

RESOLUTION NO. 1599

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH DELTA WATER
AGENCY ELECTING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY SUB-BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, that went into effect on January 1, 2015, which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Subbasin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high priority Basin; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes any local agency, or combination of local agencies overlying the Basin, to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the Basin in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the South Delta Water Agency (Agency) is a local agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP); and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA, notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within the Basin, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Agency to work cooperatively with the Stockton East Water District, the cities of Lodi and Stockton, the Woodbridge Irrigation District, the California Water Service, the County of San Joaquin, and other involved water agencies or interests as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has provided informal notice of its interest in serving as the GSA for its boundaries by means of communications with neighboring water agencies, cities and the County of San Joaquin; and

WHEREAS, the District provided public notice, pursuant to Government Code section 6066, of its intention to hold a hearing concerning its establishment of a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Agency held a public hearing on March 1, 2017, to consider whether it should become the GSA for the portion of the Basin underlying a portion of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Agency wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the South Delta Water Agency elects that the South Delta Water Agency become a GSA for the portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin shown on Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of the GSA for which the South Delta Water Agency intends to manage is for that area within the Agency's current boundaries as indicated in the map that is attached as Exhibit "A"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency staff are hereby directed to provide notice of this election to the DWR in the manner required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Agency staff are hereby directed to coordinate with neighboring GSAs that may be established in order to begin the process of developing a GSP for the Basin, as indicated by the SGMA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the South Delta Water Agency at a regular meeting on March 1, 2017, by the following vote of the members thereof:

Ayes:	Jerry Robinson, Nat Bacchetti, Mary Hildebrand, Jack Alvarez
Noes:	None
Absent:	Robert Ferguson
Abstain:	None



Jerry Robinson, President, Board of Directors

Attest:



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