

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY'S ELECTION TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE LANDS WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF THE WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014 and adopted as California Water Code, section 10720, et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SGMA is to provide sustainable management of groundwater basins and enhance local management of groundwater through empowering local management agencies with the authority, technical, and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes any combination of local agencies having water or land management authority overlying a basin to elect to be the groundwater sustainability agency for that basin; and

WHEREAS, the West Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (WTSGSA) was formed as a joint powers authority pursuant to Government Code section 6500, et. seq., by agencies that qualify to be groundwater sustainability agencies (Members); and

WHEREAS, the respective service areas of the WTSGSA Members are located in the Turlock Groundwater Subbasin as defined in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118; and

WHEREAS, WTSGSA membership was extended to all agencies that have water and/or land management authority within the boundary of the WTSGA; and

WHEREAS, the WTSGSA is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction and control over groundwater management is beneficial to the health, safety, and water supply reliability of the Members of the WTSGSA and their respective customers and constituents; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10723 and Government Code section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding the adoption of a resolution to elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency were published on February, 16 and 23, 2017 in the Modesto Bee and Merced Sun-Star, and on February 15 and 22, 2017 in the Turlock Journal; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2017, the WTSGSA held a public hearing in Merced County to receive comments prior to the WTSGSA considering to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2017, the WTSGSA held an additional public hearing in Stanislaus County during a special meeting of the WTSGSA and considered the adoption of this RESOLUTION.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the WTSGSA that:

1. The WTSGSA elects to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and intends to undertake sustainable groundwater management within its boundary area; and
2. The WTSGSA Board authorizes the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee or his designee to notify the California Department of Water Resources of the WTSGSA's decision, by providing a copy of this RESOLUTION and other relevant information necessary to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days, and otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code section 10723.8(a).

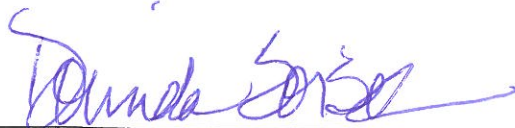
Moved by Director Odom, seconded by Director Young, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes:	Directors Alvarez, Jorritsma, Chiesa, Pareira, Alternate Director Bublak, Young, Odom, Worsham and Alamo
Noes:	None
Absent:	Directors Soiseth and Vierra

The President declared the resolution adopted.

I, Dorinda Soiseth, Interim Secretary to the Board of Directors of the WEST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of said Board of Directors held the 2nd day of March, 2017.



Interim Secretary to the Board of Directors
of the West Turlock Subbasin
Groundwater Sustainability Agency