

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE OLCESE WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 425

IN THE MATTER OF:

**OLCESE WATER DISTRICT DECISION TO BECOME A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code §10720, et seq.), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, sustainable groundwater management is intended to occur pursuant to Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are created and adopted by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code §10723(a), a Local Agency, as defined in California Water Code §10721(m), may decide to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, Olcese Water District ("District") is a California Water District formed and operating pursuant to and in accordance with Division 13 of the California Water Code (commencing with Water Code §34000) and overlies a portion of the Kern County Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin portion of the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, as defined in Bulletin 118 of the California Department of Water Resources and is therefore a "Local Agency" as defined within California Water Code §10721 (m); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency with the participation of interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on Monday, November 28, 2016, pursuant to California Water Code §10723(b), after publication of notice of such hearing pursuant to California Government Code §6066; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing the Olcese Water District Board of Directors considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the District to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing is true and correct.
2. That Olcese Water District herein decides to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which shall have all the powers granted to a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
3. That the portion of the groundwater basin that Olcese Water District shall manage shall be that portion of the basin underlying Olcese Water District and its facilities, as such boundaries are depicted on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
4. That the groundwater sustainability agency hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by California Water Code §10723.2.
5. That the groundwater sustainability agency hereby created shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by California Water Code §10723.4.
6. That the Olcese Water District shall cause notice to be given to the California Department of Water Resources of the decision of Olcese Water District to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Olcese Water District held on the 28th day of November 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

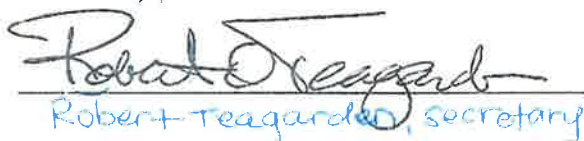
AYES: James L. Nickel, Robert Teagarden, Bob Parry, Blaine Hanson, John Gregory

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTESTED:


Robert Teagarden, secretary

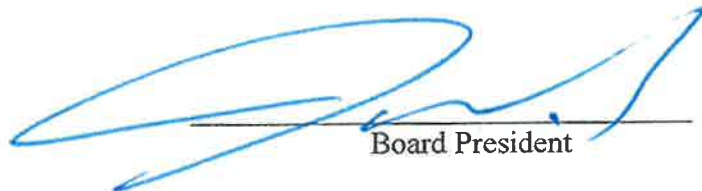

Board President

Exhibit "A"

