

ENCLOSURE C

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORM THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, California Water Code section 10720 et. seq. (SGMA), went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to manage groundwater basins through the actions of local governmental agencies to the greatest extent feasible while minimizing state intervention; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that California groundwater basins and subbasins designated by the California Department of Water Resources as high priority or medium priority be managed by one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and that such management be accomplished pursuant to one or more approved Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a GSA as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, any local public agency that has water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin may decide to become a GSA over that basin (California Water Code Sections 10721 and 10723); and

WHEREAS, SGMA provides that a combination of local agencies may form a GSA by a joint powers agreement, a memorandum of agreement, or other legal agreement (Water Code Section 10723.6); and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, overlies a portion of the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin, groundwater basin number 4-4.07 per the State of California, Department of Water Resources Groundwater Bulletin 118, which has been designated by the State of California as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, has water supply and water management responsibilities within the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, it is beneficial to the health, safety, and water supply reliability of the Santa Clarita Valley for the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, to retain local jurisdiction and control over groundwater resources within the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde, has been working cooperatively with other local agencies that also plan to manage groundwater in compliance with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde,, along with its regional partners, Castaic Lake Water Agency, Newhall County Water District, the Santa Clarita Water Division, and the City of Santa Clarita intend to jointly form the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) through a Memorandum of Understanding to work collaboratively to manage groundwater resources within their respective service areas in the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin and to comply with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde as a member of the SCV-GSA, Water Code Section 10723 requires County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish the SCV-GSA through a Memorandum of Understanding were published on [date] and [date]; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and as the Board of Directors of Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde does hereby:

1. Elect that County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde will participate as a member of the SCV-GSA to manage groundwater within its statutory boundaries of the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding to Form the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or his designee and the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the "Memorandum of Understanding to Form the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency," on behalf of the County of

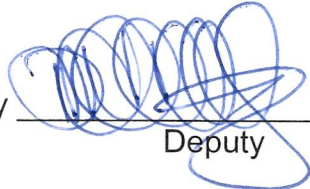
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The foregoing resolution was on the 23rd day of May, 2017, adopted by the Board of Supervisors as the governing body of the County of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 36, Val Verde.

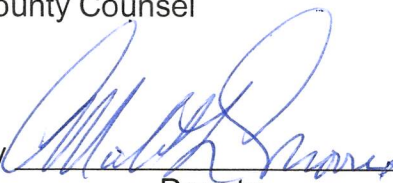


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