

**EAST TURLOCK SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE EAST TURLOCK GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO
BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE TURLOCK
SUBBASIN**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, 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, 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 local agency overlying the Basin to elect to become a GSA within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (ETS GSA JPA) was formed on March 7, 2017 by and through that Governance Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the ETS GSA JPA is comprised of local agencies as defined under the SGMA and are therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Basin, or to form an independent Joint Powers Agency 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; 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 ETS GSA JPA held a public hearing on March 30 and March 31, 2017 in Stanislaus and Merced Counties, respectively, and on March 31, 2017 in Merced County, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the ETS GSA JPA wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ETS GSA JPA hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency for that portion of the Turlock Subbasin lying within its boundaries; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ETS GSA JPA will develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ETS GSA JPA has been authorized to submit to the DWR a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with the SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the Turlock Subbasin that the ETSGSA JPA intends to manage, a copy of this resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the ETSGSA JPA's groundwater sustainability plan.

On motion by Member CHIESA and seconded by Member ULRICH, the forgoing resolution was passed and adopted on March 31, 2017 by the following vote.

AYES – Members Rossini, ~~Parcira~~, Chiesa, Ulrich, and ElTal

NOES – none

ABSTAINS – none

ABSENT – ~~none~~ PARCIRA

By: 
Al Rossini, Chair

ATTEST:

By: 
Secretary