

MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-22

**Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding Creating the Merced
Irrigation Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency Over a Portion of the Merced
Groundwater Subbasin, and Authorizing Other Actions Relating Thereto**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014 and was adopted into the California Water Code thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SGMA is to provide for the local control and long term sustainable management of groundwater resources and subbasins, encouraging local control and management activities, and provide local agencies with the authority and tools necessary to both manage and fund sustainable management activities; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires high and medium priority subbasins to be managed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA), and said GSA(s) must be formed on or before June 30, 2017

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes local agencies with land use, water supply, or other certain authorities, or a combination of such agencies overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA for the subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Irrigation District (MID) is a local agency qualified to become a GSA under SGMA, and a portion of MID is located in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin as defined in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (see Exhibit "A", attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723.8 requires that a local agency electing to serve as a GSA notify the California Department of Water Resources of its election to form a GSA and to undertake sustainable groundwater management activities within a subbasin; and

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction control of groundwater management is beneficial to the health, safety and water supply reliability of Merced Irrigation District and its customers, and will allow MID to coordinate well pumping and extraction allocations with GSP requirements, encourage uniform basin management activities and ensure that MID interests are represented during GSA activities and GSP development; and

WHEREAS, MID intends to, and is committed to work cooperatively with other local agencies and community interests to form GSA(s) over the Merced Groundwater Subbasin with the goal of agreeing to a single groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) over the entire subbasin, and in particular those agencies who have elected to form and create a groundwater sustainability agency within the Merced Irrigation Urban GSA (MIUGSA), said agencies, along with the MID, include the City of Merced, City of Atwater, City of Livingston, Winton Water and Sanitary District, Planada Community Services

District, and Le Grand Community Services District ; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "Project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is an administrative action that does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District that:

1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are true and correct, and the Board so finds and determines.
2. The Board expresses its intent to elect to become a GSA for that portion of Merced Groundwater Subbasin described herein and shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and in furtherance of that election hereby authorizes the General Manager or his designee to execute the substantial form of memorandum of understanding agreement that creates the Merced Irrigation Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B", subject to such reasonable modifications, revisions, additions and deletions as such executing officer may approve prior to execution, said execution to provide conclusive evidence of such approval.
3. Staff is authorized to provide notification of the election to become a GSA to the California Department of Water Resources, and to provide such information and execute such documents as may be reasonably necessary thereto.

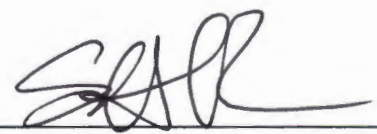
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the General Manager or his designee is authorized to execute such other documents that may be necessary or appropriate, and is authorized to take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Merced Irrigation District this 4th day of April 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Directors:	Gonzalves, Long, Marchini, Pimentel
Noes:	Directors:	None
Abstain:	Directors:	None
Absent:	Directors:	Koehn



Dave Long
President
Merced Irrigation District



Scott Koehn
Vice President/Secretary
Merced Irrigation District