

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EAST CONTRA COSTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S DECISION TO
EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND
BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

Background

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion;

WHEREAS, the Act 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);

WHEREAS, the Tracy Subbasin (Subbasin), identified by DWR as Subbasin ID No. 5-22.15, of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin;

WHEREAS, the Subbasin underlies portions of Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Alameda Counties;

GSA Formation

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency may decide to become a GSA;

WHEREAS, the East Contra Costa Irrigation District (ECCID) is a local agency as defined by the Act, and it is appropriate for the ECCID to be a GSA for a portion of the Subbasin;

WHEREAS, other local agencies interested in becoming a GSA include the City of Antioch, City of Brentwood, Byron-Bethany Irrigation District, Diablo Water District, Contra Costa County, and Discovery Bay Community Services District.

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;

WHEREAS, the ECCID intends to act as a GSA to manage the portions of the Subbasin located within its boundaries, excluding the areas within the boundaries of the City of Brentwood and the Diablo Water District.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the ECCID has been presented with a map of the portion of the Subbasin that it intends to manage, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6066 of the Government Code, notice for the public hearing indicating the ECCID's intent to become a GSA was published in the Brentwood Press on March 3, 2017 and March 10, 2017;

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2017, the ECCID held a public hearing to consider whether it should become and act as a GSA for the Subbasin;

Coordination With Local Agencies

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10727(b)(2) provides that multiple groundwater sustainability agencies may develop and implement multiple groundwater sustainability plans coordinated pursuant to a single coordination agreement that covers the entire basin;

WHEREAS, the ECCID intends to work cooperatively with the other local agencies that have decided to be GSAs in the portion of the Tracy Subbasin within Contra Costa County, as shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit C;

WHEREAS, the ECCID and the other local agencies that have decided to be GSAs effective April 20, 2017 in the portion of the Tracy Subbasin within Contra Costa County have prepared the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), attached hereto as Exhibit D, to coordinate development and implementation of a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the portion of the Tracy Subbasin in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, these local agencies intend to ultimately execute an agreement with groundwater sustainability agencies located in the Subbasin outside of Contra Costa County to coordinate the development and implementation of multiple groundwater sustainability plans throughout the entire Subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District as follows:

1. ECCID hereby decides to become the GSA for the areas of the Tracy Subbasin within the ECCID boundary, excluding areas within the boundaries of the City of Brentwood and the Diablo Water District, effective April 20, 2017, as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. ECCID hereby authorizes the General Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the ECCID.

3. Within thirty (30) days of the date of April 20, 2017, the General Manager is directed to provide notice of this decision to the California Department of Water Resources, as required by Water Code Section 10723.8.

4. The General Manager shall facilitate and assist in commencing discussions as soon as practical with other GSAs in order to begin the process of coordinating the development of a groundwater sustainability plan for the portion of the Tracy Subbasin in Contra Costa County, as contemplated by the Act.

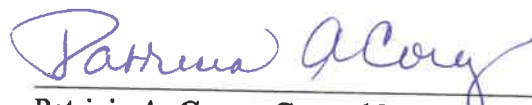
5. Resolution No. 2016-06 is hereby rescinded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District on March 21, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Stonebarger, Dwelley, Enos, Nunn and Smith
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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I, Patricia A. Corey, General Manager/Secretary of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted, on motion made, seconded, and carried by the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District at the regular meeting of the Board held on March 21, 2017.



Patricia A. Corey, General Manager/Secretary