

RESOLUTION NO. 1147

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DESERT WATER AGENCY APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF ALTERNATIVES UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) took effect in 2015 and generally requires local agencies to manage local groundwater basins designated as high or medium priority in a more active manner; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) has designated the Coachella Valley Basin, Indio Sub-basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 7-021.01) (“Indio Sub-Basin”) and the Coachella Valley Basin, Mission Creek Sub-basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 7-021.02) (“Mission Creek Sub-Basin”) as medium priority basins under SGMA; and

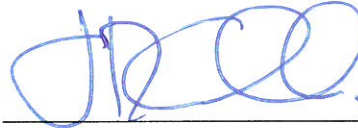
WHEREAS, Desert Water Agency has worked for many decades with other water agencies in the Coachella Valley to develop and implement comprehensive groundwater management plans for the Mission Creek Sub-basin and the Indio Sub-basin, including the Garnet Hill area; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that some local agencies in the state had undertaken significant groundwater planning and management prior to enactment of SGMA, SGMA contains a mechanism to allow one or more local agencies to submit an “alternative” to meet the objectives of SGMA, provided that such alternative is submitted to DWR no later than January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Desert Water Agency intends to work with its local agency partners to submit to DWR as SGMA alternatives for the Indio Sub-basin and the Mission Creek Sub-basin the Coachella Valley Water Management Plan (2002), the Water Management Plan Update (2010), the Mission Creek-Garnet Hill Water Management Plan (2013), one or more “Bridge Documents”, and related documentation (“Alternative Documentation”);

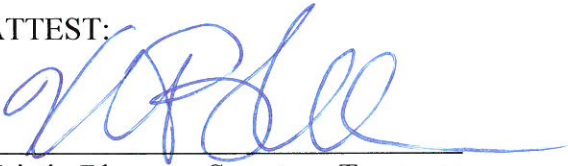
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Desert Water Agency hereby approves the submission of Alternative Documentation for the Indio Sub-basin and the Mission Creek Sub-basin to DWR as alternatives under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code, § 10733.6).

ADOPTED this 20th day of December 2016.



James Cioffi, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Kristin Bloomer, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Directors