

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN REGIONAL CONSERVATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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A public meeting will be held on July 21, 2021 from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the International Agri-Center (see last page of this notice for address and directions) to provide oral or written comments for consideration in the document's development.

Description of the Kaweah Regional Conservation Investment Strategy:

Regional Conservation Investment Strategies are voluntary, landscape-scale conservation planning tools, guided by state legislation (AB 2087) that took effect January 1, 2017. The Kaweah Groundwater Subbasin (Kaweah Subbasin) Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (Kaweah RCIS) is a locally-driven, non-binding, and voluntary conservation strategy to guide conservation investments and compensatory mitigation in portions of Tulare and Kings Counties (Figure 1).

The Kaweah RCIS is intended to support the implementation of Kaweah Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plans (refer to Figure 1 for a map of the Kaweah Subbasin and the Kaweah Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies) by identifying conservation and habitat enhancement actions that can be used to provide multi-benefit compensatory mitigation projects for infrastructure or other development projects, as well as conservation investments, in the Kaweah Subbasin.

Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, critically over-drafted basins, including the Kaweah Subbasin, should achieve sustainability within 20 years of implementing their groundwater sustainability plan. The Kaweah RCIS will provide a tool that could be used to provide financial incentives to working landowners that voluntarily participate in groundwater sustainability projects and management actions that also provide habitat values for focal species and other conservation elements addressed by the RCIS.

For more information on the Kaweah RCIS: <http://kaweahrcis.org/>

Public Meeting: Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1854(c)(3), the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency will sponsor a public meeting to provide information about the Kaweah RCIS and to give the public an opportunity to provide oral or written comments. Comments must be provided in written form to ensure that the comments are considered by the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency in the draft Kaweah RCIS that will be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for final review. Comment cards will be available to provide written comments at the public meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Meeting Date and Time: Wednesday, July 21, 2021, 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: International Agri-Center in the Conference Dining Room, 4500 S. Laspina St., Tulare CA 93274

Optional Zoom Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/91085239572?pwd=ZVR0REZDYmNvWk0ySDIrMHZET3lqQT09>

Meeting ID: 910 8523 9572

Passcode: 161731

Or to call in without video, dial (669) 900-6833 and enter 161731#

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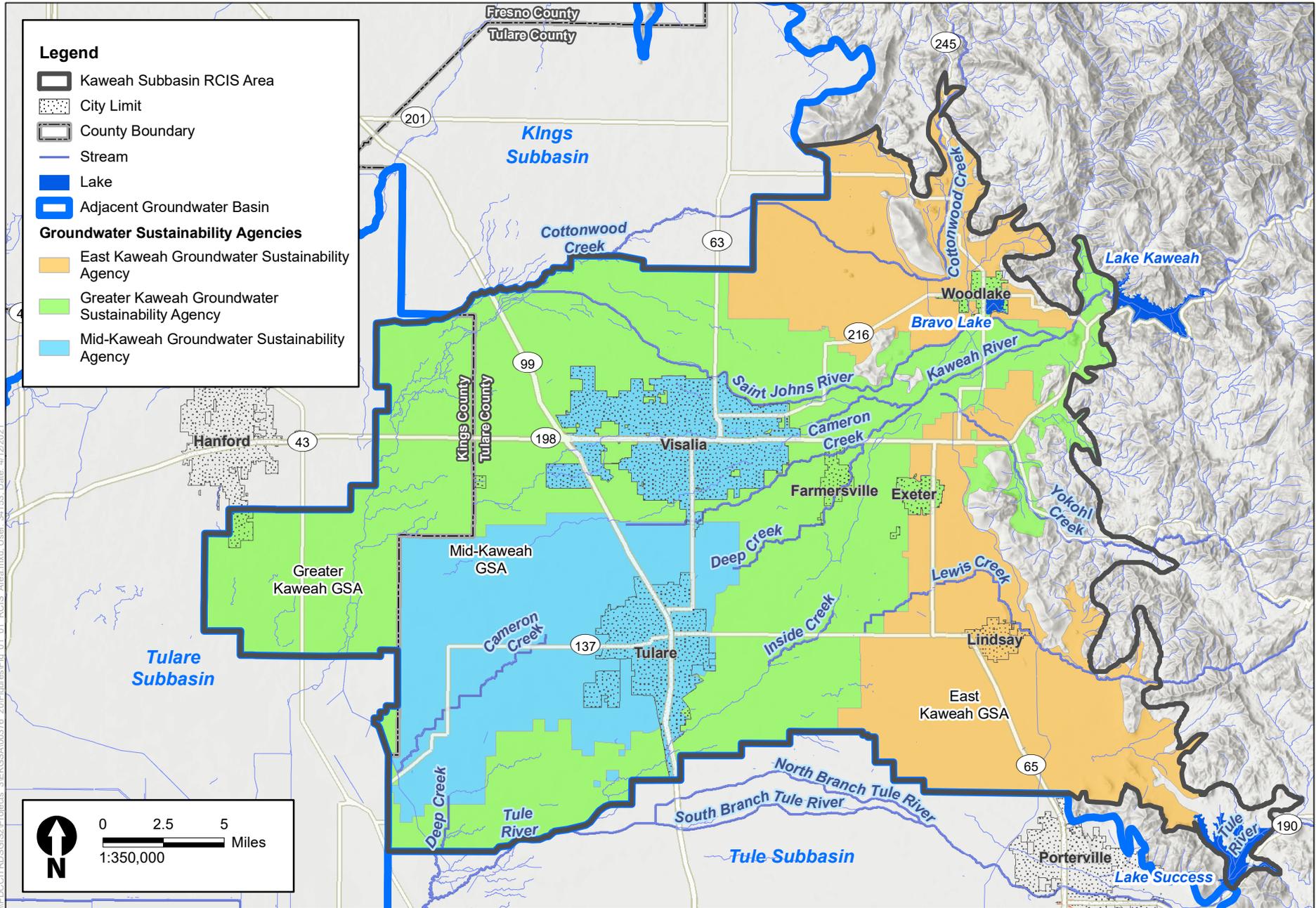
From the North via CA-99S: From CA-99S take exit 85 toward East Paige Ave. Turn left onto S. Blackstone Street, then take the first left onto E. Paige Ave. Go approximately 0.4 miles and turn right onto S. Laspina St, which you will stay on for approximately 1.3 miles. The International Agri-Center is on your left. **Park through Gate B.**

From Visalia: Take Mooney Blvd South through Tulare. Continue onto E. Foster Turn left onto S. Laspina St. after 0.7 miles. The International Agri-Center is on your left in approximately 1.3 miles. **Park through Gate B.**

From the South: From CA-99N take exit 83 (Ave 200). Turn slight right onto E. Rankin Ave, then take the first left onto Tex Dr. Go approximately 0.75 mile and turn left onto S. Laspina St. Travel approximately 0.25 mile and you will see the International Agri-Center on your right. **Park through Gate B**

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Figure 1
Kaweah Subbasin RCIS Area