



RESOLUTION No. 2017-10

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING THE WEST PLACER GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

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" for all groundwater basins or sub-basins that are designated as high - or medium - priority basins by the Department of Water Resources ("Department") in the Department's report entitled "California's Groundwater: Bulletin 118" ("Bulletin 118"); and

WHEREAS, the District's boundary overlaps the North American Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin, California Department of Water Resources Basin No. 5-21.64, which 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

WHEREAS, a combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin or subbasin may elect to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for that basin, subbasin or portion of said basin or subbasin; and

WHEREAS, there are several GSA's forming over portions of the North American Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, five local agencies with jurisdiction over portions of the North American Subbasin desire to form a multi-agency GSA for a portion of the subbasin in western Placer County, to be named the West Placer Groundwater Sustainability Agency (West Placer GSA): Placer County, Placer County Water Agency, the City of Roseville, the City of Lincoln, and the 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 an 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 California American Water Company and providing for terms of implementation of the GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Members will prepare a Participation Agreement, which provides 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 Department'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, publication of public notice was conducted pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 as required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR within 30 days of its decision to become a GSA and to undertake sustainable groundwater management; 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 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board hereby authorizes the Nevada Irrigation District to participate in the formation of the West Placer GSA and sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the North American Subbasin of the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin as depicted on the map included in the MOA attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
2. The attached MOA has been reviewed by this district and is found to provide for the legislative requirements of SGMA to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

4. The General Manager is hereby authorized to sign the MOA.
5. Member Representatives for the District are hereby appointed as follows: the Water Operations Manager as the Districts Member representative and the Water Resources Superintendent as an alternate.
6. This action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 10th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Weber, Drew, Miller, Morebeck, Wilcox

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None



President

ATTEST:



Board Secretary