

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH FORK KINGS GSA ELECTING
TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A SOUTHWESTERN
PORTION OF THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES AND SPHERE
OF INFLUENCE FOR SOUTH FORK KINGS GSA**

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law, with an effective date of January 1, 2015, and codified at California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to, among other goals, provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins and sub-basins defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide specified local agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of local agencies, overlaying a groundwater basin to elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, South Fork Kings GSA is a joint powers authority, formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code Section 6500 et seq.) consisting of multiple local agencies and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Tulare Lake Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, groundwater management of high and medium priority basins as designated by DWR is now required; and

WHEREAS, the service area of South Fork Kings GSA (SFK GSA) overlies portions of the Tulare Lake Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118, Basin No. 5-022.12) which is designated as a high priority, critically overdrafted subbasin by DWR; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723.8 requires that a local agency electing to serve as a GSA notify DWR within 30 days of the local agency's election to become a GSA authorized to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Water Code Section 10723(b) and Government Code Section 6066, a notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation regarding SFK GSA intent to become a GSA for a portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin, as described in the notice; and

WHEREAS, becoming a GSA supports SFK GSA efforts to conduct groundwater management within the region and to ensure groundwater sustainability within the area served by SFK GSA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOUTH FORK KINGS GSA DO
HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

1. SFK GSA hereby elects to be the GSA for the geographical area depicted on the map attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, covering that portion of the Tulare Lake Subbasin underlying (or within) the jurisdictional boundaries of SFK GSA.
2. SFK GSA staff is directed to submit to DWR, within 30 days of the approval of this Resolution, a notice of intent pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, which shall include a map of the subbasin area SFK GSA intends to manage under SGMA, a copy of this Resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the Act with an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and implementation of the agency's groundwater sustainability plan, and any other supporting documentation required by SGMA to support SFK GSA's notification to DWR.
3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

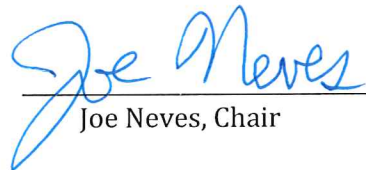
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the South Fork Kings GSA this 8th day of March 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Director Brown, Director Meyer, Director Neves, Alternate Director Brooks

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Director Young



Joe Neves, Chair

ATTEST:



Troy Young, Secretary

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Troy Young, Secretary of South Fork Kings GSA, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency duly and regularly held at the regular meeting place thereof on the 8th day of March 2017, of which meeting all of the members of said Board of Directors had due notice and at which a majority thereof were present.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of South Fork Kings GSA this 8th day of March 2017.



Troy Young, Secretary