

**Before the Board of Directors of the
Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency**

Resolution No. 2017-003

Resolution authorizing the Submission to the)
state Department of Water Resources a Notice)
of Intent to form a Groundwater Sustainability)
Agency for the Salinas Valley Groundwater)
Basin)

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) or an alternative plan for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that a basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017, and an adopted GSP by no later than January 31, 2020, if a high or medium priority basin in critical overdraft, and no later than January 31, 2022, if a high or medium priority basin; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies to form a GSA by entering into a joint powers agreement as authorized by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) (“Act”); and,

WHEREAS, the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) is such a joint powers authority and formed effective December 22, 2016, for the purpose of being the GSA for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Basin”); and,

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was published as required by SGMA and Government Code section 6066 in the Monterey Herald on March 29 and April 5, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency opened the required public hearing on April 13, 2017, and continued the hearing to April 20, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Agency conducted the public hearing on April 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey submitted a notice of intent to be the GSA for the Monterey sub-basin of the Basin, and has been declared by the State Water Resources Control Board to be the exclusive GSA for that sub-basin effective April 4, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it was the express intent of the County that the GSA responsibilities for the Monterey sub-basin be transferred or assumed by the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is committed to the sustainable management of groundwater within the Basin, and all of its sub-basins and aquifers; and,

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the residents, businesses, interested parties and stakeholders in the Basin for the Agency to be designated the exclusive GSA for the Basin (but not including the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District, the City of Greenfield, or the adjudicated Seaside sub-basin); NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Agency hereby elects to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin within the County of Monterey, but not including the area within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Marina Coast Water District and the City of Greenfield, or the adjudicated Seaside sub-basin.
3. Staff is authorized and directed to submit to the Department of Water Resources a Notice of Intent to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in form and substance substantially similar to Attachment A, attached hereto, together with any modifications as may have been directed by the Board of Directors at the public hearing.
4. Staff is authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of April, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Board Members: Alejo, Calcagno, Granillo, McHatten, Pereira, Secondo, and Chair Gunter

NOES: Board Members: LeNeve, Moitoso (Alternate), McIntyre, and Stefani

ABSENT: None

I, Patricia M. Barajas, Salinas City Clerk and Interim Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, hereby certify that the foregoing is the true original resolution of said Board of Directors duly adopted and entered in the minutes thereof for the meeting on April 20, 2017.

Dated: April 21, 2017