

RESOLUTION NO. 17-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON ELECTING
FORMATION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which requires the sustainable management of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in SGMA, a local agency or combination of local agencies may elect to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ripon (the City) is a local agency, as SGMA defines that term; and.

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

WHEREAS, the City overlies a portion of the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (designated basin number 522.01) in the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) groundwater basin system, which has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin in critical overdraft; and

WHEREAS, the City has begun to work cooperatively with other local agencies that also plan to manage groundwater in compliance with SGMA, including the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) and the City of Escalon (Escalon);

WHEREAS, the City, along with its regional partners SSJID and Escalon, intend to work collaboratively to manage their respective service areas under the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SSJGSA);

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 6066, notice of a public hearing on the City's election to participate in the SSJGSA has been published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2017, the City held a public hearing to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA and to begin the process of cooperatively preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with other GSAs as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Ripon does hereby resolve as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council hereby elects to participate as a member in the SSJGSA to manage groundwater within the boundaries of the SSJGSA, including the Ripon City Limits.
3. The City Council authorizes the Engineering Department within 30 days of adopting this Resolution, to inform the Department of Water Resources of the City's decision to participate in the SSJGSA and take such other and further steps as necessary to comply with the SGMA and the Department of Water Resources requirements.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ripon this 14th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	Zuber, Restuccia, de Graaf, Parks, Uecker
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINING:	None

The City of Ripon
A Municipal Corporation

By: Dean D. Uecker
DEAN UECKER, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Roos
LISA ROOS, City Clerk