



**County Administration
Office
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ALLEN ISHIDA
District One
PETE VANDER POEL
District Two
PHILLIP A. COX
District Three
J. STEVEN WORTHLEY
District Four
MIKE ENNIS
District Five

AGENDA DATE: November 8, 2016 - **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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SUBJECT: Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive an update on the Kings River East Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation; and
2. Appoint Supervisor Worthley as Director; and
3. Appoint a Supervisor as an Alternate Director to the Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board.

SUMMARY:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect January 1, 2015. SGMA requires that local water agencies within all medium and high-priority sub-basins form one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). GSAs must be formed by June 30, 2017 and GSPs must be adopted by January 1, 2020. The Kings Sub-basin, as defined in Bulletin 118 is one such Sub-basin.

Since late 2014 the public agencies in the Kings River East region (map attached) of the Kings Sub-basin have been meeting to discuss the implementation of SGMA. The meetings were convened by Alta Irrigation District and resulted in a Special Act District being formed by SB 37 (Vidak). The Bill was signed into law by Governor Brown on September 16, 2016.

The legislation requires that Tulare County appoint a Director and an Alternate Director to serve on the GSA Board. Supervisor Worthley has been attending the meetings of the GSA group. The GSA Board will have their first official meeting in

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January 2017. The GSA is within District 4.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be costs associated with participation in the GSA to carryout SGMA. The cost is unknown as it is dependent upon costs incurred in connection with the GSA and will be borne by the parties based on acreage. The projected cost for FY17 is approximately \$70,000 and is included in the Adopted Budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

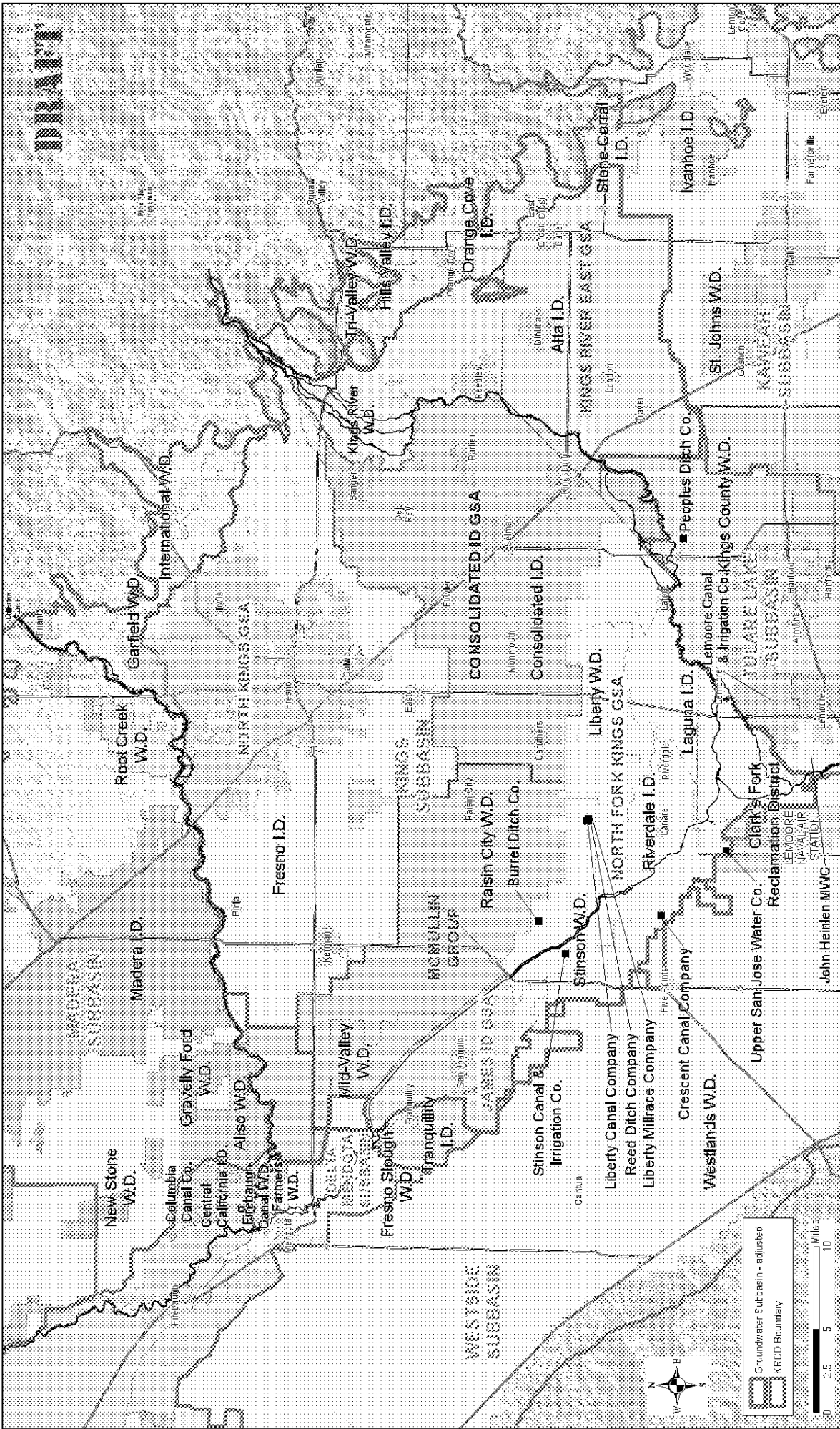
Organizational Performance: Partnering with other jurisdictions to address common goals improves the quality of efforts and is economically advantageous to all jurisdictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Denise England
Deputy CAO- Government Policy and Programs

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Kings River East GSA Map



Kings Groundwater Subbasin Proposed SGMA GSAs

DISCLAIMER:
This is a preliminary draft map. It will be edited frequently. Any features have been added, removed or modified in order to comply with the requirements of the SGMA. Changes to the map will be made as additional information is received. The map is for informational purposes only and does not constitute a final proposed regional GSA coverage areas.