

**KERN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2
RESOLUTION ELECTING FORMATION OF THE KERN GROUNDWATER
AUTHORITY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which requires the sustainable management of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in SGMA, a local agency or combination of local agencies may elect to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, the Kern Groundwater Authority is a joint powers authority composed of local agencies, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, specific members of the Kern Groundwater Authority have executed a Special Activities Agreement for the purpose of coordinating and electing to be a GSA under the organization of the Kern Groundwater Authority ("Participating Members"); and

WHEREAS, every member of the Kern Groundwater Authority was provided the opportunity to participate in the formation of a GSA under the Kern Groundwater Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Groundwater Authority overlies a portion of the Kern County Subbasin (designated basin number 5-022.14) in the California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) groundwater basin system, which has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin in critical overdraft; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency electing to be a GSA notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within the agency's jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 6066, notice of a public hearing on the Kern Groundwater Authority election to elect to be a GSA has been published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2017, the Kern Groundwater Authority held a public hearing to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Kern Groundwater Authority, pursuant to the vote of the Participating Members, wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA and to begin the process of cooperatively preparing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with other GSAs as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Kern Groundwater Authority hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the Kern Groundwater Authority adoption of this Resolution.
2. The Kern Groundwater Authority hereby elects to become a GSA to manage groundwater within the boundaries of the Participating Members.
3. The Board authorizes the General Manager or his designee within 30 days of adopting this Resolution, to inform the Department of Water Resources of the Kern Groundwater Authority election and take such other and further steps as necessary to comply with the SGMA and the Department of Water Resources requirements.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

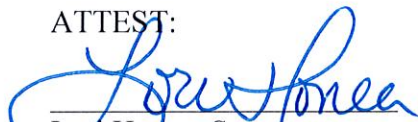
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kern Groundwater Authority on April 26, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Pascoe, James, Couch, Pandol, Taube, Andrew, Selvidge, Regan, Franz, Poire, MacIlvaine, Mullins, Barraza, Jr.

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ATTEST:


Lori Honea, Secretary