

RECLAMATION  
DISTRICT

**108**

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Via E-Mail and U.S. Mail

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California Department of Water Resources  
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Dear Mr. Nordberg:

**Re: Notice of Election to Serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, Reclamation District No. 108 ("District") provides this Notice of its election to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") for the portions of the Colusa Sub-basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin ("Basins") located within the District boundary identified in Exhibit A.

The District is a Reclamation District formed and operating under the provisions of the California Reclamation District Law (California Water Code section 50300 et seq.), and has the authority to exercise powers related to groundwater management. In 1995, the District adopted an AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan and in 2006 updated the Plan to be SB1938 compliant, and has been implementing projects consistent with that plan for more than twenty years. The District has territory in both Yolo and Colusa Counties, and the landowners within the District rely on water from the Basins to help meet their agricultural and domestic water needs.

On September 4, 2015, the District held a public hearing to consider whether to serve as a GSA for the Basin. The District noticed this hearing by publication in the Woodland Daily Democrat and the Colusa Sun-Herald, as required by Water Code section 10723(b) and Government Code section 6066. (See copy of Notice attached hereto as Exhibit B.)

The District did not receive any written comments prior to the hearing or any comments during the Public Hearing.

At the Regular Board meeting on September 17, the District adopted a resolution, attached as Exhibit C, approving the District's election to be a GSA, and directing the General Manager to facilitate and assist in commencing discussions as soon as practical with other GSAs and local agencies in order to begin the process of

coordinating the development of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSP”) for the Basin. At this time, the District has not adopted any bylaws, regulations, or ordinances in its role as GSA.

Pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a)(4), the District will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs. The District will communicate with parties interested in the sustainable management of groundwater in the Basins, and will continue to solicit feedback from those parties as a GSP is developed. These interests include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- ***Holders of overlying groundwater rights:***
  - *Agricultural users:* District landowners may pump groundwater for agricultural uses on their overlying land. The District coordinates with many of these landowners on implementation of its conjunctive use programs to meet the water supply needs of its landowners, and for other reasonable and beneficial uses of water. The District will continue to coordinate with these landowners throughout development and implementation of its GSP.
  - *Domestic well owners:* There are a few District landowners within the District service area that also rely on groundwater to meet their domestic needs. The District’s existing relationships with these landowners will provide an opportunity to coordinate with them on groundwater management efforts that may have an impact on domestic wells.
- ***Municipal well operators:*** Municipal water demands, as compared to agricultural water demands in the Colusa Sub-basin are generally negligible, primarily because there is little current and projected use. The District, however, understands the importance of coordinating with the municipal operators because the operators rely primarily on groundwater to serve local communities.
- ***Local land use planning agencies:***
  - Yolo and Colusa Counties: The District provided notice of its intention to serve as a GSA to Yolo and Colusa Counties and will continue to communicate with and solicit feedback from them as it develops its GSP to ensure groundwater resource analyses are informed by land-use plans and decisions. The District will coordinate with each county in their groundwater planning efforts, including the facilitated discussions that Yolo and Colusa County plan to undertake with local agencies to develop a coordinated GSA governance approach for the Basins. These efforts also include the groundwater monitoring and reporting programs that Yolo and Colusa Counties implemented as part of the CASGEM program.

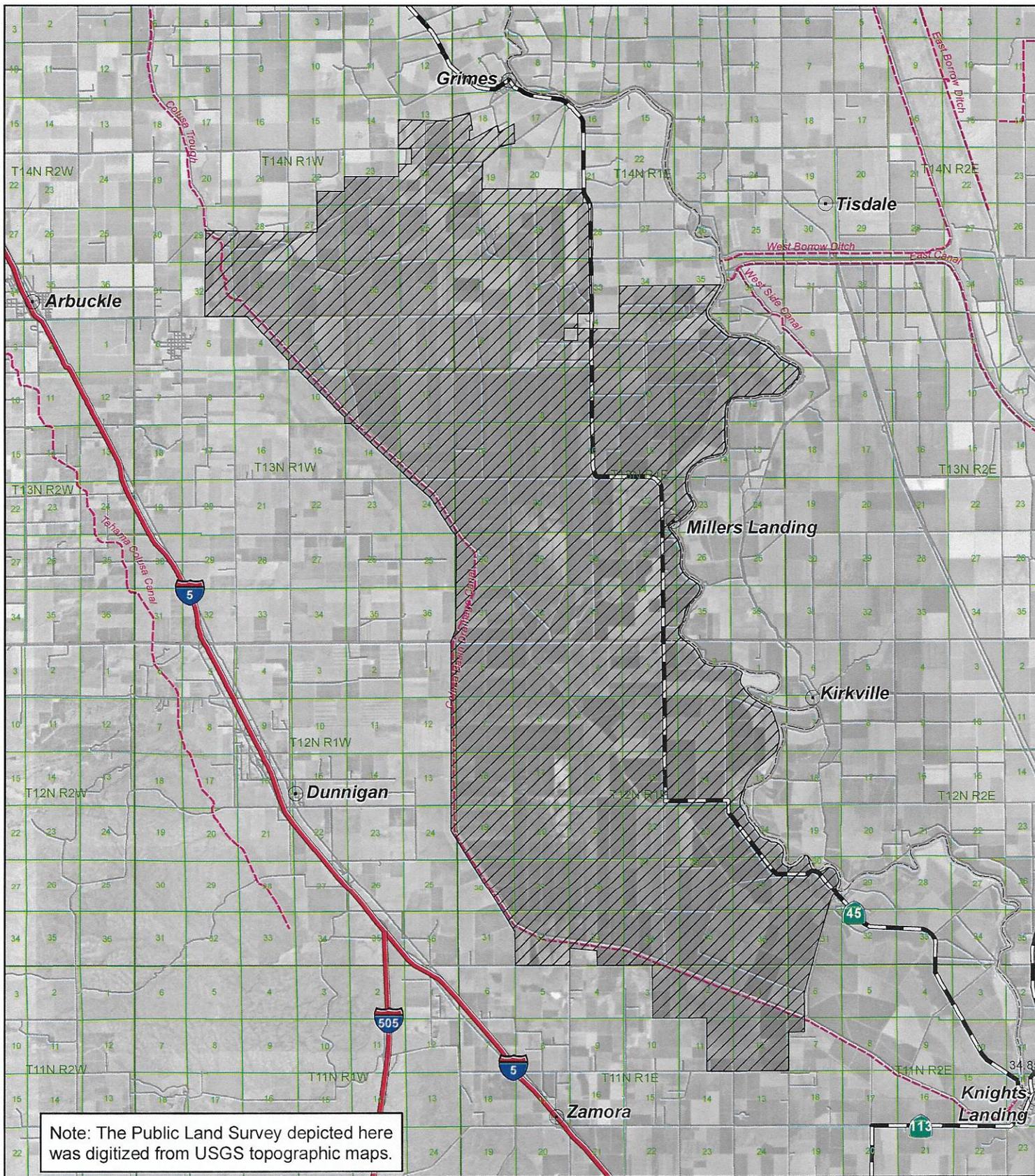
- ***Water, Irrigation, and Reclamation Districts:*** The District has a long history of coordinating with the other water, irrigation and reclamation districts throughout the Sacramento Valley on water management plans and programs. The District coordinated with many of these entities to develop the Sacramento River Basinwide Water Management Plan (BWMP). The BWMP is an integrated water management plan intended to ensure a sustainable water supply for the preservation of the Basin's agricultural, industrial, and municipal economies. Many of the parties to the BWMP are located within the Colusa Subbasin and the District will coordinate with these entities in the integrated management of surface and groundwater resources consistent with the BWMP and other relevant plans and programs.
- ***Surface water users where there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies:*** The predominant surface water body adjacent to the Colusa Sub-basin is the Sacramento River. Tributary streams also overlie the Colusa Sub-basin. The Colusa Sub-basin is hydrologically connected to the Sacramento River and the various tributaries. The District, and the other local irrigation, water and reclamation districts that the District has and will continue to coordinate with through the BWMP and other efforts, hold surface water rights to the Sacramento River and tributaries that are used to deliver water to lands located within the Colusa Sub-basin. Thus, the District is acutely aware of the importance of this hydrologic connection and will manage ground and surface water in an integrated fashion to ensure protection of surface water resources and those that hold rights to the surface waters.
- ***Entities listed in Section 10927 – i.e., entities monitoring and reporting under the CASGEM program:*** Monitoring data for the Colusa Sub-basin is compiled and submitted to DWR. The District also monitors groundwater levels at well sites. As the District develops and implements its GSP, it will coordinate with the other monitoring entities to ensure efficient data collection, management and analysis.

If DWR has any questions, or requires any additional information regarding this notification of the District's election to serve as the GSA for the identified portions of the Colusa and Corning Subbasins, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Lewis Bair  
General Manager



# Reclamation District No. 108

Contract No. 14-06-200-876A-R-1

Exhibit B

-  Contractor's Service Area
-  District Boundary



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (Colusa County)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing with the Reclamation District No. 108 Board of Trustees will be held:

September 4, 2015 at 11:00 AM

The Intersection of County Line Road and Highway 45

Grimes, CA

(530) 437-2221

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that Reclamation District No. 108 act as the groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, for the portion of the Colusa Subbasin that lies within its boundaries.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (Yolo County)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing with the Reclamation District No. 108 Board of Trustees will be held:

September 4, 2015 at 11:10 AM

The Intersection of County Line Road and Highway 45

Knights Landing, CA

(530) 437-2221

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to accept public testimony regarding the proposal that Reclamation District No. 108 act as the groundwater sustainability agency, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, for the portion of the Colusa Subbasin that lies within its boundaries.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-11  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108**

**IN THE MATTER OF: RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

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**AS A BASIS AND PREMISE for this resolution, the Board of Directors of  
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108 ("the District") finds:**

1. The California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (the "Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion.

2. In order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency.

3. The District is a local agency, as the Act defines that term.

4. Where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Act calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good.

5. The District overlies an unadjudicated basin, the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated basin number 5-21.52 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("the Basin"), and it is appropriate for the District to be a groundwater sustainability agency.

6. It is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies and the Counties of Colusa and Yolo ("the Counties"), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion.

7. Notice of a hearing on the District's election to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin has been published in the Woodland Daily Democrat and the Colusa Sun Herald, as provided by law.

8. On September 4, 2015 the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin.

9. It would be in the best interests of the District to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, ADJUDGED and ORDAINED as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin.

2. Within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.

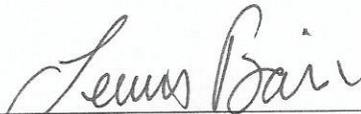
3. One of the elements of the notice to the Department of Water Resources is the boundaries of the area of the basin or the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage. Until further action of the Board, the boundaries of the District shall be the boundaries of the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage.

4. The General Manager shall begin discussions with other local agencies, and with the Counties in order to begin the process of developing groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin. The General Manager is further directed to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other groundwater sustainability agencies in which the District might join, in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Act.

5. The General Manager is directed to report back to the Board at least quarterly on the progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plans. The Board of Directors wishes to move forward aggressively to complete the development of these plans as quickly as

may be feasible and to ensure that the Basin is managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

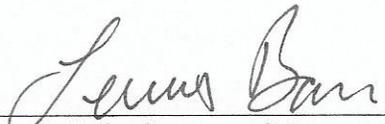
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Reclamation District No. 108 on September 17, 2015 by the following vote:

  
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Lewis Bair, General Manager

## CERTIFICATION

I, Lewis Bair, the duly and regularly appointed Secretary/Manager of the RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and exact copy of a Resolution of the Board of Directors of RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108, duly and regularly passed and adopted at a meeting of the said Board of Trustees at Grimes, California, on September 17, 2015, the original of which is on file in my office and duly and regularly entered in the official records of proceedings of the Board of Directors of RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 108.

Dated: October 5, 2015.

  
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Lewis Bair, Secretary/Manager