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April 26, 2016

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RE: Notice of the Aliso Water District's Intent to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin

Dear Mr. Nordberg,

This letter serves as notification to the California Department of Water Resources that the Aliso Water District (AWD) has elected to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a) and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, as proposed, of the San Joaquin Valley Basin (Basin) located within the boundary identified in **Exhibit A**. At this time, no other entity has elected to become or has provided notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of their formation of, or intent to form a GSA to manage aforementioned portions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

A public hearing was advertised **(Exhibit B)** and then held on April 26th, in which the Aliso Water District Board of Directors allowed public comment and approved a resolution electing to serve as a GSA **(Exhibit C)** for a portion of the proposed Delta-Mendota Subbasin. No new bylaws, ordinances, or other new authorities were adopted in connection with this resolution to serve as GSA.

The Aliso Water District currently lies within both the Delta-Mendota and Madera Subbasins. A Basin Boundary Modification was filed with DWR for the purpose of relocating the boundary between the Delta-Mendota and Madera Basins to the east of the Aliso Water District, which will allow the AWD to reside completely within the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin. AWD has determined that groundwater may flow across this modified boundary, and as such, it will seek to engage GSAs that may be formed in the Madera and Kings Subbasins. AWD anticipates the need to enter into intra- and inter-basin agreements to ensure that Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) are coordinated and satisfy applicable regulations developed under SGMA.

For a detailed list of interested parties and stakeholders, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and development and implementation of the GSP, see **Exhibit D** attached hereto.

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Should you have any questions or require additional information with regard to this notice, please contact Joe Mendes, Board President, at (559) 659-1483.

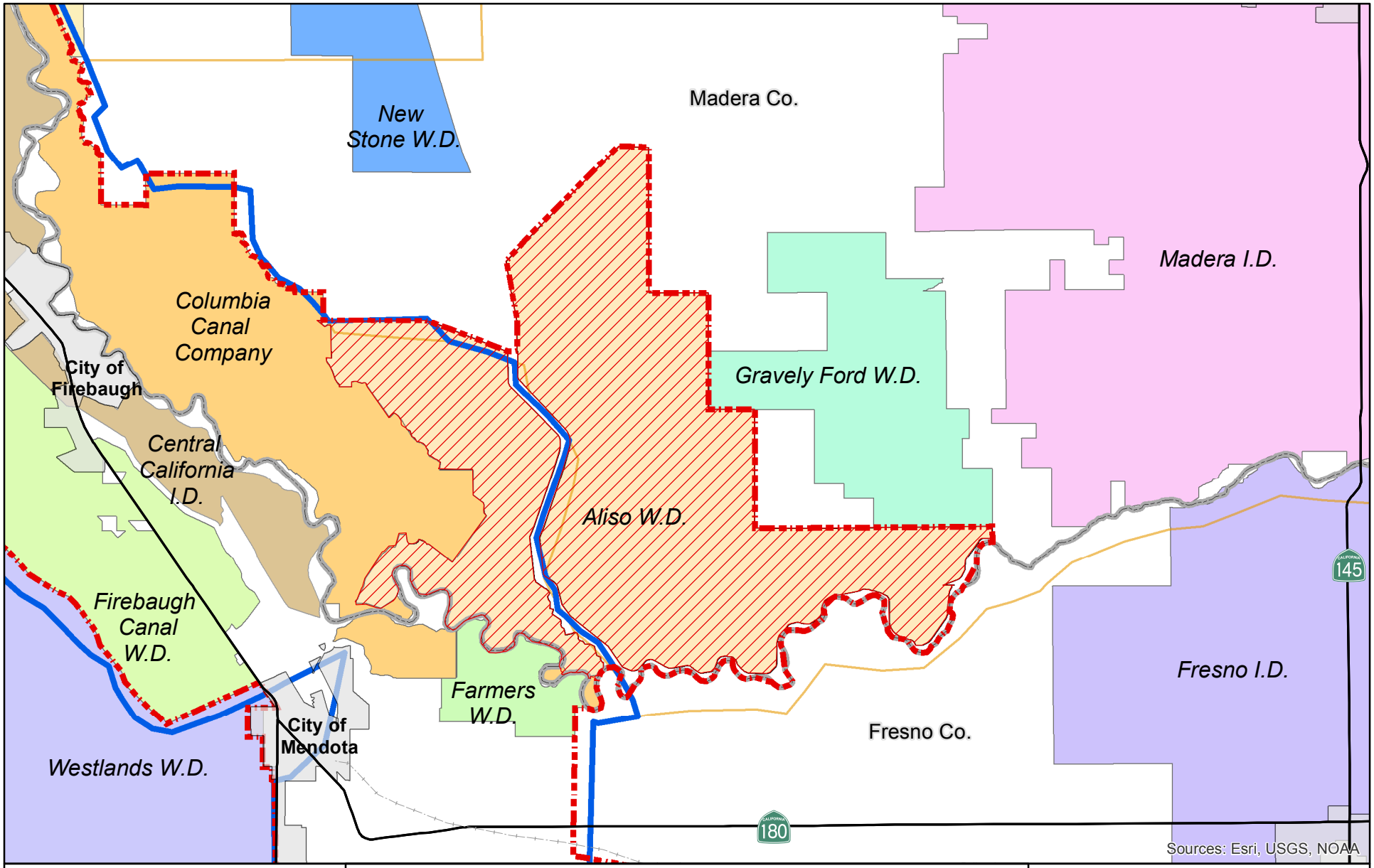
Regards,

Joe Mendes
Board President

Attachments

Exhibit A:	Map of GSA Boundaries (GIS shape file to follow)
Exhibit B:	Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Water Code 10723(b)
Exhibit C:	Resolution
Exhibit D:	List of Interested Parties per Water Code 10728.8(a)

Exhibit A



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- Aliso WD GSA Boundary
- Proposed Delta-Mendota Subbasin
- Existing Delta-Mendota Subasin
- DWR Bulletin 118 GW Subbasins
- City
- County Line

Aliso Water District GSA

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Exhibit B

Proof of Publication

(2015.5 C.C.P.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 26, 2016

RE: ALISO WATER DISTRICT

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
County of Madera)

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the Madera Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Madera, County of Madera, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Madera, State of California, under the date of November 9, 1966, Case Number 4875 that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

APRIL 9, 16, 2016

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

Signature

Date: April 16, 2016

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Aliso Water District will hold a public hearing during its board meeting on April 26, 2016, at 1:30 PM at the Aliso Water District office, 10302 Avenue 7-1/2, Firebaugh, California 93622.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that the Aliso Water District act as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency under Water Code Section 10723 for the portion of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Sub-basin within the Aliso Water District, prior to the board adopting a resolution.

The hearing is open to the public and any person present will have the opportunity to be heard. For further information regarding this matter, please contact Joe Mendes, Board President, at (559) 659-1483

No. 2838 - April 9, 16, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALISO WATER DISTRICT

REGARDING THE ALISO WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR A PORTION OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Aliso Water District (District) is a local agency as defined under SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, prior to GSA formation, as outlined in the California Water Code, a public hearing must take place after which the District can adopt a Resolution to form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on April 26, 2016 at 1:30 PM after publication of Notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

1. The Aliso Water District hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the proposed Delta-Mendota Subbasin within the jurisdictional boundaries of the District.

2. Within 30 days of this Resolution, the Board President is directed to submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8(a)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned hereby certifies that I am the Secretary of Aliso Water District and that the foregoing Resolution was authorized by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly held on April 26, 2016, at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand this 26th day of April, 2016.

Carson Smith, Secretary

Aliso Water District

Interested Parties

Aliso Water District (AWD) has identified the following interested parties as defined in Water Code Section 10723.2. It is anticipated that the list may be modified and amended during GSP development. AWD will consider all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, as well as others responsible for developing GSPs within the Subbasin and, as appropriate, within adjacent subbasins that are hydrogeologically connected. AWD will solicit feedback and engage with interested parties during GSP development. Interested parties include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Holders of overlying groundwater rights, including:

1. Agriculture users

AWD is comprised of several agriculture landowners that rely on groundwater for irrigation and therefore relationships already exist.

2. Domestic users

There are domestic wells within AWD's service area located at residences of landowners and landowner employees.

B. Municipal well operators

There are no municipal well operators within AWD's service area.

C. Public water systems

There are no public water systems within AWD's service area.

D. Local land use planning agencies

Madera County is the local planning agency with authority covering AWD’s service area.

E. Environmental users of groundwater

There are no environmental users of groundwater within AWD's service area.

F. Surface water users

There is no hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater flows.

There are several surface water features adjacent to AWD's service area: the San Joaquin River runs along the southern boundary of the GSA; the Chowchilla Bypass runs through the middle of the AWD GSA Service area.

G. The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands.

There are no Federal Lands within AWD's service area.

H. California Native American Tribes

There are no California Native American Tribes within AWD's service area.

I. Disadvantaged communities

There are no disadvantaged communities within AWD's service area.

J. Entities listed in Water Code section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater Basin managed by the GSA.

The Madera-Chowchilla CASGEM group currently covers the AWD service area, and The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority is the CASGEM monitoring entity for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.