

SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-1

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST 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 TULARE LAKE 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 Tulare Lake 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 Southwest 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 Tulare Lake 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 Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a public hearing on March 8, 2017, 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 Tulare Lake Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest 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 SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. The Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA and undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin (Subbasin 5-022.12 of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by DWR Bulletin 118) underlying the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries.
2. The Southwest 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 Southwest 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 Tulare Lake Subbasin, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of the Tulare Lake Subbasin pursuant to SGMA.
4. The Board of Directors of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is authorized to submit to DWR on behalf of the Southwest 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. Agency consultants/staff are directed to send to DWR the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notification of its election to be a GSA and such notification shall include: (i) the boundaries of the Subbasin that the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to management, which shall include lands within the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "1", (ii) a copy of this Resolution, (iii) a list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of SGMA, and (iv) 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 8th day of March, 2017, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
a California joint powers agency**

I, Steve Jackson, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Southwest 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 8th day of March, 2017; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

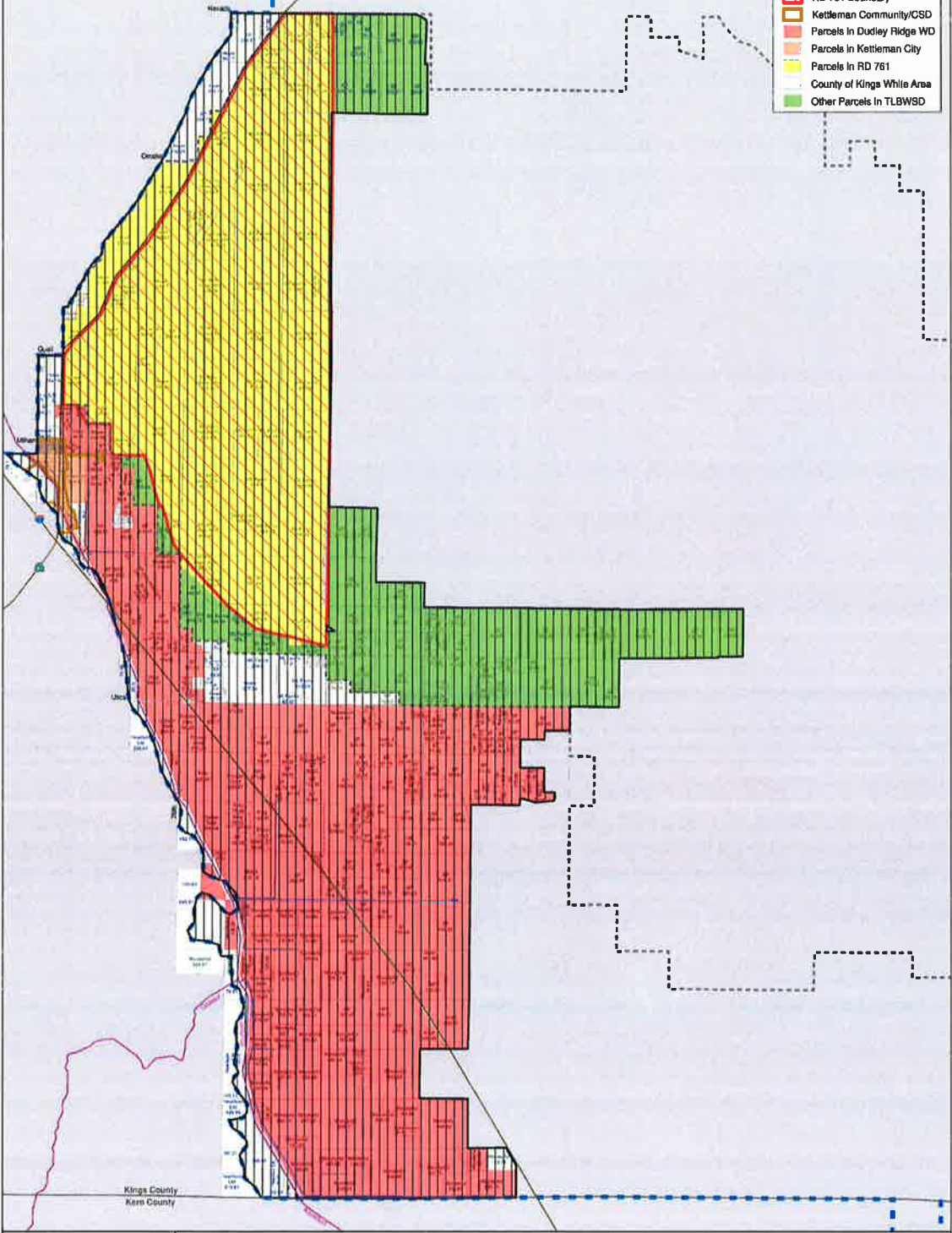
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 8th day of March, 2017.



Steve Jackson, Secretary
Southwest Kings Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

EXHIBIT "1"

- Aqueduct
- Highway
- Southwest Kings GSA
- Tulare Lake GW Sub Basin
- TLBWS
- RD 761 Boundary
- Kettleman Community/CSD
- Parcels in Dudley Ridge WD
- Parcels in Kettleman City
- Parcels in RD 761
- County of Kings White Area
- Other Parcels in TLBWS



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