

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED CITY OF STOCKTON GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOUNDARY MAP FOR THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUB-BASIN AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF THE MAP TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

The SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

The SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSA's by June 30, 2017; and

The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sub-Basin (Sub-Basin) has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and is in critical groundwater overdraft; and

The SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying a groundwater Sub-Basin to elect to become a GSA; and

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

On December 8, 2015, the City Council elected to become a GSA for the portions of the City within the Sub-Basin; and

The City submitted notification to DWR on December 17, 2015, of its decision to become a GSA; and

The decision to become a GSA will take effect if no other local agency has filed a GSA formation notice for all or a portion of the same area of a basin within 90-days of the initial posted notice, or if any GSA overlap has been resolved and all applicable Water Code requirements have been met; and

As reflected in California Water Code (Wat. Code) section 10723.8(c), where there is overlap in areas proposed to be managed by local agencies, the local agencies shall seek to reach agreement to resolve the overlap to allow prompt designation of a GSA. Wat. Code References: section 10723 *et seq.*; and

GSA overlap can be resolved by withdrawal or modification of a posted GSA formation notice(s) to eliminate any overlap in the area(s) proposed to be managed; and

The City and all other public agencies who have filed to become a GSA within the Sub-Basin, have resolved existing GSA overlaps; and

A parcel-level boundary map has been developed by San Joaquin County for the entire Sub-Basin which defines the boundaries of each GSA, showing no existing GSA overlap within the Sub-Basin; and

The City is in agreement with the GSA boundaries depicted on this map for the Sub-Basin which resolves any prior overlap; and

This action does not constitute a material change from the original postings as the Sub-Basin was entirely covered and continues to be entirely covered by public agencies intending to become a GSA with the resolution of overlap; and

The City is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; now, therefore,

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

1. The City Manager is authorized to file a revised boundary map of the Sub-Basin GSA Map with DWR, requesting that the boundaries of the City of Stockton GSA be modified in accordance with the map and designating the City as the exclusive GSA in the portion of the Sub-Basin as depicted on the map. This will reduce the filing from the Urban Service Area to the City limits.

2. The City Council approves the Sub-Basin GSA Map depicting the City of Stockton GSA as prepared by staff, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED May 9, 2017.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS, Mayor
of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

BONNIE PAIGE, City Clerk
of the City of Stockton