

CHOWCHILLA WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-17

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH CHOWCHILLA WATER DISTRICT AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 *et seq.*) pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the 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) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowchilla Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying a groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, Chowchilla Water District (the "District") is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; 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 public agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA were published on November 30th and December 7th, 2016 in the Chowchilla News; and Merced Sun Star.

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on December 14, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of Chowchilla Water District hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of Chowchilla subbasin shown in the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District authorizes the General Manager to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law.

AYES: Upton, Mandala, Taylor, Harris, and Maddalena

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ATTEST:

Brandon Tomlinson



General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, Secretary of the Chowchilla Water District, hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly and specially held on December 14th, 2016 at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 14th day of December, 2016.



Secretary