

RESOLUTION 17-15 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
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 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 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, 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, these local agencies wish to provide for California American Water Company to participate in the West Placer GSA by separate written agreement; and

WHEREAS, the five local agencies are collectively referred to herein as "Members;" and

WHEREAS, the Members have prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) establishing the West Placer GSA, providing for participation of all Members and providing for terms of implementation of the GSA; a draft of this MOA is attached to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Members will subsequently prepare a participation agreement to provide for California American Water Company's participation in the West Placer 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 draft MOA; 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, 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

All of the above recitals are true and correct.

The attached Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by this agency and is found to provide for the legislative requirements of SGMA to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The Memorandum of Agreement, in substantially the same form, is approved and the General Manager is authorized to execute on behalf of this agency.

This action is exempt from provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

This resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Placer County Water Agency held on May 4, 2017, by the following vote on roll call:

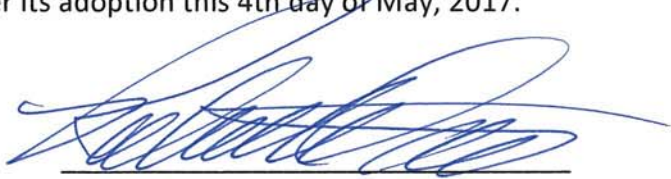
AYES: Graham "Gray" Allen, Joshua Alpine, Michael "Mike" Lee,
Primo Santini, III, Chair Robert Dugan

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Signed and approved by me after its adoption this 4th day of May, 2017.

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Robert Dugan, Chair of the Board
Placer County Water Agency

ATTEST:

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Cheri Sprunck
Clerk to the Board