





Public Hearing Item 16: ADOPT RESOLUTION TO INITIATE PROPOSED DWR BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF THE ADJUDICATED SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN

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Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- SGMA signed into law September 16, 2014.
- Provides for local/regional management of groundwater with oversight from DWR.
- Specifies procedures for developing Groundwater Sustainability Plans for DWR identified groundwater basins.
 - MPWMD is listed as an exclusive local agency to manage groundwater within its boundaries.



Sustainable Groundwater Management Act

- SGMA basin boundary modification request procedures implemented on November 16, 2015.
- DWR Bulletin 118 depiction of Seaside Groundwater Basin is outdated and does not recognize the adjudicated basin boundary per the 2006 adjudication decision.

Important to establish this DWR Bulletin 118 correction to ensure the Seaside Basin will be exempt from the SGMA Groundwater Sustainability Plan development requirement.



Existing DWR Bulletin 118





Source: DWR Bullietin 118, 2004



Proposed DWR Bulletin 118 Boundary Modification

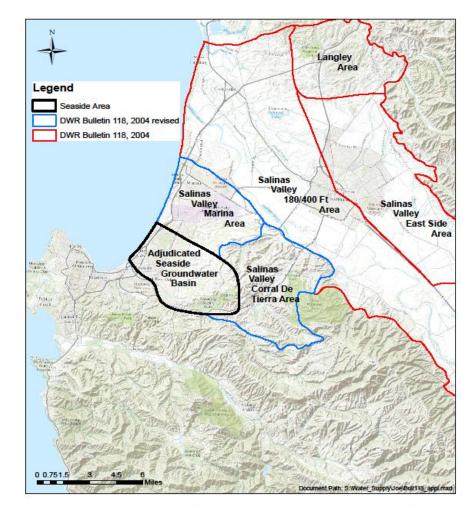


Plate 1: Regional Map showing location of Seaside Groundwater Basin Boundary





Area of MPWMD North of Adjudicated Seaside Basin Boundary

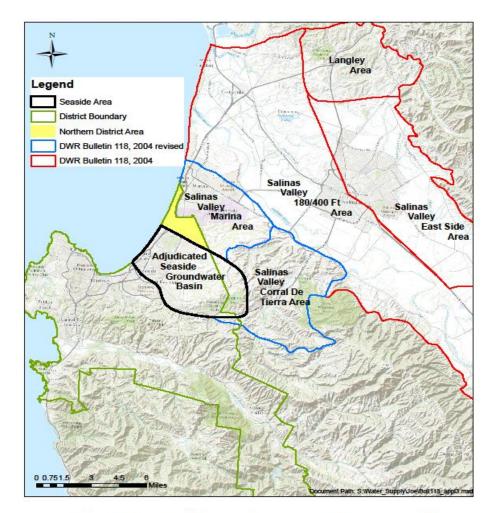


Plate 3: Regional Map showing location of Seaside Groundwater Basin & MPWMD Boundary





Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2016-01 to initiate the DWR basin boundary modification request to recognize the adjudicated Seaside Basin. Direct the General Manager to file an Initial Notification to DWR.
 - Direct the General Manager to file a CEQA Notice for this action.