information with regard to this notice, please contact Brad Samuelson of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, at (209) 809-2300.

Regards,

Carl Jøhnson, President

Attachments

- Exhibit A: Map of GSA Boundaries (GIS shape file to follow)
- Exhibit B: Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Water Code 10723(b)
- Exhibit C: Resolution
- Exhibit D: List of Interested Parties per Water Code 10728.8(a)

## "EXHIBIT A"

## **GSA Boundary Map**



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## Exhibit B

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Madera Water District will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on July 13, 2016, at 9 AM at the Madera Water District office, 1663 N. Schnoor Avenue, Suite 105, Madera, California 93637.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that the Madera Water District act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under Water Code Section 10723 for the portion of the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin within the Madera Water District, prior to the board adopting a resolution.

The hearing is open to the public and any person present will have the opportunity to be heard. For further information regarding this matter, please contact John Gies, General Manager, at (559) 674-4944.

## **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MADERA WATER DISTRICT

**CODE SECTION 10723** 

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA )

) ss. County of Madera

I am a citizens 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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:



June 22, 29, July 6, 2016

I certify or declare) under penalty of perjury that

the foregoing is true and correct. ignature Date

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### RESOLUTION

#### EXHIBIT C

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2016-713

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MADERA WATER DISTRICT

#### REGARDING THE MADERA WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

**WHEREAS,** the SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

**WHEREAS,** the Madera Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

**WHEREAS,** prior to GSA formation, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the District can adopt a Resolution to form a GSA; and

**WHEREAS,** the District held a public hearing on July 13, 2016 at 9:00 AM after publication of Notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS,** the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Madera Water District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District. 2. Within 30 days of this Resolution, the President is directed to submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8(a).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this July 13, 2016.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of Madera Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was authorized by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on July 13, 2016, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand the July 13, 2016.

## "EXHIBIT D"

## LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES

#### EXHIBIT D

#### **Interested Parties**

Madera Water District (MWD) has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. MWD will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Madera Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydrogeologically connected. MWD will solicit feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

#### A. Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

#### 1. <u>Agriculture users</u>

MWD is comprised of several agriculture landowners that rely on MWD groundwater wells for irrigation. There are no private irrigation wells within the service area of the District. Approximately 2,183 net acres of MWD are subordinately annexed into Madera Irrigation District (MID).

#### 2. <u>Domestic users</u>

There is one domestic well within MWD's service area located at a residence of a landowner.

#### B. Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within MWD's service area.

#### C. <u>Public water systems</u>

There are no public water systems within MWD's service area.

#### D. Local land use planning agencies

Madera County is the local planning agency with authority covering MWD's service area.

E. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no environmental users of groundwater within MWD's service area.

#### F. Surface water users

Dry Creek runs through the MWD service area but there is no hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows. There are no other surface water features adjacent to or within the MWD's service area.

G. <u>The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.</u>

There are no Federal Lands within MWD's service area.

#### H. California Native American Tribes

There are no California Native American Tribes within MWD's service area.

I. Disadvantaged communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within MWD's service area.

J. <u>Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting</u> <u>groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater Basin managed by the GSA.</u>

MWD is a member of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. The agencies in these organizations include the City of Madera, County of Madera, and local water agencies including Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Irrigation District, and Aliso Water District. The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM group currently covers the MWD service area and The San Luis & Madera Water Authority is the CASGEM monitoring entity for the Madera Subbasin.

# APPENDIX 1.E. GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

GSP Team:

Davids Engineering, Inc Luhdorff & Scalmanini ERA Economics Stillwater Sciences and California State University, Sacramento



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Board of Directors Steven Emmert, Pres. Seth Kirk, V. Pres. Kenneth Basila Diane Kirk Paul Stewart

July 7, 2016

Via Email & U.S. Mail

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager Senior Engineering Geologist California Department of Water Resources 901 P Street, Room 213-B P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236 Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov

Mr. Dane Mathis Sup. Engineering Geologist 3374 East Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Dane.Mathis@water.ca.gov

Mr. Mike McKenzie Senior Engineering Geologist 3374 East Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Charles.McKenzie@water.ca.gov

Notice of the Gravelly Ford Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater RE: Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter constitutes notice to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of Gravelly Ford Water District's (GFWD or District) intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in a portion of the Madera Subbasin (Basin) as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to the Sustainability Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). GFWD is a public agency, established by the State Legislature as a Special Act District, and is eligible to serve as a GSA. This notice of intent is timely filed within 30 days of the date GFWD's Board of Directors (Board) approved its June 8, 2016 resolution electing to serve as a GSA.

Manager Don Roberts This notice also includes all information requires to be submitted pursuant to Section 10723.8(a) of the Water Code. This notice encloses a map depicting GFWD's proposed GSA management area. (Water Code, § 10723.8, subd. (a)(1).) GFWD's proposed management area follows the boundary of the District and land owned by the District. The District's resolution electing to form a GSA is also enclosed.<sup>1</sup> (Id., subd. (a)(2).) Also attached to the resolution is the "Proof of Publication" for public noticing. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as a GSA. (Id., subd. (a)(3).)

Pursuant to Section 10723.8(a)(4) of the Water Code, the following is a list of "interested parties developed pursuant to [Water Code] 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 [District's] sustainability plan."

Specifically, Section 10723.2 of the Water Code requires a GSA to "consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs," including the following interests:

- (a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
  - (1) Agricultural users.
    - The Gravelly Ford Water District encompasses approximately 8,300 acres, of which, approximately 8,000 acres are agriculture. As GFWD is a conjunctive use District, most of agricultural users in the District are also groundwater users. GFWD has preexisting relationships with these landowners.
  - (2) Domestic Well owners.
    - Most rural domestic well owners are also agricultural landowners and will be considered by the District.
- (b) Municipal well operators.
  - There are no municipal wells within the GFWD boundary.
- (c) Public water systems.
  - There are no Public Water Systems within the GFWD boundary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The District did not adopt any new bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities that are applicable to this notice.

- (d) Local land use planning agencies.
  - County of Madera. The County of Madera and GFWD are members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority and will coordinate and cooperate through those processes.
- (e) Environmental users of groundwater.
  - Not applicable.

(f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies.

• Not applicable. Within GFWD's boundary, the only surface water users are supplied by GFWD and described above.

(g) The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.

- There are no federal lands within the District.
- (h) California Native American Tribes.
  - There are no lands of California Native American Tribes within the District.

(i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems.

- Madera County is considered by DWR as a county with a countywide median household income of less than 80%, GFWD is located entirely within Madera County. There are no Disadvantaged Communities within or adjacent to the Gravelly Ford Water District. The District will coordinate with the County of Madera on any areas that in the future may be considered Disadvantaged Communities within or adjacent to the District. The County of Madera and GFWD are both members of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority.
- (j) Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring
  - GFWD is a member of the Madera Subbasin GSA Formation Committee and the Madera Groundwater Authority. The agencies in these organizations include the Madera Irrigation District, City of Madera, County of Madera, and local water agencies including Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera

Water District, and Aliso Water District. Agencies from the Chowchilla Subbasin and Delta Mendota Subbasin also participate including Columbia Canal Company, Chowchilla Water District, and the City of Chowchilla.

Interested parties will have several opportunities, both formally and informally, to provide input to GFWD throughout the process of developing, operating, and implementing the GSA including, but not limited to, public comment periods required by SGMA, opportunities for public comment during the GFWD's regular and special board meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code section 10727.8(a)).

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at 559-474-1000.

Sincerely,

Don Roberts, PE General Manager

Enclosure

## "EXHIBIT A"

## **GSA Boundary Map**







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### "EXHIBIT B"

## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

## **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### **GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**County of Madera** 

SS.

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I am a citizens 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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

Notice of Public Hearing Election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723, the Gravelly Ford Water District ("District") will hold a public hearing dur-ing a regular meeting on May 11, 2016, commencing at 1:30 p.m. at the Madera Irrigation District's office at 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, CA, to determine whether the District will become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin. Written comments may be submitted to the District Office at 18811 Rd 27 Madera, CA 93638 Attn: Don Roberts, Board Deputy Secretary, or to the District at donroberts717gmail.com., no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 10, 2016.

**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT** 

During the hearing, the District will allow oral comments and will receive additional written comments before making a decision. The President of the Board may limit oral comments to a reasonable length. Dated: April 26, 2016

Publish Dates: April 30 and May 7, 2016 No. 2881 - April 30, May 7, 2016

Don Roberts, General Manager

April 30, May 7, 2016

I certify or declare) under perarty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct Signature Date

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## SENT TO ALL LANDOWNERS & WATERUSERS



18811 Road 27 · Madera, CA 93638 (559) · 474 · 1000 Fax: (559) 673 · 1086

May 2, 2016

## CALIFORNIA'S SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT AND GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT'S INVOLVEMENT

## GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT)

 GFWD has scheduled a public hearing at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at the Board Room of Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Rd 281/2, Madera, CA 93637, to determine whether the District will become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin for areas within the District's jurisdiction (See Legal

## CALIFORNIA'S SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA)

### State Level

 On September 16, 2014, Gov. Jerry Brown signed into law a three-bill legislative package related to groundwater in the State of California. This three-bill legislation is known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA). The SGMA provides a framework for sustainable management of groundwater supplies by local authorities, with a limited role of state intervention only if necessary to protect the resource. The act requires the formation of local groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) that must assess conditions in their local water basins and adopt locally-based management plans.

## MADERA GROUNDWATER JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY (JPA)

## · County Level

 The Madera Groundwater Authority's goal is "to provide for the conjunctive use of groundwater and surface water within the represented groundwater basins to ensure the reliability of a long-term water supply to meet current and future beneficial uses through the development of a coordinated and comprehensive regional approach to the monitoring, evaluation and management of groundwater resources."

· Formed December 21, 2014.

 Member Agencies: Madera Irrigation District, Madera County, City of Madera, Aliso Water District, Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, City of Chowchilla, Chowchilla Water District, and Madera Water District.

### Paul Stewart Manager

Kenneth Basila

Diane Kirk

**Board of Directors** 

Steven Emmert, Pres. Seth Kirk, V. Pres.

Don Roberts

## MADERA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA)

#### Subbasin Level

• The position of the Committee at this time is a multiple GSA, one Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Structure.

• Subject to the outcome of the hearing on May 11, 2016, the District plans to file with the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to become a GSA for areas within its jurisdiction.

• Formation Committee Member Agencies: Madera Irrigation District, Madera County, City of Madera, Aliso Water District, Gravelly Ford Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Water District, and New Sone Water District.

## GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT (GFWD)

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• GFWD is an integral member of the Madera Groundwater JPA and Madera Subbasin GSA Formation committee. The District is a member of the Madera-Chowchilla Basin Regional Groundwater Monitoring Plan which achieved California Statewide Elevation Monitoring Program (CASGEM) compliance in September 2015.

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· Become educated on the State's legislation and requirements.

• Participate in the CASGEM program by providing GFWD or another local agency with a signed well consent letter and well log to help ensure CASGEM compliance.

Ask questions and discuss your concerns with agency Directors and Staff.

Stay informed - attend Board Meetings, JPA meetings and other agency meetings to understand what is happening related to groundwater in Madera County.

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Water District, and Madera Water District.
"EXHIBIT C"

# RESOLUTION

## GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-05

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT ELECTION TO SERVE AS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Gravelly Ford Water District ("District"), at a regular meeting duly called and held on May 11, 2016, at the business office of the Madera Irrigation District, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the District's service area overlies a portion of the subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin knows as a portion of the Madera Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.06 in the Department of Water Resources' CASGEM system), an unadjudicated groundwater basin overlying a portion of Madera County (the "Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the District is a local public agency as defined in section 10721 of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to be a GSA for a portion of the Basin pursuant to section 10723(a) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, notice a public hearing to consider whether the District should become a GSA for a portion of the Basin, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," was published in the Madera Tribune on April 30, 2016, and May 7, 2016, pursuant to section 6066 of the Government Code and section 10723(b) of the Water Code; and

WHEREAS, the District had provided notice by mail via U.S. Postal Service to all landowners and water users within Gravelly Ford Water District of said Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the District received no comments or communications either written, email, telephone or in person in response objecting to such proposed Election for the District to serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, the District has made a good faith effort to provide courtesy copies of the hearing notice to the Basin's other potential GSAs, including the board of supervisors of Madera County, the City of Madera, and other districts that overly the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing at which its Board of Directors considered whether the District should become a GSA for the Basin; and

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WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to become a GSA for a portion of the subbasin; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of Gravelly Ford Water District do order as follows:

- The District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin that is shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a).
- 3. The General Manager shall, after complying with Water Code section 10727.8, begin the process of developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations in partnership with other GSAs in the Basin.
- The General Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the District's SGMA process pursuant to section 10723.4 of the Water Code.
- The General Manager shall provide regular progress reports on the SGMA implementation process to the Board.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

Directors 5 Kirk K Basila, PStewart, DKirk, S. Einmert AYES: NOES: NOWE ABSENT: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

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Steven Emmert, President

ATTEST:

Kenneth Basila, Secretary

# **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016-05 adopted June 8, 2016.

Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



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# APPENDIX 1.F. NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

GSP Team:

Davids Engineering, Inc Luhdorff & Scalmanini ERA Economics Stillwater Sciences and California State University, Sacramento

#### NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT

9500 S. De Wolf Selma, CA 93662 (559) 834-6677

December 13, 2016

Mr. Mark Nordberg Sustainable Groundwater Management Program California Department of Water Resources 901 P Street, Room 213A P.O. Box 942836 Sacramento, California 94236-0001 Mark.norberg@water.ca.gov

Mr. Mike McKenzie Senior Engineering Geologist South Central Region California Department of Water Resources 3374 East Shields Avenue Fresno, CA 93726 Charles.McKenzie@water.ca.gov

#### RE: Notice of the New Stone Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the New Stone Water District (NSWD) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Madera Subbasin, as proposed, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (Basin) located within the boundary identified in **Exhibit A**. At this time, no other entity has elected to become or has provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of their formation of, or intent to form a GSA to manage aforementioned portions of the Madera Subbasin.

A public hearing was advertised **(Exhibit B)** and then held in the County of the District on December 13<sup>th</sup>, in which the New Stone Water District Board of Directors allowed public comment and approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA **(Exhibit C)** for a portion of the Madera Subbasin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

The New Stone Water District lies within the Madera Subbasin. The northerly boundary of the NSWD abuts the Chowchilla Subbasin southerly boundary. NSWD anticipates the need to enter

#### NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT 9500 S. De Wolf Selma, CA 93662 (559) 834-6677

into intra- and inter-basin agreements to ensure that Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulations developed under SGMA.

For a detailed list of interested parties and stakeholders, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP, see **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

Should you have any questions or require additional information with regard to this notice, please contact the District's representative, Roger Skinner at (559) 834-6677.

Regards,

Jeff Lion

Jen Lion Board President

Attachments

- Exhibit A: Map of GSA Boundaries (GIS shape file to follow)
- Exhibit B: Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Water Code 10723(b)
- Exhibit C: Resolution
- Exhibit D: List of Interested Parties per Water Code 10728.8(a)

# "EXHIBIT A"

# **GSA Boundary Map**



EXHIBIT A

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## "EXHIBIT B"

# PROOF OF PUBLICATION

# **Proof of Publication**

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### NEW WATER STONE DISTRICT

#### STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### SS.

#### **County of Madera**

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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of General circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

#### NOVEMBER 23, 30, DECEMBER 7, 2016

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

Signature DECEMBER 7, 2016 Date:

Proof of Publication- The Madera Tribune, P.O. BOX 269, Madera CA 93639- (559) 674-2424 Adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by court decree No. 4875 dated November 8, 1966 The Madera Tribune

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the New Stone Water District will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on December 13, 2016, at 3:00pm at the New Stone Ranch Shop Facility, 12555 Road 9, Madera, CA 93637. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony re-garding the proposal that the New Stone Water District act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under Water Code Section 10723 for the portion of the Madera Groundwater Sub-basin within the New Stone Water District, prior to

New Stone Water District, prior to the board adopting a resolution. The hearing is open to the public

and any person present will have the opportunity to be heard. For further information regarding this matter, please contact the District representative, Roger Skinner, at (559) 834-6677. No. 4270 - Nov 23, 30, Dec. 7, 2016

"EXHIBIT C"

# RESOLUTION

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT

# REGARDING THE NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the New Stone Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, prior to GSA formation, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the District can adopt a Resolution to form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on December 13, 2016 at 3:00 PM after publication of Notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

- 1. The New Stone Water District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Madera Subbasin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.
- 2. Within 30 days of this Resolution, the Board President is directed to submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8(a)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2016.

### CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of New Stone Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was authorized by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on December 13, 2016, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th day of December, 2016.

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Bruce Lion, Secretary New Stone Water District

# "EXHIBIT D"

# LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES

### **Interested Parties**

New Stone Water District (NSWD) has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. NSWD will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Madera Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydrogeologically connected. NSWD will solicit feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

### A. Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

### 1. <u>Agriculture users</u>

NSWD is comprised of several agriculture landowners that rely on groundwater for irrigation and therefore relationships already exist.

#### 2. <u>Domestic users</u>

There are domestic wells within NSWD's service area located at residences of landowners and landowner employees.

#### B. <u>Municipal well operators</u>

There are no municipal well operators within NSWD's service area.

#### C. Public water systems

There are no public water systems within NSWD's service area.

#### D. Local land use planning agencies

Madera County is the local planning agency with authority covering NSWD's service area.

#### E. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no environmental users of groundwater within NSWD's service area.

#### F. Surface water users

There is no hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.

There is one significant surface water feature adjacent to NSWD's service area: the Chowchilla Bypass runs along the easterly boundary of the NSWD GSA service area.

G. <u>The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.</u>

There are no Federal Lands within NSWD's service area.

H. California Native American Tribes

There are no California Native American Tribes within NSWD's service area.

I. Disadvantaged communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within NSWD's service area.

J. <u>Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting</u> groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater Basin managed by the GSA.

The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM Group currently covers the NSWD service area.

# APPENDIX 1.G. ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION NOTICE

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

GSP Team:

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July 7, 2016

Delivery via E-mail and U.S. Mail

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 E-Mail: Mark.Nordberg@water.ca.gov

> RE: Notice of the Root Creek Water District's Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Madera Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), the Root Creek Water District, a California water district (the "District") provides this notice to the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") of its election to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in a portion of the Madera Subbasin (DWR Subbasin 5-22.06) underlying the District's boundaries as indicated on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit "A-1**" and as described in the legal description attached as **Exhibit "A-2**".

On June 8, 2016, the District held a noticed public hearing in accordance with California Water Code Section 10723(b). Proof of publication in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 is attached hereto as **Exhibit "B**".

After holding the public hearing, the District's Board of Directors adopted Resolution Number 2016-17, attached hereto as **Exhibit "C"**, electing to become a GSA over the portion of the Madera Subbasin within the District's boundary. The District intends to work collaboratively with other formed GSAs in the Madera Subbasin to jointly manage groundwater and to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"). The District's

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Post Office Box 28548 Fresno, California 93729 PHONE (559) 326-2222 Board of Directors is planning to negotiate cooperative agreements with other formed GSAs within the Madera Subbasin for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of groundwater and the development of a GSP.

Pursuant to 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 a GSP. An initial list of stakeholders and interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
  - 1) Agricultural users The GSA area is composed almost entirely of agricultural users within the service area boundaries.
  - 2) Domestic well owners There are domestic wells within the proposed GSA management area on agricultural land within the boundaries of the District. There is also a housing development under construction that will rely entirely on groundwater for its potable water supply.
- b) Municipal well operators No incorporated cities within the GSA boundary.
- c) Public Water Systems There is a housing development under construction that will rely entirely on groundwater for its potable water supply, and the public water system is currently being used while the development is under construction.
- d) Local land use planning agencies County of Madera.
- e) Environmental users of groundwater None.
- f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies – None.
- g) The Federal Government, including, but not limited to , the military and managers of federal lands None.
- h) California Native American tribes None.
- Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems – No communities within the GSA.
- j) Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency – Madera Regional Groundwater Management Group and Madera County CASGEM.

The Board of Directors of the District is aware of the following other public agencies that have filed to be a GSA within the Madera Subbasin or that are proposing to manage groundwater within the Subbasin: Madera Irrigation District, Gravelly Ford Water District, Madera Water District, and New Stone Water District.

The District intends to work cooperatively with stakeholders to develop and implement a GSP by collaborating with other qualified GSAs in the Madera Subbasin. The District shall maintain a list of interested parties to be included in the formation of a GSP. 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 during the District's regular and special meetings, and at other times to be determined and noticed pursuant to Water Code Section 10727.8(a).

By this notification, the District has provided DWR with all applicable information in California Water Code Section 10723.8(a).

Sincerely;

Na/m Nick Bruno

President, Root Creek Water District

Attachments: Exhibit "A-1" – Map of GSA Exhibit "A-2" – Legal Description of GSA boundaries Exhibit "B" – Proof of publication Exhibit "C" – District Resolution

# **"EXHIBIT A"**

# **GSA Boundary Map**

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# EXHIBIT "A-1"



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#### **EXHIBIT "A-2"**

#### Legal Description of Root Creek Water District

That portion of Section 33, T.11S., R.20E., Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35 & 36, T.12S., R.19E., & Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 17, 18, 19, & 30, T.12S, R.20E., M.D.B.&M., described as follows:

Beginning at the North one quarter of said Section 4, said point being on the centerline of State Highway No. 41; thence South along said centerline to the point of intersection with the Easterly prolongation of the North line of Tract No. 67, Rolling Hills Subdivision No. 3, according to the map thereof recorded in Volume 8 of maps at Page 70, Madera County Records; Thence West along said North line & its Easterly prolongation to the Northwest corner of said Tract No. 67; thence South along the West line of said Tract No. 67 to the Southwest corner of said Section 4; thence East along the North line of said Section 9 to the Northwest corner of Tract No. 104, Rolling Hills No. 4, according to the map thereof recorded in Volume 9 of maps at Page 27, Madera County Records; thence South along the West line of said Tract No. 104 to the Southwest corner of said Tract; thence West along the South line of said Section 9 to the Southwest corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Section 8 to the Southeast corner of the West one half of said Section 8; thence North along the East line of said West one half to the Northeast corner of the South one half of the Southwest one quarter of said Section 8; thence West along the North line of said South one half to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South along the West line of said Section 8 to the Southwest corner thereof; thence East along the North line of the West one half of said Section 17 to the Northeast corner thereof; thence South along the East line of said West one half to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Section 17 to the Southwest corner thereof; thence West along the North line of the Northeast one quarter of said Section 19 to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South along the West line of said Northeast one quarter to the Southwest corner thereof; thence East along the South line of said Northeast one quarter to the Southeast corner thereof; thence South along the East line of said Section 19 to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Section 19 to the Southeast corner of the Southwest one quarter of the Southeast one guarter of said Section 19; thence North along the East line of said Southwest one quarter to the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along the North line of said Southwest one quarter to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South along the West line of said Southwest one guarter to the Southwest corner thereof; thence South along the East line of the Northwest one quarter of said Section 30 and the East line of Lot 3 of Walker Ranch according to the map thereof recorded in Volume 4 of maps at Page 51, Madera County Records, to the point of intersection with a line parallel with & 200 feet North of the South line of said Lot 3; thence West along said parallel line a distance of 1,524 feet; thence South at right angles to a point on the South line of said Lot 3; thence Southeasterly along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 3 to the Northeast corner of Lot 8 of said Walker Ranch; thence South along the East line of said Lot 8 to the Southeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Lot 8 & its Westerly prolongation to a point on the East line of said Section 25; thence S 0° 49' 26" E along said East line a distance of 606.85 feet to a point on the centerline of the San Joaquin River; thence Westerly along said centerline of a point which lies Southeasterly at right angles to said centerline from the Southeast corner of Lot C of Springer Estate according to the map thereof recorded in Volume 5 of maps at Page 40, Madera County Records; thence Northwesterly to said Southeast corner; thence Northerly along the East line of said Lot C to the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along the North line of said Lot C to the Northwest corner thereof; thence Southerly along the West line of said Lot C to the Southwest corner thereof; thence Southeasterly at right angles to the centerline of the San Joaquin River to a point on said centerline; thence Westerly along said centerline to a point on the West line of the East one half of said Section 27; thence North along said West line to the Southwest corner of the North one half of the Northeast one quarter of said Section 27; thence West along the South line of said North one half to the Southeast corner thereof; thence North along the East line of said Section 27 to the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along the South line of said Section 22 to the Southwest corner of the East one half of the East one half of said Section 22; thence North along the West line of said East one half of the East one half to the Northwest corner thereof: thence East along the North line of said Section 22 to the Northeast corner thereof; thence North along the West line of said Section 14 to the Northwest corner thereof; thence North along the West line of the South one half of the Southwest one quarter of said Section 11 to the Northwest corner thereof; thence East along the North line of said South one half to the Southwest corner of the Northeast one quarter of the Southwest one quarter of said Section 11; thence North along the West line of said Northeast one quarter to the Northwest corner thereof; thence East along the North line of the South one half of said Section 11 to the Northeast corner thereof; 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## PROOF OF PUBLICATION

## "EXHIBIT B"

# Proof of Publication (2015.5 C.C.P)

PUBLIC HEARING

WATER CODE

JUNE 8, 2016

# STAT OF CALIFORNIA ) ) ss.

County of Madera

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 Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of the Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

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May 21, 28 2016

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

Signature

Date: May 28, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10723(b) of the California Water Code and Section 6066 of the California Government Code, that beginning at 1:00 pm. June 8, 2016, a public hearing will be held by the Board of Directors (Board) of the Root Creek Water District (District) at S & J Ranches, LLC, 39639 Avenue 10, Madera, California 93636. The purpose of the public hearing will be to hear comments from the public regarding the District's proposed formation of a Sustainable Groundwater Agency (GSA) within its boundaries in the Madera Subbasin. After the public hearing, the Board may choose to adopt a Resolution of Intent to become a GSA and to submit notification to the California Department of Water Resources, which shall be posted pursuant to California Water Code Section 10733.3, and will include a description of the proposed boundaries of the portions of the subbasin the District intends to manage pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Additional information may be obtained by calling the District at (559) 326-2222, during regularbusiness hours. No. 2941 - May 21 & 28, 2016

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## "EXHIBIT C"

# ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

#### **ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT**

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17**

#### RESOLUTION OF THE ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"); and

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") Bulletin 118, to be managed by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs"); and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

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

WHEREAS, Root Creek Water District is a California water district and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans ("GSPs"); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, Root Creek Water District held a public hearing on June 8, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to be a GSA in the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Root Creek Water District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA through the Water Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

- Root Creek Water District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency and undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Madera Subbasin (DWR Subbasin 5-22.06) underlying Root Creek Water District's boundary.
- 2. Root Creek Water District shall develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered.
- 3. The Root Creek Water District Board of Directors intends to negotiate cooperative agreements or other forms of agreement with other agencies or entities utilizing groundwater in the Madera Subbasin, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of the Madera Subbasin pursuant to SGMA.
- 4. The Board of Directors of the Root Creek Water District are authorized to submit to DWR on behalf of Root Creek Water District a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code).
- 5. Staff is directed to send to DWR Root Creek Water District's notification of its election to be a GSA and such notification shall include: the boundaries of the Madera Subbasin that the Root Creek Water District intends to manage, which shall include lands within Root Creek Water District's boundaries as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", a copy of this Resolution, a list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's GSP.

All the foregoing being on motion of Director Scarborough, seconded by Director Coulthard, and authorized by the following vote, to wit:

| AYES:    | 5 |  |  |
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| NOES:    |   |  |  |
| ABSTAIN: |   |  |  |
| ABSENT:  | 1 |  |  |

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

TONI SCARBOROUGH, Secretary of Root Creek Water District

# APPENDIX 1.H. GSP ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS, MEETING MINUTES AND NOTICES

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

> January 2020 Revised March 2023 Amended January 2025

> > **GSP Team:**

Davids Engineering, Inc. (Revised GSP Team) Luhdorff & Scalmanini (Revised GSP Team) ERA Economics Stillwater Sciences and California State University, Sacramento

# January 2020 GSP Adoption Resolutions

#### DECEMBER 17, 2019 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-GSA02

#### RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MID GSA"), at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 17, 2019, at the business office of the MID GSA, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2016, the Board of Directors for the Madera Irrigation District elected to become the exclusive GSA for all lands within the District's boundary not otherwise covered by another public agency; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 13, 2016, the MID became the exclusive GSA for the relevant portions of the Madera Subbasin (hereinafter "MID GSA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and,

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and Madera Water District GSA have collaboratively prepared a joint GSP for the Madera Subbasin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, on behalf of City of Madera GSA, Madera Irrigation District GSA and Madera Water District GSA, gave notice on August 20, 2019, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, to affected cities and counties regarding the intent of the GSAs to each to adopt the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the MID GSA held a public hearing on December 17, 2019 for the purpose of considering adoption of a GSP for its portion of the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as follows:

1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a substantive part of this Resolution.
- 2. The GSP in the form presented at the Hearing is hereby approved and adopted.
- 3. The County of Madera, on behalf of City of Madera GSA, Madera Irrigation District GSA and Madera Water District GSA is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Cosyns, Davis, Janzen, and Erickson NOES: NoneABSENT: NoneABSTAIN: None

James Erickson, President

ATTEST:

### Richard Cosyns, Vice President

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-GSA02 adopted December 17, 2019.

ndrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary



### DECEMBER 17, 2019 RESOLUTION NO. 2019-GSA03

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT AND DESIGNATE OF REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MID GSA"), at a regular meeting duly called and held on December 17, 2019, at the business office of the MID GSA, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Governor of the State of California signed SGMA into law, consisting of Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739 collectively, codified at Water Code Sections 10720 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the County of Madera ("County"), City of Madera ("City"), Madera Irrigation District ("MID"), Madera Water District ("MWD"), Root Creek Water District ("RCWD"), Gravelly Ford Water District ("GFWD"), and New Stone Water District ("NSWD"), (collectively the "Parties) overlie the Madera Groundwater Subbasin ("Madera Subbasin"), which is defined by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") in Bulletin 118 as Basin Number 5-22.06, and may be modified from time to time in accordance with Water Code section 10722.2; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin in a state of "critical overdraft"; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that California groundwater basins and subbasins be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple coordinated GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the County, City, MID, and MWD have developed one GSP; RCWD has developed one GSP; GFWD has developed one GSP; and NSWD has developed one GSP, such that the Madera Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has no adjudicated areas or areas covered by an Alternative to a GSP as described in Water Code Section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires GSAs in all subbasins that are managed by more than one GSP to enter into a coordination agreement to coordinate the multiple GSPs to sustainably manage the subbasin; and

**WHEREAS,** Title 23 of the Code of California Regulations outlines the requirements for this Agreement and requires the Parties to include a copy of this signed Agreement as part of their GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Parties developed and are utilizing the same foundational Madera Subbasin data and analysis methodologies as the basis for each GSP to assure the GSPs are developed, and will be implemented, using the same data and methods. **WHEREAS,** the Parties desire to enter into a Coordination Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", as required by SGMA; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, that the facts contained in the recitals above are true and correct, and that the Board hereby approves the Coordination Agreement with the Parties, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and authorizes the Board President to execute the Coordination Agreement in the substantial form presented and all associated and necessary documentation, subject to such reasonable modifications, revisions, additions and deletions as he may approve prior to execution, said execution to provide conclusive evidence of such approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, to appoint MID Groundwater Committee Chairperson as the MID representative and General Manager or his designee as the alternate representative.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Loquaci, Cosyns, Davis, Janzen, and Erickson NOES: NoneABSENT: NoneABSTAIN: None

James Erickson, President

### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-GSA03 adopted December 17, 2019.

Kwock Sandoval. Secretary

ATTEST:

Richard Cosyns, Vice President

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#### GSA RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE MADERA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2016, the City Council (Council) elected to form a GSA under SGMA making it one of seven GSAs within the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera County GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and Madera Water District GSA have collaboratively prepared a joint GSP for the Madera Subbasin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, on behalf of City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District and Madera Water District, gave notice on August 20, 2019, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, to affected cities and counties regarding the intent of the GSAs to each adopt the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madera GSA published a notice on December 7, 2019 in the Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Madera and the Madera Subbasin, giving notice that a public hearing (Hearing) would be held on December 18, 2019 for the purpose of considering adoption of a GSP for its portion of the Madera Groundwater Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA hereby resolves, finds,

determines and orders as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The City Council of the City of Madera approves the Madera Subbasin Groundwater

Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as reference.

- 3. The City Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.
- 4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council as the City of Madera Ground Water Sustainability Agency Board this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Medellin, Council Members Montes, Gallegos, Rodriguez, Robinson and Holley.

NOES: None.

- ABSTENTIONS: None.
- ABSENT: Council Member Garcia.

APPROVED

ANDREW J) MEDELLIN, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALCA GONZALES, City Clerk





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# AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

December 17, 2019 Chairman Brett Frazier

| <b>DEPARTMENT</b><br>Department of Water and Natural Resources   |  | DEPARTMENT CONTACT<br>Kim Witten<br>559-675-7703 |                      |                                     | AGENDA ITEM<br>6.a<br>PUBLIC<br>HEARINGS: |  |           |
|--|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------|
|  |  |  |                      |                                     |   |  | SUBJECT:  |
| Public Hearing: GSP Adoption in the Madera Subbasin  |  |  | 4/5 Votes Requi      | ired                                | 5778                                      |  | 12/2/2019 |
|  | For Clerk  | of the   | Board's Office Use O | Only                                |   |  |           |
| BOARD'S ACTION:<br>RESOLUTION NO. 2  | 019-181  |  |                      |                                     |   |  |           |
| MOVER: David<br>SECONDER: Tom  | ER: David Rogers, Chair ProTem<br>DNDER: Tom Wheeler, Supervisor |  |                      |                                     |   |  |           |
| Is this item Budgeted? Yes<br>Will this item require additional personnel? No<br>Previous Relevant Board Actions:<br>Other Supporting Documents: |  |  |                      | DOCUMENT NO(S).<br>RES NO. 2019-181 |   |  |           |

### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

**Hearing** to consider adoption of a Resolution adopting the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Madera Subbasin.

## **DISCUSSION / BACKUP / FISCAL IMPACT:**

Over two years of plan development and stakeholder engagement have resulted in a comprehensive plan for groundwater sustainability. The entire Joint GSP for the Madera Subbasin is available here:

https://www.maderacountywater.com/madera-subbasin/

Since October of 2018, monthly briefings of the County GSA have occurred to review water budgets, projects, management actions, financial budgets, and sustainable management criteria as well as potential impacts on domestic drinking water wells. Additional Advisory Committee meetings have reviewed the same content and provided feedback to the GSA itself. After a three month public review period, comments were carefully considered. The Joint GSP for the Madera Subbasin is now ready for adoption by the County GSA.



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## ATTACHMENTS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2019-181

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE COUNTY OF MADERA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MADERA SUBBASIN

In the Matter of

THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT Resolution No.: 2019 - 181

RESOLUTION ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Madera Subbasin

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2017, the Board of Supervisors for the County of Madera ("Board") elected to have the County of Madera become the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin that are in unincorporated areas of Madera County, and not otherwise covered by another public agency; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 13, 2017, the County of Madera became the exclusive GSA for the relevant portions of the Madera Subbasin (hereinafter "Madera County Madera GSA"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and,

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and Madera Water District GSA have collaboratively prepared a a joint GSP for the Madera Subbasin in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, on behalf of City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District and Madera Water District, gave notice on August 20, 2019, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, to affected cities and counties regarding the intent of the GSAs to each to adopt the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA published a notice on December 4, 2019 and December 11, 2019 in the Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Madera County and the Madera Subbasin, giving notice that a public hearing (Hearing) would be held on December 17, 2019 for the purpose of considering adoption of a GSP for its portion of the Madera Groundwater Subbasin; and,

**WHEREAS**, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, sitting as Board of Directors for the County of Madera GSA for the Madera Subbasin, as follows:

 The above Recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a substantive part of this Resolution.

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- 2. The GSP in the form presented at the Hearing is hereby approved and adopted.
- 3. The Director of the County Department of Water and Natural Resources ("Department Director") is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted this  $17^{+0}$  day of <u>december</u>, 2019, by the following vote:



| Director Frazier voted:   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Director Rogers voted:    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Director Poythress voted: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Director Rodriguez voted: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Director Wheeler voted:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Brett                     |  |  |  |  |  |

Chairman, Board of Directors

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ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Legal Form: COUNTY COUNSEL

Bv MICHAEL LIMEN,1

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## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MADERA WATER DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR A PORTION OF THE MADERA SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SGMA, each groundwater basin in the State of California must be managed by at least one Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"); and

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2016, the Board of Directors of the Madera Water District ("Board") elected to make the Madera Water District ("District") the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin that are within the boundaries of the District ("District GSA Boundary"); and

WHEREAS, on or about November 1, 2016, the District became the exclusive GSA ("District GSA") for the District GSA Boundary; and

WHEREAS, a GSA must develop a GSP for the purpose of managing groundwater resources within the boundary of the GSA; and

WHEREAS, GSPs for high-priority subbasins must be submitted to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for approval by January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin is considered a high-priority subbasin by DWR; and

WHEREAS, the Madera County GSA, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and Madera Water District GSA prepared a joint GSP for a portion of Madera Subbasin ("Joint GSP"); and

WHEREAS, the Joint GSP includes all the components required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with SGMA, the Madera County GSA, on behalf of the GSAs of Madera County, the City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District and Madera Water District, gave notice on August 20, 2019 to affected cities and counties regarding the intent of each of the GSAs to adopt the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the District GSA hosted a public workshop on October 24, 2019 to discuss the development of the Joint GSP and held a public hearing on December 11, 2019 to hear public comment regarding the Joint GSP; and

WHEREAS, the District GSA intends to adopt the Joint GSP for submission to DWR by January 31, 2020 for review and approval.

RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated by reference and are made a part of this Resolution.

RESOLVED, that the GSP in the form presented at the public hearing is hereby approved and adopted by the District GSA.

RESOLVED, that legal counsel for the District GSA is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption of the GSP to the appropriate parties, including without limitation the Director of the County Department of Water and Natural Resources and DWR, and such notification may include a copy of this Resolution, a copy of the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

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### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, the duly appointed and acting Assistant Secretary of the Madera Water District, acting as the Assistant Secretary of the Madera Water District GSA, hereby certifies that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Madera Water District GSA on December 11, 2019 and that the Resolution has not been amended or rescinded and is now in full force and effect.

Date: December 11, 2019

John Gies, Assistant Secretary

# March 2023 Revised GSP Adoption Resolutions

## APRIL 16, 2024 RESOLUTION NO. 2024-GSA01

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MID GSA"), at a regular meeting duly called and held on April 16, 2024 at the business office of the MID GSA, 12152 Road 28 1/4, Madera, California 93637 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2016, the Board of Directors for the Madera Irrigation District elected to have the MID GSA become the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin that are within the geographical boundaries of the MID GSA, and not otherwise covered by another public agency; and

WHEREAS, on or about April 13, 2016, the MID GSA became the exclusive GSA for portions of the Madera Subbasin within the geographical boundaries of the MID GSA; and

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a GSP, or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Madera County, City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District, and Madera Water District have developed one GSP; Root Creek Water District has developed one GSP; Gravelly Ford Water District has developed one GSP; and New Stone Water District has developed one GSP, such that the Madera Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs unified through the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, the MID GSA, adopted a GSP for their portions of the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has no adjudicated areas or areas covered by an Alternative to a GSP as described in Water Code Section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 31, 2020, the Madera County GSA, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and Madera Water District GSA submitted a GSP to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for review, public comment, and approval; and

WHEREAS, DWR did not initiate review of the four GSPs until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, DWR sent a letter to the Madera Subbasin Point of Contact (John Davids of Davids Engineering, Inc.) stating that the GSPs had been determined to be incomplete because the GSPs (collectively); (1) fail to demonstrate that the four GSPs have coordinated to address the

regulatory aspects of SGMA in a manner that complies with SGMA and substantially complies with GSP regulations, (2) do not establish minimum thresholds for chronic lowering of groundwater levels in a manner substantially compliant with the GSP regulations, (3) did not develop sustainable management criteria for land subsidence using the best available information and science, and (4) did not develop sustainable management criteria for the depletions of interconnected surface water using the best available information and science; and

WHEREAS, in the September 22, 2022 letter, DWR represented that if the deficiencies identified in the letter were not addressed by March 21, 2023, DWR, after consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, would determine the GSP to be inadequate, possible triggering the state intervention process outlined in SGMA; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2023 the MID Board of Directors declined to take an action on the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan because it failed to address concerns that MID had long raised; specifically, while MID and its landowners have invested millions of dollars in tangible projects that actually reduced demand and enhanced recharge over recent years, other Madera Subbasin GSAs have failed to adhere to their commitments in the GSP or the implementation schedule.

WHEREAS, the continued delay and inaction by other GSAs have had, and will continue to have, significant real-world effects on the Madera Subbasin's groundwater aquifer including the lowering of groundwater tables, water quality impacts, and domestic well concerns.

WHEREAS, notwithstanding both the MID GSA's significant concerns regarding the aforementioned issues and the MID GSA's decision to decline to take action on the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan, on December 21, 2023, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) approved the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

WHEREAS, DWR's December 21, 2023, approval of the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan and its failure to investigate, respond to, or seriously consider the MID GSA's factually-supported concerns raises substantial concerns to the MID GSA concerning both the implementation of SGMA and the capability of other GSAs within the Madera Subbasin to achieve balance by 2040 on anything other than paper.

WHEREAS, to that end, the MID GSA is now willing to consider the approval of the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan to facilitate compliance with the SGMA process amongst the GSAs and State of California in the Madera Subbasin, with the sincere hope that both the GSAs and the State of California will increase their focus on the substantive adequacy of, and the GSAs' adherence to the requirements of, the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

WHEREAS, because such objectives have not been the focus on either the State of California or other GSAs within the Madera Subbasin, MID GSA's consideration of the Revised Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan for approval is necessarily under protest since it still does not reflect reality and has failed to fully address impactful changes in the Madera Subbasin.

WHEREAS, the MID GSA held a public hearing on April 16, 2024, for the purpose of considering adoption of a Revised GSP for its portion of the Madera Subbasin.

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the MID GSA, as follows:

- 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into by reference and are made a substantive part of this resolution.
- 2. The amended GSP in the form presented at the Hearing is hereby approved and adopted.
- 3. The General Manager of the MID GSA is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024 by the following vote:

> AYES: Director Loquaci, Janzen, Davis, DaSilva, and Erickson NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAIN: None

James Erickson, President

ATTEST: Corl Janzen, Vice President

# **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Madera Irrigation District Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-GSA01 adopted April 16, 2024.

ndrea Kwock Sandoval, Secretary

### GSA RESOLUTION 23-33

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MADERA AND THE CITY OF MADERA, GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD ADOPTING AN AMENDED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE MADERA SUBBASIN AND THEREBY ALSO APPROVING RELATED FIRST AMENDMENT TO MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT AND MOU ESTABLISHING A DOMESTIC WELL MITIGATION PROGRAM FOR THE MADERA SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2016, the City Council (Council) elected to have the City of Madera GSA become the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin that are within the geographical boundaries of the City of Madera, and not otherwise covered by another public agency; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 17, 2016, the City of Madera GSA became the exclusive GSA for portions of the Madera Subbasin within the geographical boundaries of the City of Madera; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a GSP, or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Madera County, City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District, and Madera Water District have developed one GSP; Root Creek Water District has developed one GSP; Gravelly Ford Water District has developed one GSP; and New Stone Water District has developed one GSP; and New

WHEREAS, on December 18,2019, the City of Madera GSA, adopted the Joint GSP developed by Madera County, City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District, and Madera Water District for their portion of the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has no adjudicated areas or areas covered by an

Alternative to a GSP as described in Water Code Section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 31, 2020, the Madera County, City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District, and Madera Water District GSAs submitted a GSP to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for review, public comment, and approval; and

WHEREAS, DWR did not initiate review of the four GSPs until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, DWR sent a letter to the Madera Subbasin Point of Contact (John Davids of Davids Engineering, Inc.) stating that the GSPs had been determined to be incomplete because the GSPs (collectively); (1) fail to demonstrate that the four GSPs have coordinated to address the regulatory aspects of SGMA in a manner that complies with SGMA and substantially complies with GSP regulations, (2) do not establish minimum thresholds for chronic lowering of groundwater levels in a manner substantially compliant with the GSP regulations, (3) did not develop sustainable management criteria for land subsidence using the best available information and science, and (4) did not develop sustainable management criteria for the depletions of interconnected surface water using the best available information and science; and

WHEREAS, in the September 22, 2022 letter, DWR represented that if the deficiencies identified in the letter were not addressed by March 21, 2023, DWR, after consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, would determine the GSP to be inadequate, possible triggering the state intervention process outlined in SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the GSAs in the Madera Subbasin have agreed to submit revised GSPs consistent with DWRs September 22, 2022 letter; and

WHEREAS, the GSAs, in accordance with the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement, desire for the Coordination Workgroup, as defined in the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement, to meet on at least a quarterly basis, beginning in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, the GSAs recognize and agree that the GSPs revised as part of the statutorily required 2025 Update ("Update") should adequately and appropriately memorialize the changes to GSP implementation that have occurred since submission of the original GSPs in January 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the GSPs revised as part of the statutorily required Update shall include, among other changes as determined necessary, revised Projects and Management Actions ("PMAs") as determined necessary by each GSA consistent with the broader Sustainability Goal of the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the GSAs agree that work shall begin as early as February 2023 on the statutorily required Update to each of the GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to work cooperatively with one another as part of the statutorily required Update and may consider GSP consolidation as part of the statutorily required Update; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin Sustainable Groundwater Act Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan has been amended to address the deficiencies outlined in the September 22, 2022 letter from DWR; and

WHEREAS, Public Hearing Notice to a City or County as called for in Water Code section 10728.4 can be waived as the County of Madera is also a Party to the amended GSP; and

WHEREAS, upon adoption of Amended GSP, the City will submit the GSP to DWR for review.

WHEREAS, at its special meeting of March 20, 2023, the Council considered the City Engineer's report regarding the Amended GSP and the associated documents including the First Amendment to the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement and the Memorandum Of Understanding Establishing a Domestic Well Mitigation Program for the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA ACTING AS THE CITY OF MADERA GSA hereby finds, orders and resolves as follows:

- 1. The above recitals are true and correct.
- 2. The Council approves the amended GSP, attached hereto as Exhibit A, including draft first amendment to the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a Domestic Well Mitigation Program for the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin in the form presented at the meeting of March 20, 2023 or as may be revised by the collaborative effort between GSA staffs is hereby approved and adopted.
- The Council authorizes the Madera City Engineer to take such other actions as may be necessary to submit the Amended GSP to the California Department of Water Resources and to implement the purpose of this resolution.
- 4. The City Clerk of the City of Madera GSA is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP, and any additional information required by law.
- 5. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council as the Ground Water Sustainability Agency Board of the City of Madera this <sup>20<sup>th</sup></sup> day of March 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Garcia, Councilmembers Gallegos, Rodriguez, Montes, Evans, Mejia and Villegas.

NOES: None.

- ABSTENTIONS: None.
- ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

SANTOS GARCIA, Mayor

ATTEST:

ALICIA GONZALES, City Clerk



## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE COUNTY OF MADERA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MADERA SUBBASIN

In the Matter of

Madera Subbasin

THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT Resolution No.: 2023 - 045

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE MADERA SUBBASIN

### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014.

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs.

WHEREAS, the County of Madera ("County") is the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.06) in the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater basin, as defined by Bulletin 118 from California's Department of Water and Natural Resources ("DWR"), that are in unincorporated areas of Madera County and not otherwise covered by another public agency (hereinafter "County GSA"), and the County Board of Supervisors is the Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") for the County GSA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a GSP, or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020, for each high-priority

basin.

WHEREAS, in the Madera Subbasin, the County GSA, the City of Madera GSA, the Madera Irrigation District GSA, and the Madera Water District GSA have developed and adopted one GSP (the "Joint GSP"); the Root Creek Water District GSA has developed and adopted one GSP; the Gravelly Ford Water District GSA has developed and adopted one GSP; and New Stone Water District GSA has developed and adopted one GSP, such that the Madera Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs unified through the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has no adjudicated areas or areas covered by an Alternative to a GSP as described in Water Code Section 10733.6.

WHEREAS, on or about January 31, 2020, the four Madera Subbasin GSPs were submitted to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for review, public comment, and approval.

WHEREAS, DWR did not initiate review of the four Madera Subbasin GSPs until October 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, DWR sent a letter to the Madera Subbasin Point of Contact (John Davids of Davids Engineering, Inc.) stating that the four Madera Subbasin GSPs had been determined to be incomplete because the GSPs (collectively); (1) fail to demonstrate that the four GSPs have coordinated to address the regulatory aspects of SGMA in a manner that complies with SGMA and substantially complies with GSP regulations, (2) do not establish minimum thresholds for chronic lowering of groundwater levels in a manner substantially compliant with the GSP regulations, (3) did not develop sustainable management criteria for land subsidence using the best available information and science, and (4) did not develop sustainable management criteria for the depletions of interconnected surface water using the best available information and science.

WHEREAS, in the September 22, 2022, letter, DWR represented that if the deficiencies identified in the letter were not addressed by March 21, 2023, DWR, after consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, would determine the GSP to be inadequate, possible triggering the state intervention process outlined in SGMA.

WHEREAS, the GSAs in the Madera Subbasin have agreed to submit revised GSPs consistent with DWRs September 22, 2022, letter.

WHEREAS, the GSAs, in accordance with the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement, desire for the Coordination Workgroup, as defined in the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement, to meet on at least a quarterly basis, beginning in January 2023.

WHEREAS, the GSAs recognize and agree that the GSPs revised as part of the statutorily required 2025 Update ("Update") should adequately and appropriately memorialize the changes to GSP implementation that have occurred since submission of the original GSPs in January 2020,

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the GSPs revised as part of the statutorily required Update shall include, among other changes as determined necessary, revised Projects and Management Actions ("PMAs") as determined necessary by each GSA consistent with the broader Sustainability Goal of the Madera Subbasin.

WHEREAS, the GSAs agree that work shall begin as early as February 2023 on the statutorily required Update to each of the GSPs.

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to work cooperatively with one another as part of the statutorily required Update and may consider GSP consolidation as part of the

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statutorily required Update.

WHEREAS, the Joint GSP has been amended to address the deficiencies outlined in the September 22, 2022, letter from DWR.

WHEREAS, a notice of the public hearing for the adoption of this Resolution was published in the Madera Tribune on March 4, 2023.

WHEREAS, upon adoption of a GSP, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review.

WHEREAS, this Resolution is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Water Code section 10728.6, as well as CEQA Guidelines sections 15307 (action of a regulatory agency to protect natural resources), 15308 (action of a regulatory agency to protect the environment), and 15061(b)(3) (the "common sense" exemption where a project is exempt if can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment).

### RESOLUTION

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, sitting as Board of Directors for the County of Madera GSA for the Madera Subbasin, as follows:

1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into by reference and are made a substantive part of this resolution.

2. The amended Joint GSP in the form presented at the Hearing is hereby approved and adopted.

3. The Director of the Department of Water and Natural Resources is hereby authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to

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DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved Joint GSP, and any additional information required by law.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted this  $21^{51}$  day of <u>MARCH</u> 2023, by the following vote.



Director Wamhoff voted:

Director Rogers voted:

Director Poythress voted:

Director Gonzalez voted:

Director Macaulay voted:

Chairman, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

NIL

Clerk, Board of Directors

Approved as to Legal form: COUNTY COUNSEL

Michael R. <sup>By</sup>Linden Digitally signed by: Michael R. Linden DN: CN = Michael R. Linden email = minden@lozanosmith.com C = US O = LOZANO SMITH Date: 2023.03.02 09:50:30 -08'00'

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2023-\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION OF MADERA WATER DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ADOPTING REVISED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE MADERA SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the board of directors of Madera Water District elected to form and have the Madera Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("MWDGSA") become the exclusive GSA for the portions of the Madera Subbasin that are within the geographical boundaries of the Madera Water District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727, SGMA requires that a GSP, or multiple GSPs, be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Madera County, City of Madera, Madera Irrigation District, and Madera Water District have developed one GSP (the "Joint GSP"); Root Creek Water District has developed one GSP; Gravelly Ford Water District has developed one GSP; and New Stone Water District has developed one GSP, such that the Madera Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs unified through the Madera Subbasin Coordination Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the MWDGSA adopted the Joint GSP for its portion of the Madera Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Madera Subbasin has no adjudicated areas or areas covered by an Alternative to a GSP as described in Water Code Section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 31, 2020, the Joint GSP was submitted to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for review, public comment, and approval; and

WHEREAS, DWR did not initiate review of the four GSPs until October 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, DWR sent a letter to the Madera Subbasin Point of Contact (John Davids of Davids Engineering, Inc.) stating that the GSPs had been determined to be incomplete because the GSPs (collectively); (1) fail to demonstrate that the four GSPs have coordinated to address the regulatory aspects of SGMA in a manner that complies with SGMA and substantially complies with GSP regulations, (2) do not establish minimum thresholds for chronic lowering of groundwater levels in a manner substantially compliant with the GSP regulations, (3) did not develop sustainable management criteria for land subsidence using the best available information and science, and (4) did not develop sustainable management criteria for the depletions of interconnected surface water using the best available information and science; and WHEREAS, in the September 22, 2022 letter, DWR represented that if the deficiencies identified in the letter were not addressed by March 21, 2023, DWR, after consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board, would determine the GSP to be inadequate, possible triggering the state intervention process outlined in SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the GSAs in the Madera Subbasin have agreed to submit revised GSPs consistent with DWRs September 22, 2022 letter; and

WHEREAS, the Joint GSP has been amended to address the deficiencies outlined in the September 22, 2022 letter from DWR and is ready for submission to DWR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the MWDGSA, as follows:

- 1. The above Recitals are hereby incorporated into by reference and are made a substantive part of this resolution.
- 2. The amended Joint GSP in the form presented to the Board is hereby approved and adopted.
- 3. The Manager of the MWDGSA is hereby authorized and directed to take such other actions as reasonable necessary to submit the revised Joint GSP to DWR.

### CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, the duly appointed and acting Assistant Secretary of the Madera Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, hereby certifies that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the board of directors of the MWDGSA and that the Resolution has not been amended or rescinded and is now in full force and effect.

Date: March 21, 2023

John Gies, Assistant Secretary

January 2025 Amended GSP Adoption Resolutions

# **APPENDIX 1.I. GLOSSARY: SGMA DEFINITIONS**

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

January 2020

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# GLOSSARY

This Glossary includes terms from a variety of legal and administrative sources relevant to SGMA and GSP development. These sources include:

- California Water Code Section 10721, Sustainable Groundwater Management Definitions (CWC Section 10721)
- California Code of Regulations Title 23 Section 341, Groundwater Basin Boundaries Definitions (23 CCR Section 341)
- California Code of Regulations Title 23 Section 351, Groundwater Sustainability Plan Definitions (23 CCR Section 351)
- DWR Bulletin 118 Definitions, updated 2003 (B118, 2003)
- Locally defined terms used in the GSP

The source of each term is provided in the citation following that term. Page numbers are included when a definition is not found in the referenced document's definitions or glossary. Additional information regarding each source are summarized at the end of this glossary.

**Adjudication Action**. The action filed in the superior or federal district court to determine the rights to extract groundwater from a basin or store water within a basin, including, but not limited to, actions to quiet title respecting rights to extract or store groundwater or an action brought to impose a physical solution on a basin. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

**Administrative Adjustment.** The basin or subbasin boundary adjustment by the Department that either (1) amends existing basin or subbasin boundary data files to accurately reflect an unambiguous written basin or subbasin boundary description as defined in Bulletin 118 or amended pursuant to this Part, or (2) restates the description of a basin or subbasin boundary to more precisely reflect a mapped basin or subbasin boundary consistent with the original description. **(B118, 2003)** 

Agency. The groundwater sustainability agency as defined in the Act. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Agricultural Water Management Plan.** The plan adopted pursuant to the Agricultural Water Management Planning Act as described in Part 2.8 of Division 6 of the Water Code, commencing with Section 10800 et seq. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

Alternative. The alternative to a Plan described in Water Code Section 10733.6. (23 CCR Section 351)

Annual Report. The report required by Water Code §10728. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Aquifer.** The three-dimensional body of porous and permeable sediment or sedimentary rock that contains sufficient saturated material to yield significant quantities of groundwater to wells and springs, as further defined or characterized in Bulletin 118. **(B118, 2003)** 

**Baseline or Baseline Conditions.** The historical information used to project future conditions for hydrology, water demand, and availability of surface water and to evaluate potential sustainable management practices of a basin. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Basin Setting.** The information about the physical setting, characteristics, and current conditions of the basin as described by the Agency in the hydrogeologic conceptual model, the groundwater conditions, and the water budget, pursuant to Sub article 2 of Article 5. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Basin.** Defined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act as a groundwater basin or subbasin identified and defined in Bulletin 118. Unless the context indicates otherwise, those terms are further

defined as follows: (1) The term **basin** shall refer to an area specifically defined as a basin or **groundwater basin** in Bulletin 118, and shall refer generally to an aquifer or stacked series of aquifers with reasonably well-defined boundaries in a lateral direction, based on features that significantly impede groundwater flow, and a definable bottom, as further defined or characterized in Bulletin 118. (2) The term **subbasin** shall refer to an area specifically defined as a subbasin or **groundwater subbasin** in Bulletin 118 and shall refer generally to any subdivision of a basin based on geologic and hydrologic barriers or institutional boundaries, as further defined in Bulletin 118. (B118, 2003)

**Basin**. The groundwater basin or subbasin identified and defined in Bulletin 118 or as modified pursuant to Water Code 10722 et seq. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Beneficial Use.** Water in Bulletin 118 references 23 categories of water uses identified by the State Water Resource Control Board and are listed and briefly described in Appendix E. **(B118, 2003)** 

**Best Available Science**. The use of sufficient and credible information and data, specific to the decision being made and the time frame available for making that decision, that is consistent with scientific and engineering professional standards of practice. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Best Management Practice**. The practice, or combination of practices, that are designed to achieve sustainable groundwater management and have been determined to be technologically and economically effective, practicable, and based on best available science. §351. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

Board. The State Water Resources Control Board. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Bulletin 118**. The department's report entitled "California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118" updated in 2003, as it may be subsequently updated or revised in accordance with § 12924. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

**CASGEM**. The California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Program developed by the Department pursuant to Water Code Section 10920 et seq., or as amended. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Condition of Long-Term Overdraft.** The condition of a groundwater basin where the average annual amount of water extracted for a long-term period, generally 10 years or more, exceeds the long-term average annual supply of water to the basin, plus any temporary surplus. Overdraft during a period of drought is not sufficient to establish a condition of long-term overdraft if extractions and recharge are managed as necessary to ensure that reductions in groundwater levels or storage during a period of drought are offset by increases in groundwater levels or storage during other periods. (CWC Section 10721)

**Coordination Agreement.** The legal agreement adopted between two or more groundwater sustainability agencies that provides the basis for coordinating multiple agencies or groundwater sustainability plans within a basin pursuant to this part. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

**Data Gap.** The lack of information that significantly affects the understanding of the basin setting or evaluation of the efficacy of Plan implementation and could limit the ability to assess whether a basin is being sustainably managed. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Existing Stored Groundwater**. Groundwater that is already underground from centuries of accumulated native groundwater. Historic pumping has been diminishing the existing stored groundwater at rates greater than the native groundwater can sustain, causing overdraft and unsustainable conditions. If more water is pumped from a basin than what is added from Native Groundwater and Introduced Groundwater, this water comes from the Existing Stored Groundwater. Continuing to use this previously stored groundwater will continue to exacerbate overdraft conditions. Temporarily using some of this water during the transition to sustainability will likely continue to cause lowering of groundwater levels.

*Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem*. The ecological communities or species that depend on groundwater emerging from aquifers or on groundwater occurring near the ground surface. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Groundwater Flow.* The volume and direction of groundwater movement into, out of, or throughout a basin. (23 CCR Section 351)

Groundwater in Storage. The quantity of water in the zone of saturation. (B118, 2003)

*Groundwater Overdraft.* The condition of a groundwater basin in which the amount of water withdrawn by pumping exceeds the amount of water that recharges the basin over a period of years during which water supply conditions approximate average conditions. **(B118, 2003)** 

*Groundwater Recharge or Recharge.* The augmentation of groundwater by natural or artificial means. (CWC Section 10721)

*Groundwater Storage Capacity.* The volume of void space that can be occupied by water in a given volume of a formation, aquifer, or groundwater basin. **(B118, 2003)** 

*Groundwater Sustainability Agency.* One or more local agencies that implement the provisions of this part. For purposes of imposing fees pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 10730) or taking action to enforce a groundwater sustainability plan, *Groundwater Sustainability Agency* also means each local agency comprising the groundwater sustainability agency if the plan authorizes separate agency action. (CWC Section 10721)

*Groundwater*. Water beneath the surface of the earth within the zone below the water table in which the soil is completely saturated with water but does not include water that flows in known and definite channels. (CWC Section 10721)

*Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model.* The description of the geologic and hydrologic framework governing the occurrence of groundwater and its flow through and across the boundaries of a basin and the general groundwater conditions in a basin or subbasin. **(23 CCR Section 341)** 

**Interconnected Surface Water.** The surface water that is hydraulically connected at any point by a continuous saturated zone to the underlying aquifer and the overlying surface water is not completely depleted. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Interested Parties.* The persons and entities on the list of interested persons established by the Agency pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4. (23 CCR Section 351)

*Interim Milestone.* The target value representing measurable groundwater conditions, in increments of five years, set by an Agency as part of a Plan. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Introduced Groundwater.** Water that is added to the sustainable yield of groundwater supply derived from percolation of imported surface water. This can be the directly through groundwater replenishment projects or groundwater banking or can be indirectly through percolation from irrigation and unlined canals.

*Management Area*. The area within a basin for which the Plan may identify different minimum thresholds, measurable objectives, monitoring, or projects and management actions based on differences in water use sector, water source type, geology, aquifer characteristics, or other factors. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Measurable Objectives.* The specific, quantifiable goals for the maintenance or improvement of specified groundwater conditions that have been included in an adopted Plan to achieve the sustainability goal for the basin. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Minimum Threshold.* The numeric value for each sustainability indicator used to define undesirable results. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Monitoring Protocols.** Designed to detect changes in groundwater levels, groundwater quality, inelastic surface subsidence for basins for which subsidence has been identified as a potential problem, and flow and quality of surface water that directly affect groundwater levels or quality or are caused by groundwater extraction in the basin. The monitoring protocols shall be designed to generate information that promotes efficient and effective groundwater management. §10727.2. Required Plan Elements. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

**NAD83**. The North American Datum of 1983 computed by the National Geodetic Survey, or as modified.

**Native Groundwater.** Water naturally infiltrating into the groundwater from precipitation and runoff. This is the average quantity of water annually added to the groundwater budget from rain, rivers, and streams, and reflects the portion of estimated sustainable yield of the groundwater supply that is not derived from imported surface water.

**NAVD88**. The North American Vertical Datum of 1988 computed by the National Geodetic Survey, or as modified. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Plain Language.** The language that the intended audience can readily understand and use because that language is concise, well-organized, uses simple vocabulary, avoids excessive acronyms and technical language, and follows other best practices of plain language writing. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Plan Implementation.** The Agency's exercise of the powers and authorities described in the Act, which commences after an Agency adopts and submits a Plan or Alternative to the Department and begins exercising such powers and authorities. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Plan Manager.** An employee or authorized representative of an Agency, or Agencies, appointed through a coordination agreement or other agreement, who has been delegated management authority for submitting the Plan and serving as the point of contact between the Agency and the Department. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

Plan. The groundwater sustainability plan as defined in the Act. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Planning and Implementation Horizon.** The 50-year time period over which a groundwater sustainability agency determines that plans and measures will be implemented in a basin to ensure that the basin is operated within its sustainable yield. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

*Principal Aquifers.* The aquifers or aquifer systems that store, transmit, and yield significant or economic quantities of groundwater to wells, springs, or surface water systems. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Qualified Map.** The geologic map of a scale no smaller than 1:250,000 that is published by the U. S. Geological Survey or the California Geological Survey, or is a map published as part of a geologic investigation conducted by a state or federal agency, or is a geologic map prepared and signed by a Professional Geologist that is acceptable to the Department. **(23 CCR Section 341)** 

Recharge Area. The area that supplies water to an aquifer in a groundwater basin. (CWC Section 10721)

**Reference Point.** The permanent, stationary and readily identifiable mark or point on a well, such as the top of casing, from which groundwater level measurements are taken, or other monitoring site. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Representative Monitoring.* The monitoring site within a broader network of sites that typifies one or more conditions within the basin or an area of the basin. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Safe Yield.* The maximum quantity of water that can be continuously withdrawn from a groundwater basin without adverse effect. (B118, 2003)

*Saturated Zone.* The zone in which all interconnected openings are filled with water, usually underlying the unsaturated zone. (B118, 2003)

*Seasonal High*. The highest annual static groundwater elevation that is typically measured in the Spring and associated with stable aquifer conditions following a period of lowest annual groundwater demand. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Seasonal Low.** The lowest annual static groundwater elevation that is typically measured in the Summer or Fall and associated with a period of stable aquifer conditions following a period of highest annual groundwater demand. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Seawater Intrusion.* The advancement of seawater into a groundwater supply that results in degradation of water quality in the basin and includes seawater from any source. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Statutory Deadline.* The date by which an Agency must be managing a basin pursuant to an adopted Plan, as described in Water Code Sections 10720.7 or 10722.4. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Sustainability Goal.* The existence and implementation of one or more groundwater sustainability plans that achieve sustainable groundwater management by identifying and causing the implementation of measures targeted to ensure that the applicable basin is operated within its sustainable yield. (CWC Section 10721)

*Sustainability Indicator*. The effects caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin that, when significant and unreasonable, cause undesirable results, as described in Water Code §10721(x). (23 CCR Section 351)

*Sustainable Groundwater Management*. The management and use of groundwater in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

*Sustainable Yield.* The maximum quantity of water calculated over a base period representative of long-term conditions in the basin and including any temporary surplus, that can be withdrawn annually from a groundwater supply without causing an undesirable result. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

**Technical Study.** The geologic or hydrologic report prepared and published by a state or federal agency, or a study published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, or a report prepared and signed by a Professional Geologist or by a Professional Engineer. **(23 CCR Section 341)** 

**Uncertainty.** The lack of understanding of the basin setting that significantly affects an Agency's ability to develop sustainable management criteria and appropriate projects and management actions in a Plan, or to evaluate the efficacy of Plan implementation, and therefore may limit the ability to assess whether a basin is being sustainably managed. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

**Undesirable Result**. One or more of the following effects caused by groundwater conditions occurring throughout the basin: (1) Chronic lowering of groundwater levels indicating a significant and unreasonable depletion of supply if continued over the planning and implementation horizon. Overdraft during a period of drought is not sufficient to establish a chronic lowering of groundwater levels if extractions and groundwater recharge are managed as necessary to ensure that reductions in groundwater levels or storage during a period of drought are offset by increases in groundwater levels or storage during other periods. (2) Significant and unreasonable reduction of groundwater storage. (3) Significant and unreasonable seawater intrusion. (4) Significant and unreasonable degraded water quality, including the migration of contaminant plumes that impair water supplies. (5) Significant and unreasonable land
subsidence that substantially interferes with surface land uses. (6) Depletions of interconnected surface water that have significant and unreasonable adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

*Urban Water Management Plan.* The plan adopted pursuant to the Urban Water Management Planning Act as described in Part 2.6 of Division 6 of the Water Code, commencing with Section 10610 et seq. (23 CCR Section 351)

*Water Budget.* The accounting of the total groundwater and surface water entering and leaving a basin including the changes in the amount of water stored. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

*Water Source Type*. The source from which water is derived to meet the applied beneficial uses, including groundwater, recycled water, reused water, and surface water sources identified as Central Valley Project, the State Water Project, the Colorado River Project, local supplies, and local imported supplies. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Water Use Sector*. The categories of water demand based on the general land uses to which the water is applied, including urban, industrial, agricultural, managed wetlands, managed recharge, and native vegetation. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Water Year Type.* The classification provided by the Department to assess the amount of annual precipitation in a basin. **(23 CCR Section 351)** 

*Water Year.* The period from October 1 through the following September 30, inclusive. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

*Water Year.* The period from October 1 through the following September 30, inclusive, as defined in the Act. (23 CCR Section 351)

**Wellhead Protection Area**. The surface and subsurface area surrounding a water well or well field that supplies a public water system through which contaminants are reasonably likely to migrate toward the water well or well field. **(CWC Section 10721)** 

### REFERENCES

California Code of Regulations. Title 23, Section 341.

California Code of Regulations. Title 23, Section 351.

California Department of Water Resources (DWR). 2003. Bulletin 118: California's Groundwater.

California Water Code. Division 6. Part 2.74. Section 10721. Chapter 2. Definitions. (Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 255, Sec. 1. (AB 1944) Effective January 1, 2019.)

### APPENDIX 1.J. MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS

Prepared as part of the Joint Groundwater Sustainability Plan Madera Subbasin

> January 2020 Revised March 2023 Amended January 2025

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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT (MARCH 2023)

### FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT) to the MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of March 2023 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies of the COUNTY OF MADERA ("County"), the CITY OF MADERA ("City"), the MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("MID"), the ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT ("RCWD"), the MADERA WATER DISTRICT ("MWD"), the GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT ("GFWD"), and the NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT ("NSWD"), collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," or individually as the "Party."

### **RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS, groundwater and surface water resources within the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 No. 5-22.06) (Subbasin) are vitally important resources, in that they provide the foundation to maintain and fulfill current and future environmental, agricultural, domestic, municipal, and industrial needs, and to maintain the economic viability, prosperity, and sustainable management of the Subbasin; and
- B. WHEREAS, agriculture has been prominent in making Madera County one of the world's foremost agricultural areas and plays a major role in the economy of Madera County; and
- C. WHEREAS, in 2014 the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, California Water Code § 10720-10737.8 (SGMA), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor on September 16, 2014. and went into effect on January 1, 2015; and
- D. WHEREAS, the Subbasin has been designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high-priority subbasin in a condition of critical groundwater overdraft and is subject to the requirements of SGMA; and
- E. WHEREAS, SGMA requires that all medium and high priority groundwater basins in California be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), or multiple GSPs; and
- F. WHEREAS, County, City, MID, and MWD have developed one GSP; RCWD has developed one GSP; GFWD has developed one GSP; and NSWD has developed one GSP, such that the Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs unified through the Subbasin Coordination Agreement; and
- G. WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Parties submitted four GSPs to DWR; and
- H. WHEREAS, in January of 2020, the Parties entered into the Agreement.

I. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions contained herein and these Recitals, which are hereby incorporated herein by this reference, the Parties agree as required by DWR and limited to that set-forth herein, to amend the Agreement as follows:

### AGREEMENT

1. **SUSTAINABILITY GOAL.** The Parties agree that the Sustainability Goal for the Subbasin shall be:

"The sustainability goal for the Madera Subbasin is to implement a package of projects and management actions that will, by 2040, balance long-term groundwater system inflows and outflows based on a 50-year period representative of average historical hydrologic conditions."

- 2. **SUBBASIN SUSTAINABLE YIELD ESTIMATE.** The Parties agree that the Sustainable Yield Estimates from the Historical Water Budget and Projected with Projects Water Budget as initially developed during initial GSP development are as set-forth in Exhibit A.
- 3. **CURRENT AND PROJECTED WATER BALANCES.** The Parties agree that the current and projected water budgets for the Parties as initially developed during initial GSP development are as set-forth in Exhibit B. The Parties further recognize that additional discussion and model refinement is necessary as part of the 2025 GSP update to ensure accurate portrayal of Holding Contract surface water supplies.
- 4. NOTICES. All notices required or permitted by the Amendment shall be made in writing and may be delivered in person (by hand or by courier) or may be sent regular, certified, or registered mail or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, with postage prepaid, or by facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission (email) and shall be deemed sufficiently given if served in a manner specified in this Section 16. The addresses and addressees noted below are the Party's designated address and addressee for deliver or mailing notices.

| To County: | County of Madera<br>Stephanie Anagnoson<br>200 W 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Madera, CA 93637 |
|------------|--|
| To MID:    | Madera Irrigation District<br>Thomas Greci<br>12152 Road 28 1/4<br>Madera, CA 93637                                |

| To RCWD: | Root Creek Water District<br>Julia Stornetta<br>PO Box 27950<br>Fresno, CA 93729                      |
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| To GFWD: | Gravelly Ford Water District<br>Don Roberts<br>18811 Road 27<br>Madera, CA 93638                      |
| To City: | City of Madera<br>Keith Helmuth<br>428 East Yosemite Avenue<br>Madera, CA 93638                       |
| To NSWD: | New Stone Water District<br>Gabriella Lion<br>9500 South DeWolf Avenue<br>Selma, CA 93662             |
| To MWD:  | Madera Water District<br>Melanie J. Aldridge<br>1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105<br>Madera, CA 93638 |

Any Party may, by written notice to each of the other Parties, specify a different address for notice. Any notice sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be deemed given on the date of delivery shown on the receipt card, or if no delivery date is shown, three days after the postmark date. If sent by regular mail, the notice shall be deemed given 48 hours after it is addressed as required in this section and mailed with postage prepaid. Notices delivered by United States Express Mail or overnight courier that guarantee next day delivery shall be deemed given 24 hours after delivery to the Postal Service or overnight courier. Notices transmitted by facsimile transmission or similar means (including email) shall be deemed delivered upon telephone or similar confirmation of delivery (conformation report from fax machine is sufficient), provided a copy is also delivered via personal delivery or mail. If notice is received after 4:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it shall be deemed received on the next business day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this AMENDMENT to be executed, each signatory hereto represents that he/she has been appropriately authorized to enter into this AMENDMENT on behalf of the Party whom he/she signs.

Puy Alu Poy TARESS, CHAIRMAN <u>3-21-23</u> Date TRO-TEM

**Madera Irrigation District** 

Thomas Greci

**Root Creek Water District** 

Julia Stornetta

**Gravelly Ford Water District** 

Don Roberts

**City of Madera** 

**New Stone Water District** 

Gabriella Lion

Date

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Date

Date

**Madera Irrigation District** 

webs James Erickson

**Root Creek Water District** 

Julia Stornetta

**Gravelly Ford Water District** 

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**City of Madera** 

**New Stone Water District** 

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Julia Stornetta

**Gravelly Ford Water District** 

Don Roberts

**City of Madera** 

Santos Garcia, Mayor

New Stone Water District

Gabriella Lion

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March 21, 2023 Date

Madera Irrigation District

Thomas Greci

**Root Creek Water District** 

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**Gravelly Ford Water District** 

**Don Roberts** 

**City of Madera** 

**New Stone Water District** 

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**Madera Water District** 

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### **EXHIBIT A**

### Subbasin Sustainable Yield Estimate

### Summary of Sustainable Yield Estimate from Historical Water Budget

# Table 2-34. Summary of Sustainable Yield Estimates from Historical Water Budget (23 CCR §354.18(b)(7)).

| Quantification Method                                  | Average Volume,<br>1989-2014 (AF) | Estimated<br>Confidence<br>Interval<br>(percent) | Confidence<br>Interval<br>Source | Average<br>minus CI<br>(AF) | Average plus<br>CI (AF) |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Groundwater Extraction<br>and GWS Change in<br>Storage | 437,300                           | 25%  | Calculation.                     | 328,000                     | 564,600                 |
| Total Inflows to GWS                                   | 437,300                           | 19%  | Calculation.                     | 354,200                     | 520,400                 |
| "Simulation" of Reduced<br>Demand                      | 423,300                           | 25%  | Professional<br>Judgment.        | 317,500                     | 529,100                 |

### Summary of Sustainable Yield Estimate from Projected With Projects Water Budget

# Table 2-35. Summary of Sustainable Yield Estimates from Projected With Projects WaterBudget (23 CCR § 354.18(b)(7)).

| Quantification Method                                  | Average Volume,<br>2040-2090 (AF) | Estimated<br>Confidence Interval¹<br>(percent) | Average<br>minus CI<br>(AF) | Average plus<br>Cl (AF) |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Groundwater Extraction<br>and GWS Change in<br>Storage | 439,300                           | 25%  | 329,500                     | 549,100                 |

<sup>1</sup> Confidence interval source: Professional judgment based on historical calculations.

Sustainable yield was calculated for the 2040-2090 projected period (Table 2-35) with a single value of a sustainable yield for the Subbasin as a whole (DWR, 2017). The sustainable yield is estimated as the average annual groundwater extraction during the projected 2040-2090 period. This projected groundwater extraction equals the sum of the average annual recharge without projects and the average annual net project infiltration during the projected period. Since average groundwater inflows approximately equal outflows during the 2040-2090 period, the average annual change in the groundwater storage would be close to zero over this 50-year period. **By this method, sustainable yield is estimated to be 439,300 AFY.** 

#### EXHIBIT B

Current and Projected Water Budgets<sup>1,2,3,4,5</sup>

### **CURRENT**

Note that the "Current" water budget is reflective of the "Current" water budget initially developed during initial GSP development and not indicative of the 2023 water budget.

| GSA   | Current Water Budget<br>Average Net Recharge from |
|-------|---|
|       | SWS (AF)  |
| СМ    | -3,300  |
| MID   | -23,600   |
| GFWD  | -1,700  |
| MC    | -110,700  |
| MWD   | -5,200  |
| NSWD  | -4,100  |
| RCWD  | -14,200   |
| Total | -162,800  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Parties recognize there are certain non-significant variances in the calculations of the impact of various sources of recharge and intend to develop further data or information through the DMS to further narrow such variances. Such additional data will help to refine, prove or disprove models and/or presumptions included in the respective GSPs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Current water budget values for each GSA have been calculated using 2015 land use and the 1989-2014 hydrology. <sup>3</sup> The Parties recognize that additional discussion and model refinement is necessary as part of the 2025 GSP update to ensure accurate portrayal of Holding Contract surface water supplies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For the MID GSA specifically, the current water budget approach resulted in a conservative estimate of net recharge from SWS (defined as groundwater recharge minus groundwater extraction). MID's operations for the 1989-2014 time period would have differed due to increased demands as assumed by the 2015 land use. Thus, while MID GSA is planning for the conservative number (higher deficit), it is acknowledged that MID GSA's actual deficit, if any, is less and that MID GSA has been, and is, operating close to sustainability.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The results for the projected with projects water budget by GSA could change as part of 5-year Update if additional PMAs are added as determined necessary.

### PROJECTED

MCSim Projected with Projects Water Budget by GSA Madera Subbasin

|                                    | Average Annual Water Budget (AF/m)  |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                    | City of                             | Madera                              | Madera County                       |                                     | Gravelly Ford Water District        |                                     | Madera Irrigation District          |                                     |
|                                    | Implementation<br>Period, 2020-2039 | Sustainability<br>Period, 2040-2090 |
| Total Stream Seepage               | 729                                 | 1,456                               | 52,942                              | 75,636                              | 12,517                              | 15,694                              | 96,752                              | 120,771                             |
| In-Channel Seepage                 | 729                                 | 1,456                               | 39,394                              | 38,862                              | 125                                 | 155                                 | 17,209                              | 15,781                              |
| Conveyance Losses                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 13,548                              | 36,775                              | 12,391                              | 15,539                              | 79,543                              | 104,989                             |
| Deep Percolation                   | 9,401                               | 13,896                              | 78,701                              | 82,195                              | 7,231                               | 7,719                               | 88,002                              | 97,426                              |
| General Head Boundary Conditions   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |
| Small Watershed Baseflow           | 0                                   | 0                                   | 313                                 | 148                                 | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |
| Small Watershed Percolation        | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |
| Groundwater Pumping                | -8,956                              | -12,703                             | -219,207                            | -175,069                            | -16,128                             | -15,146                             | -220,066                            | -221,149                            |
| Total Subsurface Inflow            | -2,072                              | -2,082                              | 71,234                              | 23,487                              | -4,280                              | -8,395                              | 23,054                              | 6,169                               |
| Average Annual Change in Storage   | -898                                | 568                                 | -16,018                             | 6,397                               | -660                                | -128                                | -12,259                             | 3,217                               |
| Total Cumulative Change in Storage | -17,969                             | 28,946                              | -320,352                            | 326,255                             | -13,204                             | -6,519                              | -245,173                            | 164,069                             |

|                                    |                                     | Average Annual Water Budget (AF/m)  |                                     |                                     |                                     |                                     |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
|                                    | Madera Wa                           | ater District                       | New Stone Water District            |                                     | Root Creek Water District           |                                     |  |
|                                    | Implementation<br>Period, 2020-2039 | Sustainability<br>Period, 2040-2090 | Implementation<br>Period, 2020-2039 | Sustainability<br>Period, 2040-2090 | Implementation<br>Period, 2020-2039 | Sustainability<br>Period, 2040-2090 |  |
| Total Stream Seepage               | 286                                 | 462                                 | 2,012                               | 3,032                               | 546                                 | -54                                 |  |
| In-Channel Seepage                 | 286                                 | 462                                 | 572                                 | -622                                | -309                                | -913                                |  |
| Conveyance Losses                  | 0                                   | 0                                   | 1,441                               | 3,654                               | 855                                 | 859                                 |  |
| Deep Percolation                   | 3,241                               | 3,647                               | 3,831                               | 5,469                               | 8,222                               | 8,738                               |  |
| General Head Boundary Conditions   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |  |
| Small Watershed Baseflow           | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |  |
| Small Watershed Percolation        | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   | 0                                   |  |
| Groundwater Pumping                | -5,660                              | -4,283                              | -7,665                              | -7,623                              | -14,084                             | -11,389                             |  |
| Total Subsurface Inflow            | 1,685                               | 318                                 | 808                                 | -676                                | 4,929                               | 2,554                               |  |
| Average Annual Change in Storage   | -448                                | 144                                 | -1,014                              | 202                                 | -386                                | -151                                |  |
| Total Cumulative Change in Storage | -8,953                              | 7,324                               | -20,270                             | 10,305                              | -7,728                              | -7,683                              |  |

|                          | City of Madera    | Madera County     | Gravelly Ford Water<br>District | Madera Irrigation<br>District | Madera Water<br>District | New Stone Water<br>District | Root Creek Water<br>District | Total (AF)  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
|                          | Sustainability    | Sustainability    | Sustainability                  | Sustainability                | Sustainability           | Sustainability              | Sustainability               | iotai (Ai ) |
|                          | Period, 2040-2090 | Period, 2040-2090 | Period, 2040-2090               | Period, 2040-2090             | Period, 2040-2090        | Period, 2040-2090           | Period, 2040-2090            |             |
| Groundwater Pumping (AF) | -12,703           | -175,069          | -15,146                         | -221,149                      | -4,283                   | -7,623                      | -11,389                      | -447,362    |
| Average Annual Change in |                   |                   |                                 |                               |                          |                             |                              |             |
| Storage (AF)             | 568               | 6,397             | -128                            | 3,217                         | 144                      | 202                         | -151                         | 10,249      |
| Difference (AF)          |                   |                   |                                 |                               |                          |                             |                              | -437,113    |

## SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT (JANUARY 2025)

### SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT

This SECOND AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT) to the MADERA SUBBASIN COORDINATION AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is entered into the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January 2025 (the "Effective Date"), by and between the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies of the COUNTY OF MADERA ("County"), the CITY OF MADERA ("City"), the MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT ("MID"), the ROOT CREEK WATER DISTRICT ("RCWD"), the MADERA WATER DISTRICT ("MWD"), the GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT ("GFWD"), and the NEW STONE WATER DISTRICT ("NSWD"), collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," or individually as the "Party."

### **RECITALS**

- A. WHEREAS, groundwater and surface water resources within the Madera Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 No. 5-22.06) (Subbasin) are vitally important resources, in that they provide the foundation to maintain and fulfill current and future environmental, agricultural, domestic, municipal, and industrial needs, and to maintain the economic viability, prosperity, and sustainable management of the Subbasin; and
- B. WHEREAS, agriculture has been prominent in making Madera County one of the world's foremost agricultural areas and plays a major role in the economy of Madera County; and
- C. WHEREAS, in 2014 the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, California Water Code § 10720-10737.8 (SGMA), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor on September 16, 2014. and went into effect on January 1, 2015; and
- D. WHEREAS, the Subbasin has been designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high-priority subbasin in a condition of critical groundwater overdraft and is subject to the requirements of SGMA; and
- E. WHEREAS, SGMA requires that all medium and high priority groundwater basins in California be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), or multiple GSPs; and
- F. WHEREAS, County, City, MID, and MWD have developed one GSP; RCWD has developed one GSP; GFWD has developed one GSP; and NSWD has developed one GSP, such that the Subbasin is governed by four separate GSPs unified through the Agreement; and
- G. WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Parties submitted four GSPs to DWR; and
- H. WHEREAS, in January 2020, the Parties entered into the Agreement; and

- I. WHEREAS, in March 2023, the Parties executed the first amendment to the Agreement; and
- J. WHEREAS, the Agreement was defined as remaining in effect until December 31, 2024 unless terminated earlier by the Parties.
- K. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions contained herein and these Recitals, which are hereby incorporated herein by this reference, the Parties agree to amend the Agreement as follows:

### AGREEMENT

- 1. **TERMINATION DATE.** The Parties agree that the Agreement shall remain in effect until December 31, 2040 unless terminated earlier by the Parties as provided in the Agreement.
- 2. NOTICES. All notices required or permitted by the AMENDMENT shall be made in writing and may be delivered in person (by hand or by courier) or may be sent regular, certified, or registered mail or U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, with postage prepaid, or by facsimile transmission, or by electronic transmission (email) and shall be deemed sufficiently given if served in a manner specified in this section. The addresses and addressees noted below are the Party's designated address and addressee for deliver or mailing notices.

| To County GSA: | County of Madera<br>Stephanie Anagnoson<br>200 W 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor<br>Madera, CA 93637 |
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| To MID GSA:    | Madera Irrigation District<br>Thomas Greci<br>12152 Road 28 1/4<br>Madera, CA 93637                                |
| To RCWD GSA:   | Root Creek Water District<br>Julia Berry<br>PO Box 27950<br>Fresno, CA 93729                                       |
| To GFWD GSA:   | Gravelly Ford Water District<br>Don Roberts<br>18811 Road 27<br>Madera, CA 93638                                   |
|                | To MID GSA:<br>To RCWD GSA:  |

| To City GSA: | City of Madera<br>Keith Helmuth<br>428 East Yosemite Avenue<br>Madera, CA 93638               |
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| To NSWD GSA: | New Stone Water District<br>Gabriella Lion<br>9500 South DeWolf Avenue<br>Selma, CA 93662     |
| To MWD GSA:  | Madera Water District<br>Phil Janzen<br>1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105<br>Madera, CA 93638 |

Any Party may, by written notice to each of the other Parties, specify a different address for notice. Any notice sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, shall be deemed given on the date of delivery shown on the receipt card, or if no delivery date is shown, three days after the postmark date. If sent by regular mail, the notice shall be deemed given 48 hours after it is addressed as required in this section and mailed with postage prepaid. Notices delivered by United States Express Mail or overnight courier that guarantee next day delivery shall be deemed given 24 hours after delivery to the Postal Service or overnight courier. Notices transmitted by facsimile transmission or similar means (including email) shall be deemed delivered upon telephone or similar confirmation of delivery (conformation report from fax machine is sufficient), provided a copy is also delivered via personal delivery or mail. If notice is received after 4:00 p.m. or on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, it shall be deemed received on the next business day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this AMENDMENT to be executed, each signatory hereto represents that he/she has been appropriately authorized to enter into this AMENDMENT on behalf of the Party for whom he/she signs.

**County of Madera** 

Leticia Gonzales

Madera Irrigation District

| Thomas Greci                 | Date |
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| Root Creek Water District    |      |
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| Julia Berry                  | Date |
| Gravelly Ford Water District |      |
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| Don Roberts                  | Date |
| City of Madera               |      |
| Cecelia Gallegos             | Date |
| New Stone Water District     |      |
| New Stone Water District     |      |
| Gabriella Lion               | Date |
| Madera Water District        |      |
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Phil Janzen