

## **CITY OF MADERA**

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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 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.

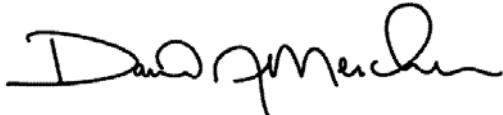
Pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the Water Code, the City of Madera GSA shall consider the interests and work cooperatively with all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability Plans. An initial list of interested parties has been developed for 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Merchen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

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Community Development Director

