

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU FINAL DECISION TO BECOME A
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, Groundwater resources are essential to the people, environmental, plant and animal species, and economics of Siskiyou County, and;

WHEREAS, In September of 2014, the Governor of the State of California signed legislation requiring that groundwater resources throughout California be managed by local agencies through the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), and;

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion, and;

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and;

WHEREAS, the Tule Lake Groundwater Subbasin (Subbasin), identified by DWR as Subbasin ID No. 1-002.1, of the Klamath River Valley Groundwater Basin, has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin, and;

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2016, the California Water Commission approved a boundary modification for the Subbasin, and;

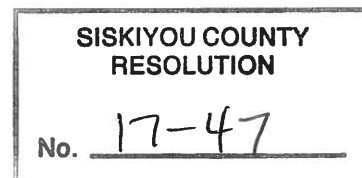
WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authorities enumerated in SGMA, a local agency may decide to become a GSA, and;

WHEREAS, a county is a local agency as defined in SGMA, and may exercise the authorities enumerated in the Act and granted to local agencies that decide to act as GSAs, and;

WHEREAS, On December 13, 2016, the County of Siskiyou (County) passed and adopted a Resolution expressing their intent to become a member of the GSA for the Tulelake Subbasin (attached), and;

WHEREAS, the County intends to notify DWR of its intent to act as a GSA within the areas of the Subbasin within the County's boundary and not managed by a local agency acting as a GSA, and;

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.8(b) provides that 90 days following DWR's posting of any GSA decision notice, the GSA shall be presumed to be the exclusive GSA within the area of the basin or subbasin described in the notice, provided no other notice has been submitted for the same area, and;



WHEREAS, in April 2017, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Modoc decided to notify DWR of its intent to act as the GSA for all the portions of the Subbasin underlying the County of Modoc's boundaries outside the Tulelake Irrigation District's (TID) boundary, and;

WHEREAS, in April 2017, the City Council of the City of Tulelake decided to notify DWR of its intent act as the GSA for all portions of the Subbasin underlying the City's boundary, and;

WHEREAS, in April 2017, the Board of Directors of TID decided to serve as the GSA for all portions of the Subbasin underlying TID's boundary, and;

WHEREAS, the County intends to work cooperatively with the County of Modoc, the City, and TID to manage the Subbasin in a sustainable fashion, and;

WHEREAS, the County intends to act as the GSA to manage the portions of the Subbasin located within its boundary and not otherwise managed by a local agency acting as a GSA, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors has been presented with a map of the portions of the Subbasin that it intends to manage, a copy of which is attached, and;

WHEREAS, the County published notice of its decision to become a GSA for the Subbasin in the Siskiyou Daily News, a copy of which is attached, and;

WHEREAS, the County has emailed courtesy copies of the public hearing notice to various water management entities, local governments, and other interested parties throughout Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, and;

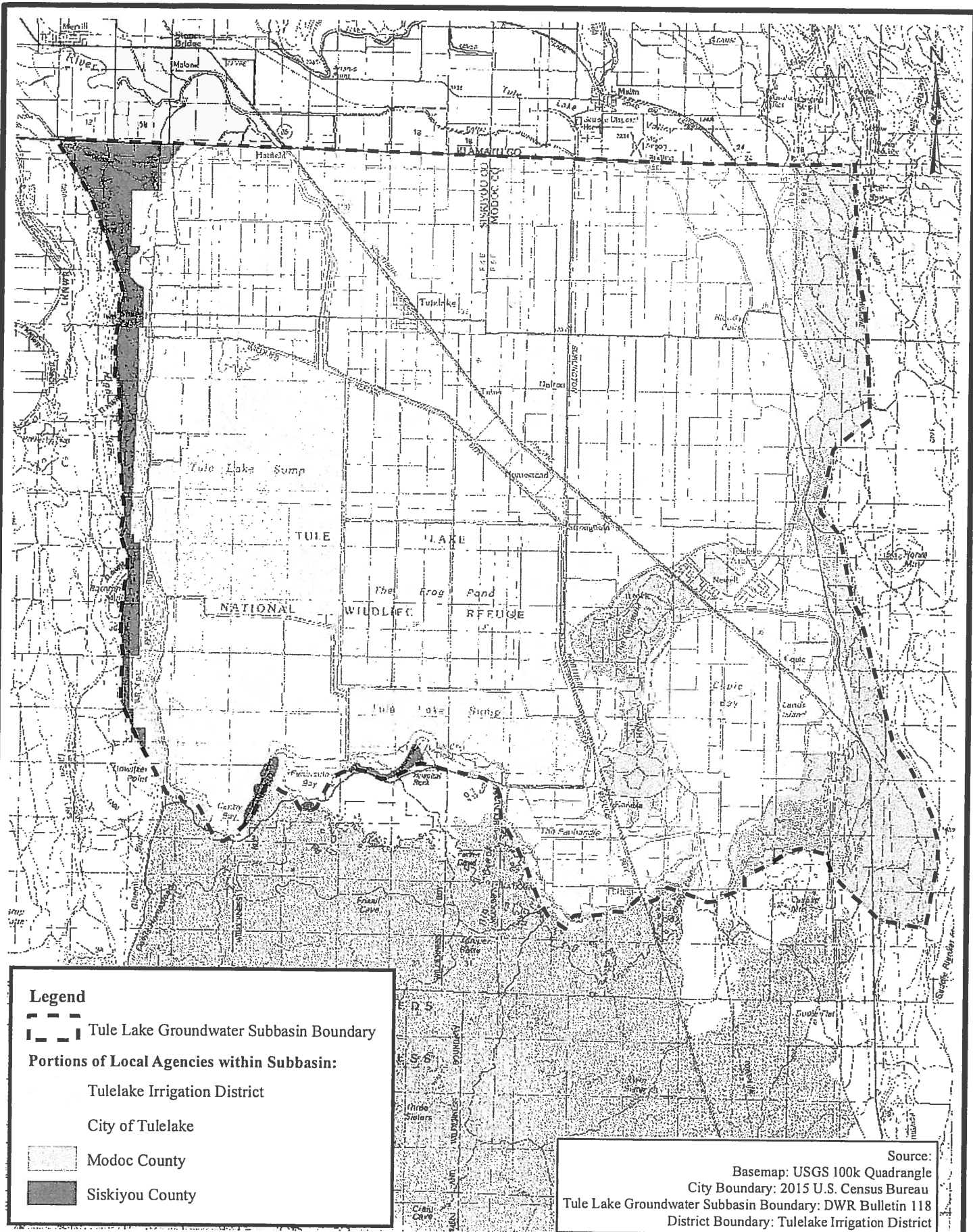
WHEREAS, on April 04, 2017, the County held a public hearing to consider whether it should decide to act as a GSA for a portion of the Subbasin, and;

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a Project under Section 15378 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations because this Resolution does not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

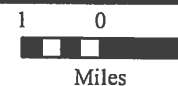
NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, that the County hereby decides to become the GSA for the areas of the Tule Lake Groundwater Subbasin within the County's boundary and not otherwise managed by a local agency acting as a GSA, as set forth in the attached map.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that within thirty (30) days of the date of this Resolution, the Siskiyou County Natural Resource Policy Specialist will provide notice of this election to California Department of Water Resources, as required by Water Code section 10723.8.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Natural Resource Policy Specialist shall facilitate and assist in commencing discussions as soon as practical with other GSAs in order to begin the



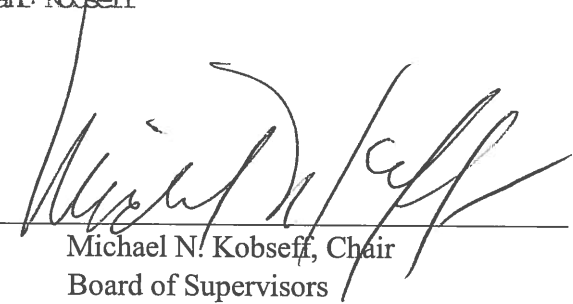
Tule Lake Groundwater Subbasin



process of coordinating the development of a groundwater sustainability plan for the Tule Lake Groundwater Subbasin, as contemplated by the Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Siskiyou on April 04, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Criss, Haupt, Valenzuela, Nixon and Kobseff
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE



Michael N. Kobseff, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
COLLEEN SETZER,
CLERK

By 

Deputy