

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 02

RESOLUTION COMMENCING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMATION PROCESS FOR AREAS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) authorizes a local agency overlying a groundwater basin to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in satisfaction of SGMA objectives (California Water Code 10723(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) was duly formed under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement by and among the County of Sacramento and Cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom dated August 29, 2006 (JPA), after outreach to fifty (50) regional stakeholders, representing agricultural, urban, self-supplied, environmental, and other groundwater interests; and

WHEREAS, SCGA was created for the primary purpose of maintaining the sustainable yield within the SCGA Groundwater Management Plan (GMP), and thereby qualifies as a local agency as defined in SGMA (California Water Code 10721(n)); and

WHEREAS, SCGA's jurisdiction overlies a portion of the South American subbasin, as defined in California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Bulletin 118-03, classified as high priority; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSA be formed for high and medium priority groundwater subbasins in California by June 30, 2017 (California Water Code 10724); and

WHEREAS, SCGA understands on March 29, 2016 the Boards of Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) and Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) elected to become GSAs for portions of the South American subbasin within SCGA's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Ninety (90) days after DWR posts OHWD and SRCD's Notices of Formation as GSAs, those entities will be recognized as the exclusive SGMA groundwater management authority for their noticed areas, unless another local agency like SCGA submits a Notice of Formation identifying overlapping area of intended management (California Water Code 10723.8(c) and (d)); and

WHEREAS, If a Notice of GSA Formation is duly and timely filed that identifies area(s) of overlapping intended management, the decision to become GSAs shall not take effect until one of the notifications is withdrawn or modified to eliminate overlap in the areas proposed to be managed (California Water Code 10723.8(b)); and

WHEREAS, Before deciding to become a GSA, SCGA must specially publish and hold a public hearing to consider GSA formation within its jurisdictional area, and adopt a resolution forming the GSA within identified service area boundaries (California Water Code 10723(b); and

WHEREAS, SCGA has engaged with OHWD and SRCD and other local agencies within the South American subbasin that have expressed interest in SGMA groundwater management, and encouraged a collaborative process to basin-wide groundwater governance; and

WHEREAS, SCGA has ongoing coordination and communication with other groundwater management entities in the North American, South American, and Cosumnes subbasins; and

WHEREAS, SCGA wants to continue communication and collaboration with OHWD, SRCD, and other local agencies interested in SGMA groundwater management in the South American and Cosumnes subbasins to achieve basin-wide governance and inter-basin coordination in an efficient and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, SCGA has significant interest and investment in using its GMP and management authority for the sustainable management of groundwater within the South American subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the SCGA Board of Directors:

1. Directs SCGA staff to set a public hearing and provide the required notice and publication for SCGA's to form a GSA in the following areas of the South American subbasin as graphically depicted in Exhibit "A" to this resolution, incorporated by reference herein:
 - a. Within the territory identified as "Area 1", and
 - b. Within the territory identified as "Area 2", and
 - c. Within the territory identified as "Area 3".
2. Supports resolving competing or overlapping GSA formations within SCGA South American subbasin jurisdiction with expeditious intent, use of mediation services available in the region, and through continued coordination, communication, and collaboration with groundwater management interests in the region.

ON A MOTION by Director THOMPSON, and seconded by Director WILLIAMS, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of SCGA this 20th day of April, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors, BETIS, OENOSAK, SCHUBERT, WELDER, EWART, THANDI, RAMIREZ, QUINN


NOES: Directors, LOWRY, MAHON, NELSON

RECUSAL: Directors,
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

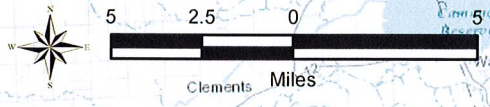
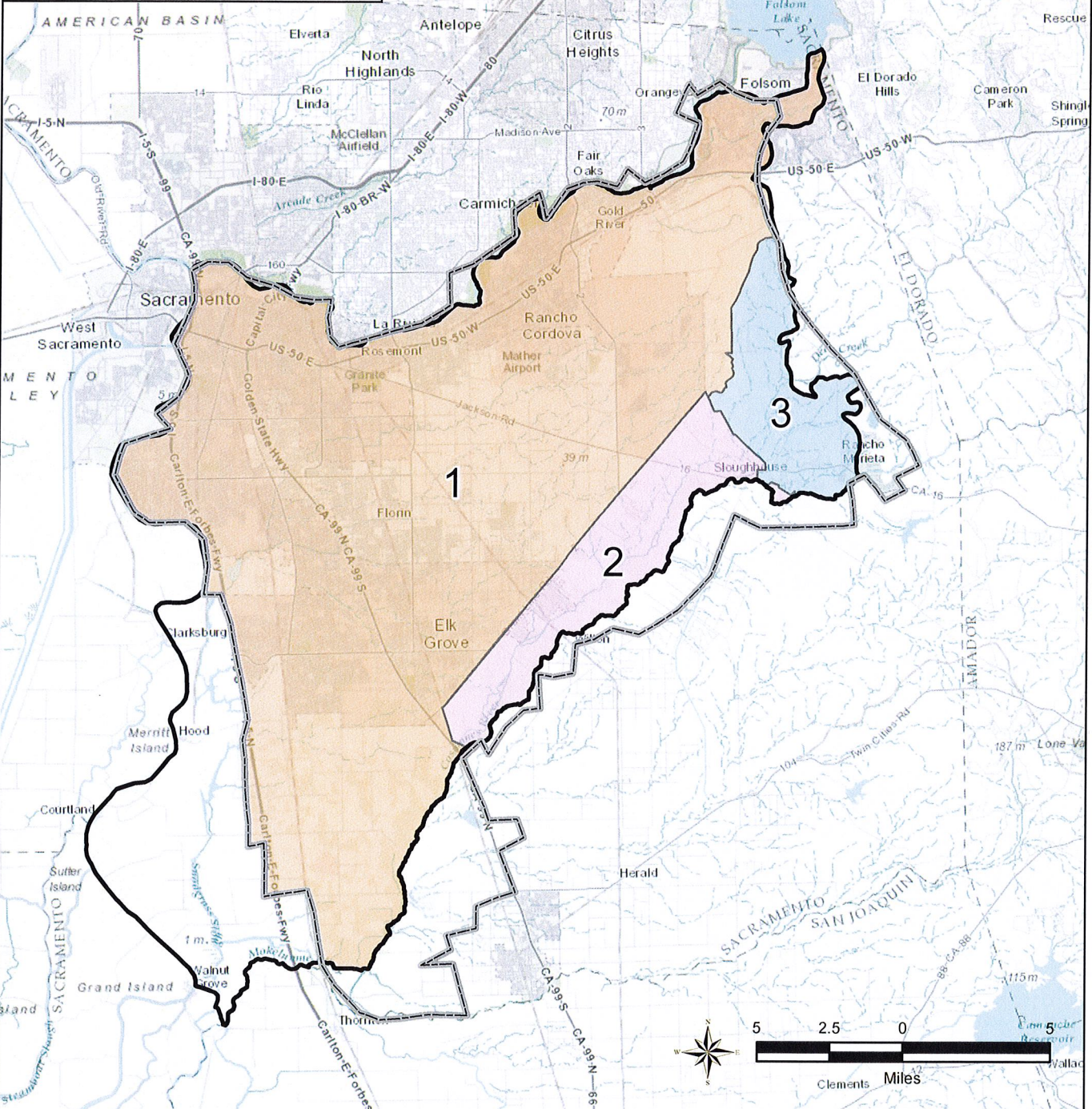
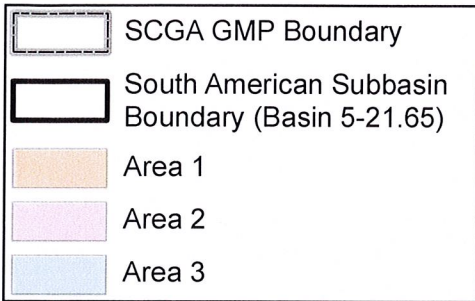
ABSENT: Directors, EISING, MARTEL

ABSTAIN: Directors,




Chair of the Board of Directors
of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority,
a duly formed Joint Powers Authority

ATTEST Bremmer
Clerk of the Board of Directors of
the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority



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SOURCE: Groundwater Subbasins, DWR Bulletin 118