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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY OF
TUOLUMNE AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), which authorizes and requires local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for 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 that a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) be formed by June 30, 2017, for all basins designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) CASGEM basin priority system as a high-priority or medium-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Modesto Sub-basin (Basin No. 5-22.02 in DWR Bulletin 118) (Basin) has been designated a high-priority basin by DWR; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10724 establishes a presumption that a County shall be a GSA for areas of a high- or medium-priority basin that are not within the management area of a GSA; and

WHEREAS, Tuolumne County exercises jurisdiction upon lands overlying the portions of the Basin that are currently unmanaged, and is committed to the sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources and to working cooperatively with other GSAs, entities, and stakeholders within the Basin to implement SGMA; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on Tuolumne County's decision to form a GSA for the Basin has been published in the Union Democrat as required by Water Code Section 10723; and

WHEREAS, each property owner in Tuolumne County within a half mile of the Basin boundary was also notified by mail of Tuolumne County's decision to form a GSA and the subsequent public hearing; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County held a public hearing to consider whether it should form the Tuolumne GSA; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires a local agency to inform DWR within 30 days of deciding to become a GSA of its decision and intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management and to submit required documentation pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8, and also to maintain a list of interested persons pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) because it involves organizational and administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County, as follows:

1. The Board of Supervisors hereby elects to form the Tuolumne Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the Modesto Groundwater Sub-basin (Bulletin 118 No. 5-22.02) underlying Tuolumne County's jurisdiction.
2. Within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, the Board of Supervisors Chair or her designee is directed to provide to DWR a copy of this resolution, information about the boundaries of the GSA and Basin areas to be managed, and all other notification documentation required to become a GSA and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8.
3. The County Administrator or his designee shall maintain a list of interested parties pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ON MAY 16, 2017

AYES: 1st Dist. Brennan NOES: _____ Dist. _____
2nd Dist. Harvett _____ Dist. _____
3rd Dist. Royce ABSENT: 4th Dist. Gray
4th Dist. Absent _____ Dist. _____
5th Dist. Rodger ABSTAIN: _____ Dist. _____
Sherris Brennan
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: [Signature]
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

By: [Signature]
Alicia L. Jamar
Clerk of the Board