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February 16, 2016

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Subject: *Notice of Intent to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency
City of Tracy - Tracy Subbasin*

Dear Mr. Norberg:

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the City of Tracy (City) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management for that portion of the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Basin No. 5-22.15) (Basin) that lies within the City. A map and shapefile showing the City limits, which is the proposed area of the GSA is enclosed (Exhibit A).

The City is in discussions with other agencies overlying the Basin, and is interested in working cooperatively with them. To the best of the City's knowledge, the other entities considering formation of a GSA within the Basin boundaries currently include:

Banta-Carbona Irrigation District
Byron-Bethany Irrigation District
San Joaquin County
South Delta Water Agency
West Side Irrigation District

The City has actively conducted outreach to agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders with an interest in groundwater management. The City will continue to work cooperatively with interested stakeholders within San Joaquin County, the surrounding areas, and the State of California concerning sustainable groundwater management.

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On February 2, 2016, the City of Tracy City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b), prior to its decision to become the GSA. The public hearing was noticed in accordance with Government Code Section 6066 (Exhibit B).

After holding the public hearing, the City Council adopted the enclosed resolution (Exhibit C) electing to become a GSA within the City boundaries. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities were adopted by the City at that time.

Pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, the City has developed a list of interested parties and will continue to amend the list as necessary during the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) development process. The City has considered, and will continue to consider, the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The City will solicit feedback and engage in discussions with other interested parties during GSP development. The interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

- a) Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:
 1. Agricultural users.
The City meets regularly with agricultural irrigation districts within the Basin.
 2. Domestic well owners.
The City will consider the interests of domestic well owners and conduct outreach efforts when and where appropriate.
- b) Municipal well operators.
The City operates nine municipal wells within its service area.
- c) Public water systems
The City will collaborate and work in close coordination with public water systems within the County to ensure reliable groundwater supplies in those service areas.
- d) Local land use planning agencies.
The City will recognize and consider the various land use planning authorities during GSP development.
- e) Environmental users of groundwater.
The City will work with any agencies proposing environmental uses of the groundwater within the Basin.
- f) Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.
The City is a surface water user. The City will collaborate with the surface water users in areas adjacent to the City and work to identify impacts to the interests of surface water users for consideration during GSP development.

- g) Federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.
The City has a contractual relationship with the United States Bureau of Reclamation, and will collaborate as appropriate with the federal government in development of the GSP.
- h) California Native Tribes. Not applicable.
- i) Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community systems.
The City will work with agencies within the Basin to collaborate with and consider the disadvantaged communities during GSP development.
- j) Entities listed in Water Code Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or part of a groundwater subbasin managed by the GSA.
The City will coordinate with San Joaquin County and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority to continue to collect data during GSP development.

The City intends to work cooperatively with other agencies, water providers, and other interested stakeholders regarding the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin. By this notification, the City has provided DWR with all applicable information in Water Code Section 10723.8(a). If further information is required, please contact me at 209 831-6356 or at SteveB@ci.tracy.ca.us.

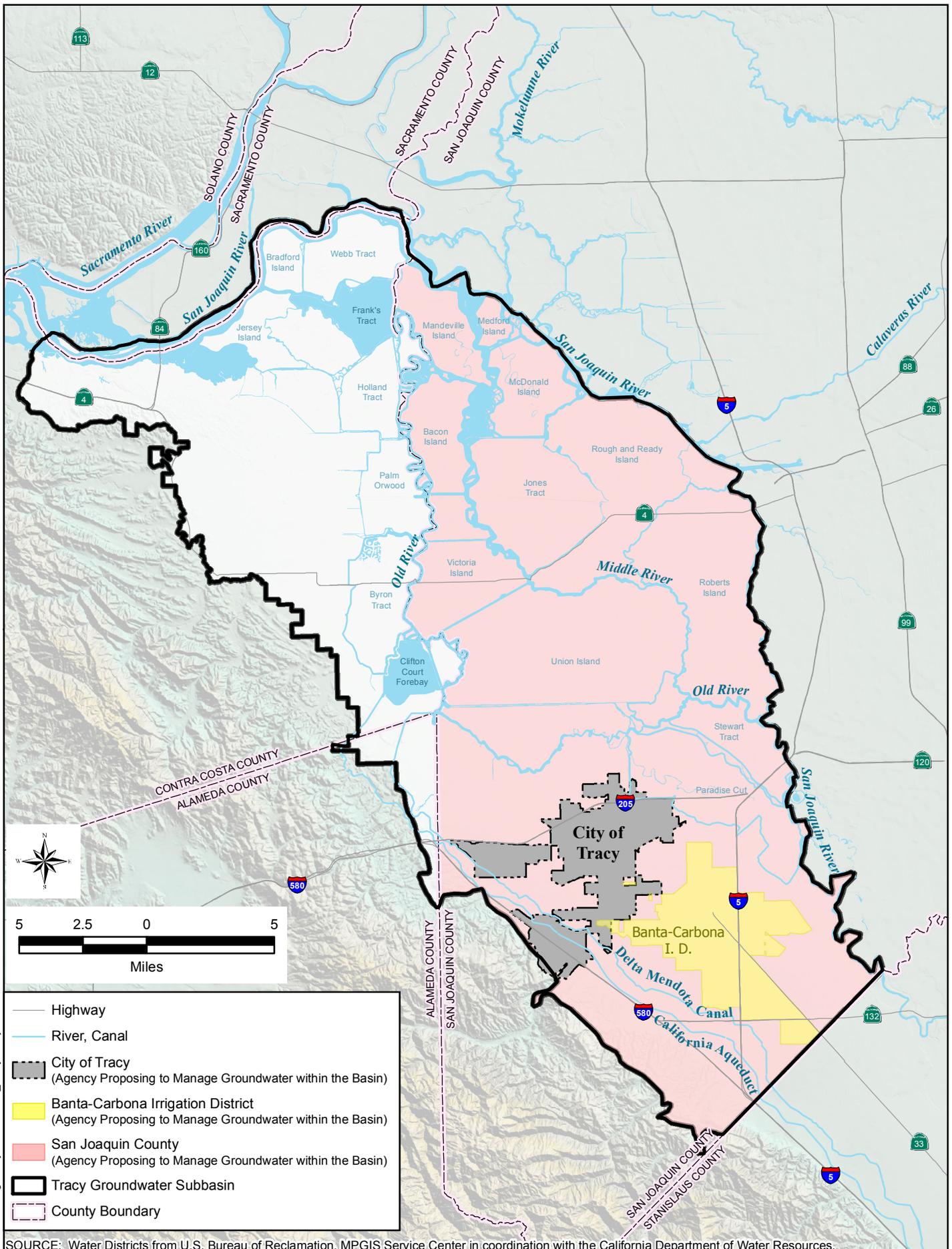
Very truly yours,



Steve Bayley
Project Specialist

Enclosures

cc: Kul Sharma



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SOURCE: Water Districts from U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, MPGIS Service Center in coordination with the California Department of Water Resources.

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CITY OF TRACY/UTILITIES
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In the matter of

San Joaquin Edition of the Tri-Valley Herald

I am a citizen of the United States; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the Legal Advertising Coordinator of the printer and publisher of The San Joaquin Edition of the Tri-Valley Herald, a newspaper published in the English language in the City of Tracy, County of San Joaquin, State of California.

I declare that The San Joaquin Edition of the Tri-Valley Herald is a newspaper of general circulation as defined by the laws of the State of California as determined by this court's order, dated Nov. 22, 1999 and affirmed on June 5, 2001, in the action ascertaining and establishing the standing of The San Joaquin Edition of the Tri-Valley Herald as a Newspaper of General Circulation in the City of Tracy, County of San Joaquin, State of California, Case Numbers CV008693 and C034887, within the meaning and intent of the Government Code of the State of California Sections 6020 and 6008. Said order has not been revoked, vacated, or set aside.

I declare that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published at each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

01/15/2016, 01/22/2016

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

Dated: January 22, 2016



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF TRACY

A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Tracy on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Tracy City Hall, 333 Civic Center Plaza, Tracy, to consider public testimony on whether the City should elect to act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) for the portion of the Tracy Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin within the city limits of the City of Tracy.

All interested persons are invited to be present and to submit statements in writing before the meeting or orally during the meeting. Written comments should be submitted to the City to the attention of Steve Bayley, Project Specialist, no later than 12:00 noon on February 1, 2016 (one day before the hearing), at 520 Tracy Boulevard, Tracy, 95376 or at Steve.Bayley@ci.tracy.ca.us. The City Council, at the close of the hearing, may take action to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Information concerning this matter may be obtained at the Utilities Department, 3900 Holly Drive, (209) 831-4047.

NORA PIMENTAL
CITY CLERK
SJT VH #5652718; January 15, 22, 2016

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RESOLUTION 2016-026

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF TRACY AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE TRACY SUB-BASIN WITHIN THE CITY OF TRACY

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), became law on September 16, 2014, and

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

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the groundwater under Tracy to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and

WHEREAS, SGMA delineates a deadline for formation of a GSA for the Tracy sub-basin of June 30, 2017, and

WHEREAS, The SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA, and

WHEREAS, The City of Tracy is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA, and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA 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, and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency electing to be a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin, and

WHEREAS, The City is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant of Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA was published on January 15, 2016 and January 22, 2016 in the Tri Valley Herald San Joaquin edition, and

WHEREAS, The City held a public hearing on February 2, 2016, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council hereby elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for that portion of the Tracy Sub-basin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin within the city limits of the City of Tracy, and directs staff to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law.

The foregoing Resolution 2016-026 was passed and adopted by Tracy City Council on the 2nd day of February, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: MITRACOS, VARGAS, YOUNG, RICKMAN, MACIEL

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

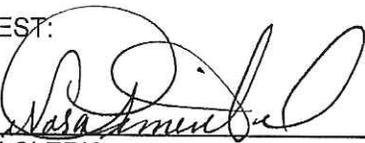
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: NONE



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK