

CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 668

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE MATTER OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT DECISION TO BECOME OR FORM A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the California legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, sustainable groundwater management is intended to occur pursuant to Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are created and adopted by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code §10723(a), a Local Agency or combination of Local Agencies, as defined in California Water Code §10721(n), may decide to become or form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, Cawelo Water District ("District") is a California Water District formed and operating pursuant to and in accordance with Division 13 of the California Water Code (commencing with Water Code §34000) and overlies a portion of the Kern Subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin portion of the Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region, as defined in Bulletin 118 of the California Department of Water Resources and is therefore a "Local Agency" as defined within California Water Code 10721 (n); and

WHEREAS, the County of Kern (County) is a local public agency that manages water, has a water supply, or has land use responsibilities, and is therefore a "Local Agency" as defined within California Water Code 10721 (n); and

WHEREAS, the District desires to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency which may include the County (or portions thereof); and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on Thursday May 18, 2017 pursuant to California Water Code section §10723(b), after publication of notice of such hearing pursuant to California Government Code section §6066; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Cawelo Water District Board of Directors considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the District to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which may include the County (or portions thereof).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing is true and correct.
2. That Cawelo Water District herein decides to become or form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, which may include the County of Kern, and which shall have all the powers granted to a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
3. That the portion of the groundwater basin that the herein formed Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall manage shall be that portion of the basin as depicted in the notification provided to the Department of Water Resources pursuant to California Water Code 10723.8, and which boundary may be modified from time to time.
4. That the groundwater sustainability agency hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by California Water Code section §10723.2.
5. That the groundwater sustainability agency 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 section §10723.4.
6. That the District Board President, the General Manager of the District, and any officer of the District shall be authorized to execute a joint powers agreement or other legal agreement(s) with the County pursuant to Water Code §10723.6(a), as deemed appropriate by the Board President and/or the General Manager, and cause notice to be given to the California Department of Water Resources of the decision of Cawelo Water District to create the above referenced Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

ALL THE FOREGOING being on the motion of Director Blackwell, seconded by Director Watkins and authorized by the following vote, namely:

AYES: HAMILTON, BLACKWELL, SMITH, WATKINS

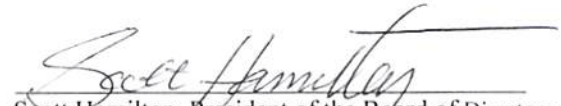
NOES: 0

ABSENT: FENN

ABSTAIN: 0

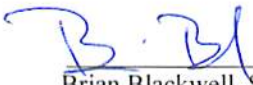
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of the Cawelo Water District as duly passed and adopted by its Board of Directors at a legally convened meeting held on the 18th day of May, 2017.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Board of Directors this 18th day of May, 2017:



Scott Hamilton, President of the Board of Directors
CAWELO WATER DISTRICT

ATTESTED:



Brian Blackwell, Secretary of the Board of Directors
CAWELO WATER DISTRICT