NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION 16-01

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY

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 Kings Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723, subdivision (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, the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a joint powers authority, formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code §§ 6500, *et seq.*) consisting of multiple "local agencies" and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, California 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, California 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, the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a public hearing on December 7, 2016, after publication pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to be a GSA in the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency desires to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA, as defined in the California Water Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA and undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Kings Subbasin (Subbasin 5-22.08 of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by DWR Bulletin 118) underlying the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries.

2. The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered.

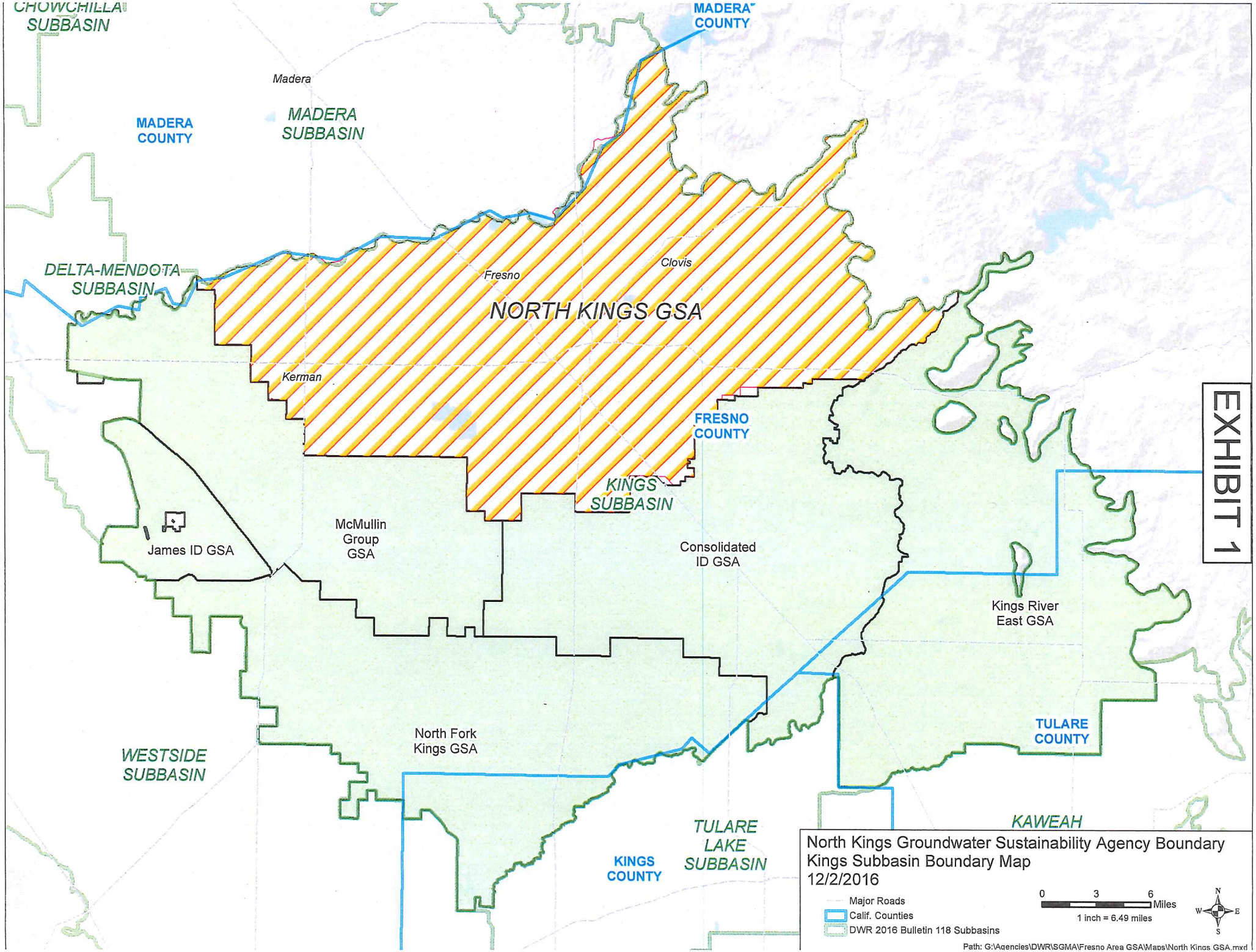
3. The North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors intends to negotiate a memorandum of understanding, participation agreement, and other necessary cooperative agreements or other forms of agreement with other agencies or entities utilizing groundwater in the Kings Subbasin, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of the Kings Subbasin pursuant to SGMA.

4. The Board of Directors of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is authorized to submit to DWR on behalf of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the California Water Code).

5. Staff is directed to send to DWR the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notification of its election to be a GSA and such notification shall include: the boundaries of the Subbasin that the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to manage, which shall include lands within the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "1", 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2016, by the following vote to wit:

DIRECTOR	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Director Prieto	✓			
Director Pacheco	✓			
Director Kienow	✓			
Director Hernandez	✓			
Director Flores	✓			
Director Swearengin				✓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North Fork Kings GSA
WESTSIDE SUBBASIN
TULARE COUNTY
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EXHIBIT 1
North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Boundary
Kings Subbasin Boundary Map
12/2/2016
Major Roads
Calif. Counties
DWR 2016 Bulletin 118 Subbasins
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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
NORTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
a California joint powers agency

I, Gary R. Serrato, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a California joint powers agency (the "Agency"); that the following is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Agency on the 7th day of December, 2016; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 7th day of December, 2016.

Gary R. Serrato, Secretary
North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency