

Resolution No. 2015-12-08-1602

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTENT OF CITY OF STOCKTON IN COMBINATION WITH CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE COMPANY TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GROUNDWATER BASIN AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on September 16, 2014; and

The City of Stockton (City) is a local agency, as defined under SGMA, and is authorized to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

Where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good; and

The City overlies a basin, the Eastern San Joaquin Sub-Basin (designated basin number 5-22.01 in the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 basin system) (Basin); and

SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins to be managed by a GSA and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) designated the Basin as "high priority", therefore requiring a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

Water Code section 10723.6 authorizes a combination of local agencies to form a GSA including a water corporation regulated by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC); and

California Water Service Company (Cal Water) is regulated by the PUC and has a general delegation of authority authorizing officers of the corporation to enter into agreements; and

The City intends to become and participate in the future formation of a GSA in combination with Cal Water for management of the Basin within the boundaries defined as the Urban Service Area until further action redefines those boundaries; and

The City in combination with Cal Water intends to work cooperatively with other

water agencies and the County of San Joaquin (County), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion and to also explore the possibility of forming a GSA agreement; and

No other GSA is currently operating within the Basin; and

On October 22, 2015, DWR posted a Notice of Intent to Become a GSA for Stockton East Water District (Notice) and if no other Notice is filed by another agency within 90 days, Stockton East Water District will be presumed to be the exclusive GSA within the Basin; and

Pursuant to Government Code section 6066, notice of a public hearing on the City's intent to become a groundwater sustainability agency for the Basin in combination with Cal Water has been published in the Stockton Record Newspaper as provided by law; and

Courtesy copies of the Notice were mailed to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors, Cal Water, and Stockton East Water District; and

On this day, the Stockton City Council held a public hearing to consider the decision and intention of the City in combination with Cal Water to become a GSA for management of the Basin; and

It would be in the best interest of the City in combination with Cal Water, to become a GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan in corroboration with other agencies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON,
AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City Council hereby approves the decision and intent of the City in combination with Cal Water to become and form a GSA and participate in the future management of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Sub-Basin.

2. The City Council hereby authorizes within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the City Manager or his designee to provide notice of the intention, a copy of this Resolution, a map showing the Basin within the Urban Service Area, and a list of beneficial users and users of groundwater, including those responsible for implementing a GSP to DWR in the manner required by SGMA.

3. The Director of Municipal Utilities (Director) is authorized to begin discussions with other local agencies to develop groundwater sustainability plans for the Basin and to ensure that all beneficial users and users of groundwater are included and considered.

4. The Director is also hereby authorized to develop a plan with other groundwater sustainability agencies in which the City might join in coordination with

other local agencies as contemplated by SGMA.

5. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute all required notices or agreements, and to submit such documents as may be required to provide for the sustainable management of the Basin.

6. The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED December 8, 2015.



ANTHONY SILVA, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:



BONNIE PAIGE, City Clerk
of the City of Stockton

