

RESOLUTION NO. 10796 (2017 SERIES)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE SAN LUIS OBISPO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN FOR THE AREA THAT LIES BENEATH AND WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

WHEREAS, in 2014 the California Legislature and the Governor passed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) for local management of groundwater resources in California through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs); and

WHEREAS, the City overlies a portion of the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLOVGB), which is subject to SGMA, and thus one or more GSAs must be formed for the SLOVGB by June 30, 2017, or the SLOVGB may be subject to regulation by the State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, the City is a “local agency” as that term is defined by SGMA, and as such is authorized to form a GSA to manage groundwater resources in the SLOVGB and within the City’s jurisdictional boundaries in accordance with SGMA and other applicable laws and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to form a GSA to manage groundwater resources in the SLOVGB beneath and within the City’s jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City intends that its GSA will work cooperatively with the other GSAs that have formed or will be formed in the SLOVGB to prepare one or more GSPs by January 31, 2022, so that groundwater resources in the SLOVGB will be properly managed and sustainable in accordance with the provisions of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the City form this GSA because SGMA grants GSAs substantial additional powers and authorities to ensure sustainable groundwater management. Acting as the GSA within the City’s jurisdictional boundaries will, among other things, confirm the City’s role as the local groundwater management agency, ensure access to SGMA authorities, and preserve access to grant funding and other opportunities that may be available to GSAs; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA, the City held a public hearing on this date after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of San Luis Obispo as follows:

SECTION 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The City of San Luis Obispo hereby elects to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act over the portion of the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin which lies under and within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of San Luis Obispo.

SECTION 3. The City Manager is authorized and directed to submit a notice of this Resolution along with all other required information to the California Department of Water Resources in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

SECTION 4. The City Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of the groundwater within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City and will develop an outreach program for all such stakeholders. The City Groundwater Sustainability Agency will continue to coordinate with other local agencies and stakeholders that overlie the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin in order to manage groundwater resources.

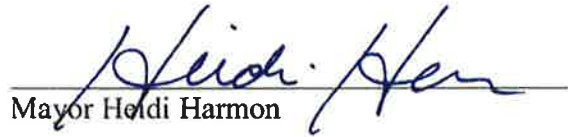
SECTION 5. The City Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding the City's involvement in the preparation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plans in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin, where any person may request in writing to be placed on the City's list of interested persons.

SECTION 6. Resolution Number 10777 (2017 Series) is hereby repealed.

Upon motion of Council Member Pease, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Christianson, Gomez, and Pease
Vice Mayor Rivoire and Mayor Harmon
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

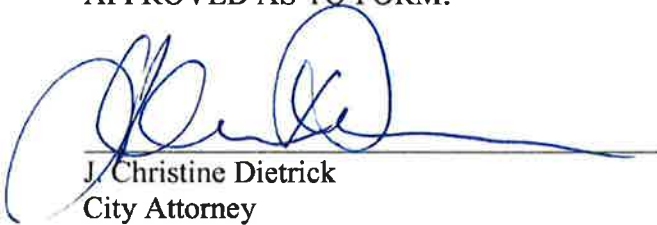
The foregoing resolution was adopted this 16th day of May, 2017.


Mayor Heidi Harmon

ATTEST:


Carrie Gallagher
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


J. Christine Dietrick
City Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, this 24th day of May, 2017.


Carrie Gallagher
City Clerk