

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 17-06-W**

**RESOLUTION ELECTING FORMATION OF THE SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN  
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 South San Joaquin Irrigation District is a local agency, as SGMA defines that term; and.

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District 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 South San Joaquin Irrigation District elected to become a GSA on October 15, 2015 and previously filed an election with DWR on or about November 12, 2015; and

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

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

**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 South San Joaquin Irrigation District election to participate in the SSJGSA has been published as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2017, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District held a public hearing to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the South San Joaquin Irrigation District 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 BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The South San Joaquin Irrigation District hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the South San Joaquin Irrigation District adoption of this Resolution.
2. The South San Joaquin Irrigation District authorizes the General Manager to withdraw the previous election to facilitate its participation in the SSJGSA.
3. The South San Joaquin Irrigation District hereby elects to participate as a member in the SSJGSA to manage groundwater within the boundaries of the South San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, including the South San Joaquin Irrigation District boundary.
4. The Board authorizes the General Manager or his designee within 30 days of adopting this Resolution, to inform the Department of Water Resources of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District'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.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the South San Joaquin Irrigation District on March 21, 2017, by the following roll call vote:

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| AYES:    | HOLBROOK HOLMES KAMPER KUIL ROOS |
| NOES:    | NONE                             |
| ABSTAIN: | NONE                             |
| ABSENT:  | NONE                             |

**ATTEST:**

  
**Peter M. Rietkerk, Secretary**