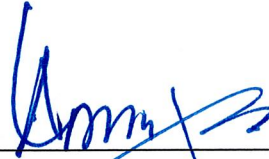


CERTIFICATION

I, Amy Montgomery, am the General Manager of the Santa Nella County Water District and the Secretary-Manager for the Board of Directors of the Santa Nella County Water District, and I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 17-03, *A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Santa Nella County Water District Authorizing Execution of Central Delta-Mendota Multi-Agency Groundwater Services Agency Agreement, Appointing Representatives to Steering Committee, Authorizing Representative to Declare Santa Nella County Water District's Intention to Become Part of A Multi-Agency Groundwater Sustainability Agency Under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and Authorizing Related Actions*, adopted by the Board of Directors at a Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the afternoon.



Amy Montgomery, General Manager
Santa Nella County Water District

RESOLUTION NO. 17-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA MULTI-AGENCY GROUNDWATER SERVICES
AGENCY AGREEMENT, APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVES TO STEERING COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZING
REPRESENTATIVE TO DECLARE SANTA NELLA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT'S INTENTION TO BECOME
PART OF A MULTI-AGENCY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT, AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS**

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

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, 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 Central Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes any legal agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin or to join with other agencies in forming a Multi-Agency GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Nella County Water District is a County Water District, formed and operating pursuant to and in accordance with Division 13 of the California Water Code, and overlies a portion of the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin, as defined in Bulletin 118 of DWR, and is a local agency, as defined under the SGMA, and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, Merced and Fresno Counties are local public agencies as defined under the SGMA and are therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; and

WHEREAS, DWR has approved boundary modifications so that all of the geographical area depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit A and by reference incorporated herein, may be included within a single multiagency GSA within a portion of the Delta-Mendota Sub-basin, said portion designated by the parties as the Central Delta-Mendota Region or Central DM Region; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Nella County Water District has considered that certain proposed Central Delta-Mendota Region Multi-Agency Groundwater Sustainability Agency Agreement (Agreement) presented to the Board and attached hereto as Exhibit B to this Resolution, which establishes the terms pursuant to which proposed parties, will organize themselves to form the Central Delta-Mendota Multi-Agency GSA (Central DM GSA); and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Central DM GSA, each party is entitled to appoint one (1) Steering Committee Member and one (1) Steering Committee Alternate Member, to serve from the date said appointments are communicated to the other parties at the pleasure of the appointing Board of Directors; 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Nella County Water District intends to delegate authority to its Steering Committee Member at a meeting of the Central DM GSA Steering Committee, or in such Steering Committee's Member's absence from the meeting, to its Steering Committee Alternate Member: to conduct public hearings in Fresno and Merced Counties after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066; to consider taking action to form the Central DM GSA, and if such action is taken, to submit to the DWR on behalf of the District acting through the Central DM GSA a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and allowing the District, acting through the Central DM GSA Agreement, to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The facts stated in the recitals above are true and correct and the Board of Directors of the Santa Nella County Water District so finds, orders and determines.

Section 2. The Board of Directors hereby authorizes the General Manager of the Santa Nella County Water District to execute the Central DM GSA Agreement in substantially the form presented, subject to such modifications as the executing officer shall approve, said execution to provide conclusive proof of approval of any such modifications.

Section 3. The Santa Nella County Water District hereby appoints the General Manager as its Central DM GSA Steering Committee Member and the District Engineer as its Steering Committee Alternate Member, to serve from the date the appointment is communicated in writing to the other parties to the Agreement at the pleasure of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Board of Directors hereby delegates authority to its Steering Committee Member at a meeting of the Central DM GSA Steering Committee, or in such Steering Committee's Member's absence from the meeting, to its Steering Committee Alternate Member: to conduct public hearings in Fresno and Merced Counties after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066; to consider taking action to form the Central DM GSA, and if such action is taken, to submit to DWR on behalf of the District acting through the Central DM GSA a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and allowing the Santa Nella County Water District, acting through the Central DM GSA Agreement, to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA.

Section 5. The Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to take such other and additional actions as may be reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

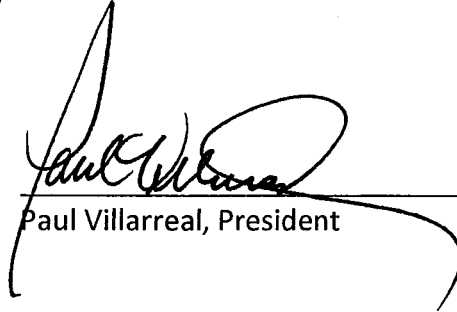
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Nella County Water District on the 9th day of February, 2017 at a Regular Board Meeting by the following vote:

AYES: Villarreal, Silvas, Landry, Ramos - Anderson, Griffith

NOES:

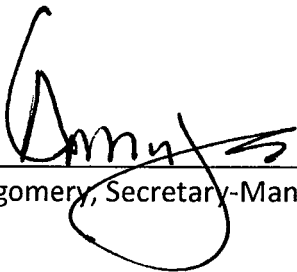
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:



Paul Villarreal, President

ATTEST:



Amy Montgomery, Secretary-Manager