

SOLANO SUBBASIN

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Roland Sanford
Solano County Water Agency

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: Berryessa Room
Solano County Water Agency Office
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203
Vacaville

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Limited to 5 minutes for any one item not scheduled on the Agenda.

5. **CONSENT ITEMS**

(A) Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of February 8, 2018 is recommended.

6. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS** (*estimated time: 5 minutes*)

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

7. **SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT** (*estimated time: 5 minutes*)

RECOMMENDATION: For information only.

8. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SGMA FOR SOLANO SUBBASIN

(estimated time: 10 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Chairman to sign the amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin, designating effective date of MOU as November 29, 2017; or
2. Authorize Secretary to sign amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin for all non-substantive changes or amendments.

9. PROPOSED BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS TO SOLANO SUBBASIN

(estimated time: 20 minutes)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive staff report on update to proposed basin boundary modifications to the Solano Subbasin.
2. Authorize Secretary to sign letter of support or letter of opposition to Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Agency basin boundary modification to the Solano Subbasin-dependent on Reclamation Districts 150, 307, and 999 actions.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the SCWA offices.

The Full Board of Directors packet with background materials for each agenda item can be viewed on the Agency's website at

www.scwa2.com/resources-management/ground-water/solano-gsa-bod

**SOLANO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2018

The Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors met this evening at the Solano County Water Agency Offices. Present were:

Mayor Ronald Kott, City of Rio Vista
Supervisor John Vasquez, Solano County District 4
Supervisor Skip Thomson, Solano County District 5
Director Dale Crossley, Reclamation District 2068
Director John Rotteveel, Solano County Farm Bureau
Director Russ Lester, Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee
Director Kurt Balasek, Solano Resource Conservation District

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Thomson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Supervisor Vasquez and a second by Director Rotteveel the Board unanimously approved the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Last June, when this Agency was formed-the Board chose to elect officers on a rotational basis of the three different representative groupings. The Chair and Vice Chair for 2017 were Supervisor Skip Thomson and Mayor Norman Richardson, respectively. The Board could follow past practice or choose another method to elect officers.

Supervisor Vasquez made a motion to have Supervisor Thomson continue on as the Chair and elect Mayor Kott as the Vice-Chair since the Board has really only met a handful of times, there was a second by Mayor Kott and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

CONSENT ITEMS

On a motion by Director Rotteveel and a second by Supervisor Vasquez the Board unanimously approved the minutes from the November 9, 2017 Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

There were no Board Member reports.

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Staff reported that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has preliminarily recommended that the Solano Subbasin be awarded \$1 million towards development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). DWR has also preliminarily awarded the Freshwater Trust (FWT) \$490,000 towards outreach of severely disadvantaged communities within the subbasin. The award to the FWT should alleviate some of the costs of the GSP.

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) has initial notification requirements that Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) must follow prior to development of a GSP. The GSA shall provide a written statement describing the manner in which interested parties may participate in the development and implementation of the GSP.

A plan manager for the GSP should be designated. A plan manager is an employee or authorized representative of a GSA (or GSAs), appointed through a coordination agreement or other agreement, who has been delegated management authority for submitting the GSP and serving as the point of contact between the GSA (or GSAs) and the DWR.

Staff recommended amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin, designating staff as the Plan Manager for the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

Supervisor Vasquez recommended that the Plan Manager be the General Manager of the Solano County Water Agency or designee.

Staff requested Board authorization to prepare and advertise a Request for Proposals to develop a GSP for the Solano Subbasin.

DWR is offering Facilitation Support Services (FSS) to assist GSAs with the development of GSPs. The purpose of the FSS is to help GSAs and their associated stakeholders reach consensus on potentially contentious water management topics, as GSP development proceeds. Staff requested authorization to submit an application to DWR for FSS services, in support of Solano Subbasin GSP development.

On a motion by Director Lester and a second by Director Crossley, the Board unanimously elected to amend the Cooperative MOU, to designate staff as the Plan Manager for the GSP, to authorize staff to develop and advertise an RFP for GSP development, and to authorize staff to submit an application to DWR for FSS.

PROPOSED BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE SOLANO SUBBASIN

SGMA established a process for local agencies to request DWR to revise boundaries of existing groundwater basins or subbasins, including establishing new subbasins.

The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency is currently working with Reclamation Districts 150 and 999 and submitted a basin boundary modification (BBM) request to DWR to modify the Yolo Subbasin boundaries. As shown on the attached map, staff suggest that this BBM might splinter the subbasin a bit-and merits further discussion.

Staff will meet with the Yolo Groundwater Agency and the aforementioned Reclamation Districts to understand this BBM request. Staff believe it be more prudent for all three Reclamation Districts to either remain in the Solano Subbasin for continuity or move all three into the Yolo subbasin.

Staff will provide regular updates to the Board on this matter and it will certainly come back to the Board before the June 30th deadline to submit comments on BBMs.

The Sacramento County GSA also submitted a BMM request to DWR affecting the Solano Subbasin. Staff have reviewed their BBM request to add approximately 600 acres of water and land of West Island to the Solano Subbasin, removing it from the Tracy Subbasin. This would reduce the number of overall groundwater basins in Sacramento County from five to four. The general information provided to the DWR from Sacramento County's initial notification request appears to be a reasonable jurisdictional modification.

On a motion by Director Balasek and a second my Mayor Kott, the Board unanimously approved authorization for the Chair to sign a letter of support for the Sacramento GSA BBM effort.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The time and place of the next meeting was tentatively set for Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m., at the SCWA offices.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting of the Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board of Directors was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Roland Sanford
Secretary to the Solano Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency

SOLANO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Roland Sanford, Secretary

DATE: April 12, 2018

SUBJECT: April 2018 Secretary Report

Proposition 1 Funding Request to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

On November 29, 2017 the Agency, in cooperation with other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) in the Solano Subbasin, submitted a Proposition 1 grant proposal to the Department of Water Resources (DWR), seeking one million dollars to develop a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Solano Subbasin. The grant proposal was successful and on April 5, 2018 DWR finalized the award – one million dollars. In addition to the Agency’s proposal, DWR also awarded the Freshwater Trust, a non-profit based in Portland, Oregon \$490,000 dollars for public outreach to severely disadvantaged communities in the Solano Subbasin.

Support Services to Develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Pursuant to Board direction, staff, with the assistance of the Solano GSA Technical Advisory Committee (Solano GSA TAC), has prepared and advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consulting expertise in support of Groundwater Sustainability Plan development. Proposals are due April 16, 2018. A subcommittee of the Solano GSA TAC, along with representatives from the other participating GSA’s in the Solano Subbasin, will be evaluating and ranking proposals in late April.

Facilitation Support Services

Staff has requested and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) has agreed to provide approximately 252 hours of facilitation support services to assist with the development of a Groundwater Management Plan for the Solano Subbasin. Ag Innovations – the same firm that assisted with GSA formation for the Solano Subbasin – will provide the facilitation services, which in general terms, include assistance with project management, strategic planning, facilitation/mediation, and public outreach

Groundwater Sustainability Plan Workshop

Staff is recommending the Board, along with the Board of Directors from other GSA's in the Solano Subbasin hold a joint workshop facilitated by Ag Innovations to discuss Groundwater Sustainability Plan development and foster cooperation among the various GSA's in the Solano Subbasin. Ideally, the workshop would be held at the beginning of the next fiscal year – possibly on August 9, 2018, either before or in lieu of the regularly scheduled Solano Subbasin GSA Board of Directors meeting.

**ACTION OF
SOLANO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

DATE: April 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize Chairman to sign amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin, designating effective date of MOU as November 29, 2017; or
2. Authorize Secretary to sign amended Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin for all non-substantive changes or amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

Staff recommends amending the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Cooperative Implementation of SGMA for the Solano Subbasin, designating the effective date of the MOU as November 29, 2017. Staff is also recommending authorization of the Secretary to sign the MOU on behalf of the Agency in instances of non-substantive changes. The MOU was approved and signed by the Chairman of the Solano GSA Board on October 12, 2017.

The Solano Irrigation District GSA signed the amended MOU on March 27th. The Vacaville GSA is anticipating signature from their City Attorney in the second or third week of April. The Sacramento GSA is waiting to sign after Vacaville, to make sure there are no further changes. Given the possibility of additional minor changes to the MOU and the need of the signed amended MOU to submit the pending GSP Notification package to DWR, it is recommended to authorize the Secretary to sign the MOU on behalf of the Agency. It is also recommended to

Recommended: _____
Roland Sanford, Secretary

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Modification to Recommendation and/or other actions:

I, Roland Sanford, Secretary to the Solano Groundwater Sustainability Agency, do hereby certify that the foregoing action was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by said Board of Directors at a regular meeting thereof held on April 12, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Roland Sanford
Secretary to the
Solano Groundwater Sustainability Agency

wait to sign the amended MOU until after the Vacaville GSA signs the amended MOU.

The original effective date was to be when the last party signed the MOU, however it has been suggested to change it to the date when we applied for the GSP grant. The MOU will expire on November 29, 2019, 24 months from the effective date. At or before that time, an MOU or other legal instrument will be developed for Board review to describe how the various GSAs will work together on developing the Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COOPERATIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT IN THE SOLANO SUBBASIN
(March 15, 2018)**

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("**MOU**") between the SOLANO SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**Solano GSA**"), the CITY OF VACAVILLE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**Vacaville GSA**"), SOLANO IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**SID GSA**"), the NORTHERN DELTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**ND GSA**"), SACRAMENTO COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**SAC GSA**"), RECLAMATION DISTRICT 501 ("**150 GSA**"), and RECLAMATION DISTRICT 999 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY ("**999 GSA**"), each of which is referred to as a "**Party**" and collectively "**Parties**," is made and effective as of the last date on which all of the Parties listed below have executed this MOU ("Effective Date").

1. RECITALS

a. In September 2014, the Governor signed three bills (SB 1168, SB 1319, and AB 1739) into law creating the Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (the "**Act**").

b. The Act requires the formation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("**GSA**") that will be responsible for implementing provisions of the Act as to each groundwater basin and groundwater subbasin falling within the provisions of the Act.

c. The Parties overlie the Solano Subbasin, identified in the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Bulletin 118 as Groundwater Basin Number 5-21-66 ("**Basin**"), portions of which underlie the jurisdictional boundaries of each Party.

d. The Parties can each exercise powers related to groundwater management and/or land use within their jurisdictional boundaries and qualify individually to serve as a GSA under the provisions of the Act;

e. Under the Act, each Party that has determined to be a GSA and has notified DWR of its intention to become a GSA and that it would be responsible for assuming its regulatory role by June 30, 2017.

f. Each Party that is a GSA has authority to prepare, adopt and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("**GSP**"); and the Parties wish to work cooperatively to determine if such action can be jointly accomplished in a mutually beneficial manner.

g. Those Parties that are GSAs have elected to work collaboratively in order to determine their respective roles and the manner in which they will implement the Act and adopt a proposed single GSP for the Basin.

h. The Parties wish to provide a framework for cooperative efforts relative to implementation of the Act in the Basin, to help ensure that the Act is implemented in the Basin effectively, efficiently, fairly, and at the lowest reasonable cost.

The Parties wish to coordinate to secure and administer grant funds through any available source.

THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED AMONG THE PARTIES:

2. **PURPOSE.** This MOU is entered into by and among the Parties to: (a) facilitate a cooperative and ongoing working relationship that will allow them to explore, study, evaluate and (to the extent the Parties agree) develop and implement mutually beneficial approaches and strategies for implementing the Act in the Basin, (b) allow the Parties to work together to develop one or more GSPs to cover all portions of the Basin within Solano County prior to the deadline set under SGMA and (c) to apply for and administer grant funds.

3. **ADOPTION OF GSP.** The Parties intend that this MOU guide their joint activities while they are exploring, studying, evaluating, and developing GSPs. While each of the Parties reserve the right to adopt and implement its own GSP within its boundaries, the Parties shall regularly confer on the potential for development of one GSP for the Basin, or the coordination of multiple GSPs for the Basin.

4. **SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY.** The Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) shall assume the role of facilitator for the Solano Subbasin GSP development. This facilitation shall include;

- a. Coordination of regular or as-needed meetings, including meetings of the GSA Coordination Committee (Section 5, below), which will entail setting meeting agendas, facilitating the meeting, and keeping records of the meetings as appropriate.
- b. Coordination of GSP submissions to ensure that the GSPs satisfy the requirements of SGMA, which will include assembly and submittal of the final coordinated GSP packages to DWR.
- c. Coordination of grant funding opportunities and administering funding made available through successful grant applications.

5. **GSA COORDINATION COMMITTEE.** The GSA Coordination Committee, also known as the Solano Collaborative, shall oversee and implement this MOU. Each Party shall designate an appointee for the GSA Coordination Committee to act as a principal contact person for that Party, who may be changed from time to time, to participate on such Party's behalf in activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU. Parties may designate consultants or alternates to participate in the GSA Coordination Committee. Staff or consultants representing members of each GSA that is a Party to this MOU may also attend GSA Coordination Committee meetings.

6. **DECISION MAKING PROCESS.** To promote cooperation, it is the goal of the Parties that all actions undertaken under this MOU are done by unanimous consent of the members of the GSA Coordination Committee. The Parties shall use their best efforts to find a mutually agreeable result; however, in the event of an impasse or disagreement the decision will be made by a majority vote of the members of the GSA Coordination Committee. Decisions of the GSA Coordination Committee would be forwarded as recommendations to the various GSA Governing Boards for final decision making. If there is an impasse at any of the GSA Boards, the process will be to send back the recommendation to the GSA Coordination Committee for further refinement.

It is the intent of the Parties that the only major decisions to be made at this point are whether to develop a single GSP for the subbasin and decisions regarding the submittal of one or more grant applications to help fund those efforts.

The Solano GSA will designate staff, the General Manager, or designee, of the Solano County Water Agency, as the plan manager of the GSP, for the purposes of developing and submitting the GSP Initial Notification and to serve as the point of contact between the GSAs in the subbasin and the Department of Water Resources.

As described in Section 12.b below, an amendment to this MOU or another legal instrument will be utilized to describe the roles, responsibilities, funding, and detailed elements of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and how those decisions will be made and codified if a single GSP is developed for the subbasin.

7. **FUNDING.** Each Party shall bear all costs it incurs with respect to its activities under this MOU, including, without limitation, costs relative to adoption of the proposed GSP in which they wish to participate.

8. **GRANT FUNDING.** The Parties shall coordinate to secure and administer grant funding through any available source, including the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program administered by DWR.

- a. The Parties agree to prepare a joint application for funding from the DWR Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program at the earliest opportunity.
- b. The Parties agree to prepare a joint application for any other funding source where appropriate and in the spirit of furthering sustainable management of groundwater resources in the Basin.
- c. If a GSA's management area is administratively removed from the Basin, or is re-designated as a low-priority basin, said GSA shall not receive any compensation from the Parties for in-kind services or contributed funding towards preparation of a GSP.

9. **ONGOING COOPERATION.** The Parties acknowledge that activities under this MOU will require frequent interaction between them in order to explore opportunities and resolve issues that arise. The Parties agree to cooperate and coordinate on issues relating to the determination of the boundaries of the respective GSAs, in order to ensure that all parcels of land in the Solano

Subbasin are included in a GSA, are not included in more than one GSA, and that any parcels annexing to a city are properly detached from a GSA in the unincorporated area and added to the city only GSA. The Parties shall work cooperatively and in good faith. The goal of the Parties shall be to preserve flexibility with respect to the adoption of a GSP to maximize the mutual benefits to the Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted to require the Parties to jointly implement a GSP, and each Party reserves the unrestricted authority and right to determine whether it wishes to adopt its own GSP or adopt a GSP with one or more of the other Parties.

10. **CONFIDENTIALITY.** The Parties acknowledge that, in connection with their mutual activities under this MOU, each of them may share sensitive and/or confidential information with the other Parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each of the Parties shall maintain any information, documents, or materials shared by the other Parties or mutually developed pursuant to this MOU in confidence and shall not voluntarily provide or reveal such information, documents or materials to any third party. If any Party receives a request or order from a third party that the receiving Party believes requires it to disclose any such information, documents or materials, the receiving Party shall (i) immediately notify the other Parties and provide them with a copy of such request or order, and (ii) notify the other Parties of any disclosure of such information, documents, or materials.

11. **NOTICES.** Any formal notice or other formal communication given under the terms of this MOU shall be in writing and shall be given personally, by electronic mail, or by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, at the street or electronic mail addresses beneath the recipient's signature line on this MOU. The date of receipt of the notice shall be the date of actual personal service, or confirmed email transmission, or three days after the postmark on certified mail.

12. **MISCELLANEOUS.**

a. Entire Agreement. This MOU incorporates the entire and exclusive agreement of the Parties with respect to the matters described herein and supersedes all prior negotiations and agreements (written, oral, or otherwise) related thereto.

b. Termination. This MOU shall remain in effect for twenty-four (24) months from November 29, 2017, the date of the submittal of the Proposition 1 Grant Application to the State of California, Department of Water Resources, unless terminated by the mutual written consent of the Parties, or upon thirty (30) days' written notice of termination delivered by one Party to the others that is not withdrawn prior to the specified termination date; provided, that upon termination by one Party, the remaining Parties may by mutual written agreement continue this MOU in effect as between the nonterminating Parties. No Party shall be liable to any other if it elects to terminate this MOU. It is the intent of the Parties to develop a new agreement, or amend/extend the current agreement prior to the termination of this MOU as development of the GSP components, including, but not limited to, potential Special Management Areas, will better define roles and responsibilities of the GSAs participating in the GSP.

c. Severability. Should any provision of this MOU be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, in excess of a Party's authority, or otherwise unenforceable, the validity of the remaining provisions of this MOU shall not be affected thereby.

d. Amending the MOU. This MOU may only be amended by a subsequent writing, approved and signed by all Parties.

e. Hold Harmless. No Party, nor any officer or employee of a Party, shall be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by another Party under or in connection with this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this MOU as of the date first above written.

[Signatures and Addresses for Notice on the Following Pages]

Solano GSA

Supervisor Skip Thomson
Chair, Solano Subbasin GSA

Solano Subbasin GSA
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203
Vacaville, CA 95688

Date: _____

Vacaville Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Jeremy T. Craig
City Manager

City of Vacaville
650 Merchant Street
Vacaville, CA 95688

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melinda C.H. Stewart
City Attorney

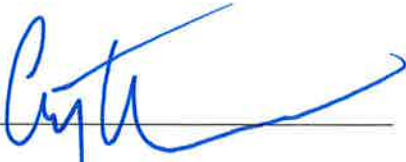
Sacramento County GSA

Michael L. Peterson
Director

827 7th Street, Room 301
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date: _____

Solano Irrigation District GSA



Cary Keaten,
General Manager Solano Irrigation District



John D. Kluge,
Board President, Solano Irrigation District

Solano Irrigation District
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 201
Vacaville, CA 95688

Date: _____

**ACTION OF
SOLANO GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

DATE: April 12, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed Basin Boundary Modifications to Solano Subbasin

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Receive staff report on update to proposed basin boundary modifications to the Solano Subbasin.
2. Authorize Secretary to sign letter of support or letter of opposition to Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Agency basin boundary modification to the Solano Subbasin-dependent on Reclamation Districts 150, 307, and 999 actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

BACKGROUND:

The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (Yolo GSA) is currently working with Reclamation Districts 150 (RD 150) and 999 (RD 999) and has drafted a basin boundary modification (BBM) request for possible submission to DWR to modify the Yolo and Solano Subbasin boundaries. Incorporating RD 150 and RD 999 into the Yolo Subbasin facilitates holistic, effective management of groundwater in Yolo County, and allows for greater economies of scale in complying with SGMA, according to their draft notification. As shown on the attached map (attachment 1), staff believes it actually splinters the Solano Subbasin and merits further discussion as it does not include Reclamation District 307 (RD 307). Attachment 2 shows the current configuration of both groundwater subbasins and the various GSAs.

Staff met with Reclamation District 999 (RD 999), whom is authorized to speak on behalf of Reclamation District 150 (RD 150). Neither RD 150 nor RD 999 intend to join the proposed North Delta GSA. RD 307 does

Recommended: _____
Roland Sanford, Secretary

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Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Roland Sanford
Secretary to the
Solano Groundwater Sustainability Agency

intend to join the North Delta GSA. Staff suggested to RD 999, that the Solano GSA would likely be ok if all three Reclamation Districts want to join the Yolo Groundwater Subbasin or if all three Reclamation Districts want to remain in the Solano Groundwater Subbasin. It would not make sense to make a basin boundary modification unless all three opted for one subbasin or the other, as a group.

Regardless if any, all, or none of the Reclamation Districts decide to join the North Delta GSA, the Solano GSA or the Yolo GSA would work with these Reclamation Districts on a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for whichever subbasin they were in. As all three of these Reclamation Districts rely wholly on surface water, we do not anticipate any rigorous monitoring on their parts for GSP compliance.

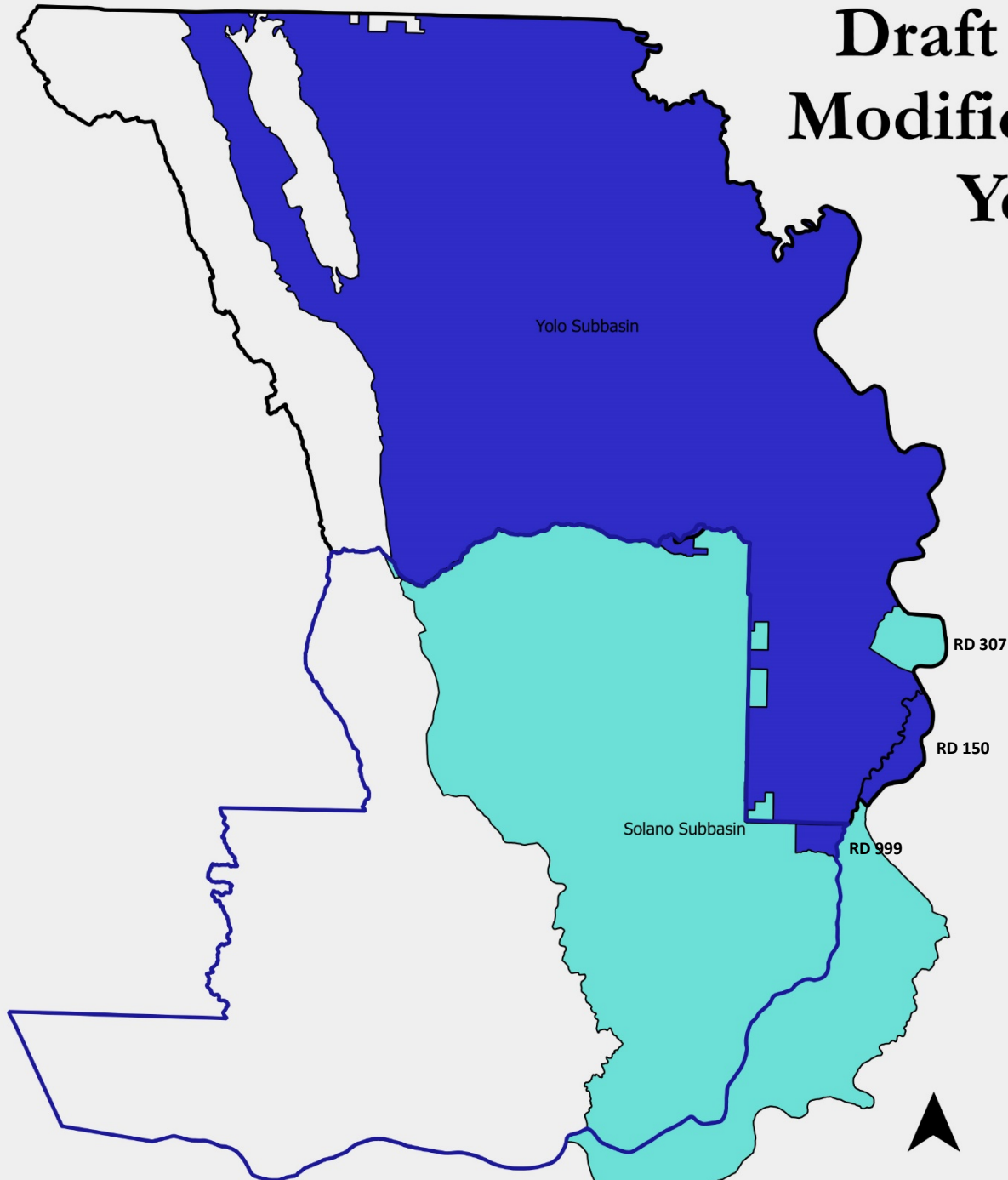
RD 999 will report back to RD 150 and the Yolo GSA and speak with RD 307 on their intentions. There should not be any additional coordination or work associated with RD 307 joining either the Yolo Groundwater Subbasin with the other two RD's or remaining in the Solano Groundwater Subbasin with the other two RD's.

For the current update to Bulletin 118, the submission period opened on January 1, 2018 and closes on June 30 for new BBM. There will be a 30-day public comment period and then the draft BBM's will be released in the fall by DWR. Final BBM are anticipated to be released in the winter of 2018.

Staff recommend submitting a letter of opposition if the Yolo GSA BBM is submitted as drafted. If RD 307 decides to join the Yolo Groundwater Subbasin and the Yolo GSA makes a revision to their BBM, then staff recommends sending a letter of support for that effort. If all three RDs decide to remain in the Solano Subbasin, then there should be no action required from the Solano GSA.

Given the timing of the end of the BBM submission period and the next scheduled Solano GSA Board meeting (June 14), staff are recommending that the Board authorize the Secretary to sign either a letter of opposition or a letter of support, dependent on the submittal of a Yolo GSA BBM, and dependent on its contents (example letters are attached).

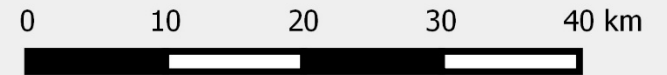
Draft Basin Boundary Modification Request for Yolo Subbasin



Legend

-  Solano County
-  Yolo County
-  Solano Subbasin
-  Yolo Subbasin BBM

October 13, 2017 Draft



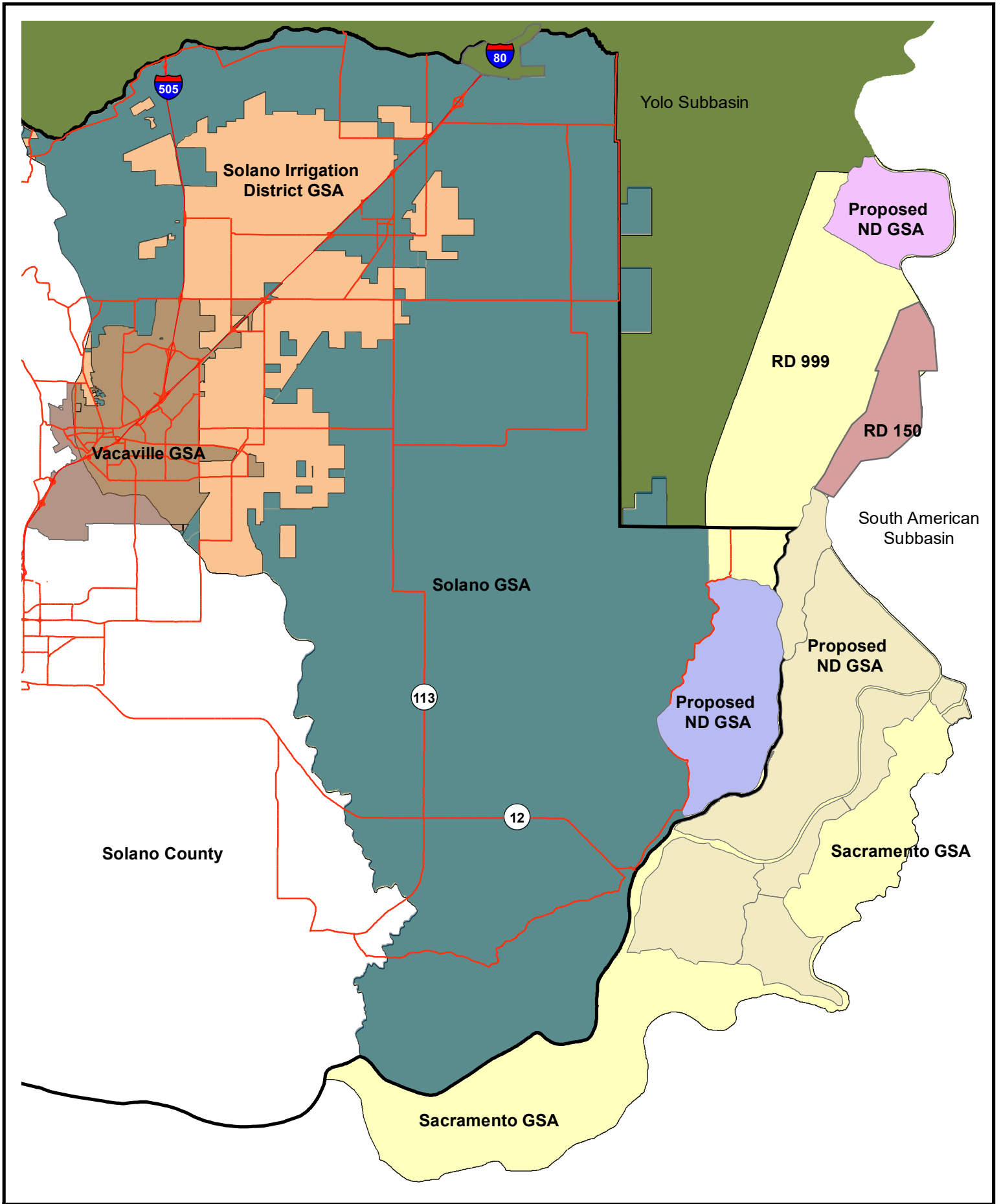


Figure 2. Solano Subbasin and collaborating Groundwater Sustainability Agencies.

SOLANO SUBBASIN

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

April 12, 2018

Mr. Timothy O'Halloran,
General Manager
Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695

Subject: Letter of Opposition to the Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Basin Boundary Modification Request for the Solano Subbasin (5-021.66).

Dear Mr. O'Halloran:

We have received the Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notice of request for a groundwater basin boundary modification (BBM) to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to the Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations for Bulletin 118. The Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Solano GSA) is opposed to this request as it will leave Reclamation District 307 within the Solano Groundwater Subbasin (5-021.66), essentially on an island, separated by the Yolo Groundwater Subbasin (5-021.67). This change does not look good on the surface and could be problematic for management, monitoring, and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Solano Groundwater Subbasin.

If the Yolo GSA modified its BBM to include Reclamation District 307, then the Solano GSA would support their BBM. It would make more sense if Reclamation Districts 150, 307, and 999 either remained in the Solano Groundwater Subbasin, or preferably, were all included in a BBM to move them to the Yolo Groundwater Subbasin as a group-this type of BBM would seem to promote sustainable groundwater management in both subbasins.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Lee at 707-455-1105, or clee@scwa2.com, thank you.

Sincerely,

Roland Sanford,
General Manager, Solano County Water Agency
Secretary to Solano GSA

SOLANO SUBBASIN

GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

April 12, 2018

Mr. Timothy O'Halloran,
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Dear Mr. O'Halloran:

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As these three Reclamation Districts have worked with the Yolo agencies in the past, this proposed BMM would seem to continue that relationship and promote sustainable groundwater management in both subbasins by making monitoring, reporting, and overall management easier for both Groundwater Sustainability Plan efforts.

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