

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN IN THE FORMATION OF THE WEST PLACER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) FOR A PORTION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FORMING THE WEST PLACER GSA, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO BE SIGNATORY TO THE MOA.

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as amended and codified in California Water Code §§ 10720, *et seq.*, applies to all groundwater basins in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for the sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires "sustainable groundwater management" and the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for all groundwater basins or sub-basins that are designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in DWR's report entitled "California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118" ("Bulletin 118"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Lincoln lies within the North American Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin, California Department of Water Resources Basin No. 5-21.64, has been designated as a high-priority subbasin in Bulletin 118; and

WHEREAS, SGMA defines a "local agency" as a local public agency that has water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin (or subbasin) and that a combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin or subbasin may elect to become a GSA for that basin, subbasin or portion of said basin or subbasin; and

WHEREAS, there are several GSAs forming over portions of the North American Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, in a portion of western Placer County, there are five local agencies with jurisdiction over portions of the North American Subbasin who wish to establish and be part of a GSA for a portion of this subbasin, with the agency to be named the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (West Placer GSA); these local agencies are Placer County, Placer County Water Agency, the City of Roseville, the City of Lincoln, and Nevada Irrigation District (collectively referred to herein as Members); and

WHEREAS, the Members have expressed their desire to maintain as much local autonomy as possible in the formation of the GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Members collectively determined that forming the GSA under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is the best form of a legal agreement that solidifies the formation of the GSA while also allowing the Members to maintain their desired autonomy; and

WHEREAS, the Members have prepared a MOA (attached) that establishes the West Placer GSA, providing for participation of all Members and providing for terms of implementation of the GSA; and

WHEREAS, the proposed West Placer GSA geographically encompasses the portion of the North American Subbasin within the County of Placer, withholding the portion of the subbasin within the jurisdiction of South Sutter Water District, as illustrated in Exhibit A of the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Members will prepare a separate Participation Agreement that will , provide for California American Water Company's participation in the West Placer GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Members and California American Water Company intend to work cooperatively with other GSAs formed within the North American Subbasin in accordance with provisions of SGMA, striving for the DWR's objective of full GSA coverage over the subbasin, and as required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that this action does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA section 15378 (a) and (b)(5) because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or physical change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was adopted at a Public Hearing that was publically noticed in the Lincoln News Messenger on April 6, 2017 and April 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, based on the above findings, the Members intend to submit the required documents to form the GSA to the Department by the due date set by SGMA of June 30, 2017, and, subject to approval by the Department, intend to implement the West Placer GSA in accordance with the MOA, as executed, and in accordance with SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lincoln hereby authorizes the participation of the City of Lincoln in the formation of the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the North American Subbasin, approves the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) forming the West Placer GSA in substantially the same form, and authorizes the City Manager to be signatory to the MOA forming the West Placer GSA.

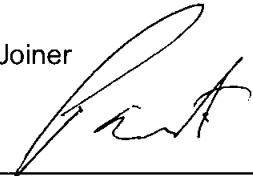
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2017.

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Karleskint, Hydrick, Nader, Gilbert

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:

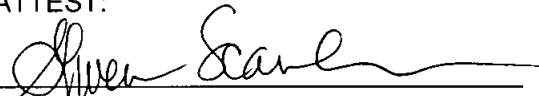
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Joiner



Peter Gilbert, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gwen Scanlon, City Clerk