

**OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-33**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE FORMATION OF A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN SUB-BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources as a high-priority basin, such as the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basin (designated basin number 5-22.01 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"), by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, SGMA permits a local agency to form a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA"); and

WHEREAS, the Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) is a local agency, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, OID exercises jurisdiction upon lands overlying the Basin and is committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, OID has determined that the sustainable management of the Basin pursuant to SGMA may best be achieved through the formation of a GSA; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the OID's decision to form a GSA for its service area within the Basin ("Notice") was published in compliance with Government Code section 6066; and

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2017, OID held a public hearing to consider whether it should form the OID Eastern San Joaquin Sub-basin GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of OID to form the GSA for its service area within the Basin, and to coordinate with other GSAs within the Basin to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Oakdale Irrigation District as follows:

1. OID hereby elects to form a GSA and manage groundwater for its service area within the Basin, as reflected in Exhibit "A."
2. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the OID Board directs the General Manager to provide notice to California Department of Water Resources that OID intends to form the GSA in the manner required by law.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

Upon Motion of Director Santos, seconded by Director Osmundson, and duly submitted to the Board for its Consideration, the above-titled Resolution was adopted this 21st day of February, 2017.

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Steve Webb, President
Board of Directors



Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original on file with the Oakdale Irrigation District.

OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT



Steve Knell, P.E.
General Manager/Secretary