

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AND PARTICIPATION IN
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
FOR THE WHITE WOLF SUBBASIN
AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT**

SECTION A. WHEREAS this Board of Directors finds and determines as follows:

1. In 2014, the State of California enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Water Code Sections 10720 et seq.), referred to in this resolution as the "SGMA" or "Act," as subsequently amended, pursuant to which certain public agencies may become or participate in a "Groundwater Sustainability Agency" (GSA) and adopt a "Groundwater Sustainability Plan" (GSP) in order to manage groundwater in underlying groundwater basins. The Act defines "basin" as a basin or subbasin identified and defined in California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118.

2. On February 10, 2016, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (AEWSD), Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (WRMWSD) and Tejon-Castac Water District (TCWD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to, among other things, seek a boundary modification in accordance with Chapter 3 of the Act for the White Wolf Subbasin, which has long been recognized and documented as a separate subbasin. With the support of the County, AEWSD, WRMWSD, and TCWD conducted a technical investigation and submitted a boundary modification request in March 2016. In July 2016 the DWR issued a draft report recommending the modification, and on October 18, 2016, the California Water Commission confirmed DWR's recommendation and formally established the White Wolf Subbasin as a separate subbasin from the Kern County Subbasin. On December 23, 2016, DWR determined that the White Wolf Subbasin was not in critical overdraft.

3. The AEWSD, WRMWSD, TCWD, and the County of Kern (collectively the "Parties") are the agencies qualified to be a GSA under the Act for the White Wolf Subbasin, and collectively encompass the entire Subbasin.

4. Lands within the White Wolf Subbasin that have been developed to uses that utilize any significant groundwater are located within AEWSD, WRMWSD and TCWD, whereas lands which are not located within these districts but which are within the County, are believed to utilize small or de minimis quantities of groundwater.

5. The Parties wish to form a GSA and to implement SGMA in the White Wolf

Subbasin, such that the implementation is through local control and management and is implemented effectively, efficiently, fairly and at a reasonable cost.

6. On January 25, 2017, the Parties held a properly noticed workshop and Public Hearing to explain to and solicit input from the public on the Parties' proposal to form a GSA for the White Wolf Subbasin. After the workshop in which the public actively participated, the Public Hearing was held, but there were no oral or written public comments presented. WRMWSD did not receive any written comments. The Notice of Publication and Hearing Transcript are on file with WRMWSD.

SECTION B. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by this Board of Directors as follows:

1. WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT hereby decides to form a GSA in conjunction with AEWSD, TCWD, and the County of Kern known as the White Wolf GSA, and which shall have all the powers granted to a GSA pursuant to SGMA.

2. The GSA hereby created shall manage the area as depicted in the notification provided to the DWR as the White Wolf Subbasin (5-022.18), pursuant to California Water Code 10723.8.

3. The GSA area covers the entirety of the White Wolf Subbasin and does not extend further than the White Wolf Subbasin boundary or overlap with another basin(s) or GSA(s), and that any extension into another basin(s) or GSA(s) in materials submitted to the DWR is unintentional.

4. The GSA hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs as required by California Water Code §10723.2.

5. The GSA hereby created shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by California Water Code §10723.4.

6. The WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Board President or Engineer-Manager shall be authorized to execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the AEWSD, TCWD, and the County of Kern in substantially the form presented to this Board, and cause notice to be given to DWR of the decision of this District to create the above referenced GSA.

7. The District's officers and employees are authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the foregoing.

ALL OF THE FOREGOING being on motion of Director Fry, seconded by Director

Blaine, and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Atkinson, Blaine, Cappello, Fry, Greenlee, Marin, Mettler, Mullins, Valpredo
NOES:	None.
ABSENT:	None.
ABSTAINING:	None.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly adopted by said Board of Directors on the 8th day of March, 2017.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Directors this 8th day of March, 2017.



Assistant Secretary of the Board of Directors