



CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

June 8, 2017

Sent via U.S. Postal Service & Electronic Mail to MarkNordberg@water.ca.gov

Mr. Mark Nordberg, GSA Project Manager
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Subject: Notice of Election to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin

Dear Mr. Nordberg:

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8, the City of San Luis Obispo (City), a political subdivision of the State of California, gives notice to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the City's decision to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin (SLOVGB) (DWR Basin No. 3-009) in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The GSA will be known as the City of San Luis Obispo GSA. The City overlies the SLOVGB and the proposed service area of the GSA lies entirely within the City's jurisdictional boundaries.

In accordance with section 10723(b) of the Water Code and section 6066 of the Government Code, a notice of public hearing was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of San Luis Obispo and San Luis Obispo County regarding the City's intent to consider forming a GSA. Copies of the proof of publication and published notices are included as Enclosure 1.

On May 16, 2017, the San Luis Obispo City Council (Council) held a public hearing regarding its decision to form a GSA in accordance with California Water Code Section 10723(b). No significant comments were received before or at the public hearing. After holding the public hearing, the Council approved Resolution 10796 (Enclosure 2), electing to become a GSA over the portion of the SLOVGB within the jurisdiction of the City, as further depicted in shape files included herein as Enclosure 3. No new bylaws, ordinances, or authorities for the governance of the GSA have been adopted by the City at this time.

The City is coordinating with other local agencies that overlie the SLOVGB and intends to work cooperatively with these agencies to jointly manage groundwater in the SLOVGB.

The Council has authorized the City's Utilities Director, Carrie Mattingly, to negotiate interagency agreements with local public agencies overlying the Basin, as necessary, for the purposes of implementing a cooperative and coordinated governance structure to sustainably manage the SLOVGB.

The County of San Luis Obispo intends to form a GSA over the SLOVGB, but not over the area proposed for the City GSA. To the City's knowledge, no other entities within the City's proposed GSA service area have provided notice to DWR to become a GSA.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 10732.2, the City will consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). A list of stakeholders is attached (Enclosure 4).

The City intends to engage in an open, collaborative and inclusive process to work cooperatively with stakeholders to develop and implement a GSP or multiple GSPs for the SLOVGB and will maintain a list of interested parties to be included in the formation of the GSP(s). The City intends to work with County of San Luis Obispo, Golden State Water Company, Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company-East, Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company and Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company to prepare a GSP or GSPs that would incorporate all of the SLOVGB.

The following information is included in this notice and transmittal pursuant to California Water Code Section 10723.8(a):

1. Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6066
2. City Resolution No. 10796
3. City of San Luis Obispo Boundary shape files

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact the City Utilities Director, Carrie Mattingly, at (805) 781-7205 or via email at cmatting@slocity.org.

Sincerely,



Katie Lichtig
City Manager

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6066
2. City of San Luis Obispo Resolution No. 10796
3. City of San Luis Obispo shape files (electronic files only)
4. List of stakeholders for the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin

C: Carrie Mattingly, Utilities Director
Wade Horton, County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Director
Michael Codron, Community Development Director
Xzandrea Fowler, Deputy Director, Community Development
Aaron Floyd, Deputy Director – Water

SAN LUIS OBISPO CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The San Luis Obispo City Council invites all interested persons to attend a public hearing on **Tuesday May 16, 2017, at 6:00pm** in the **City Hall Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California**, relative to the following:

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT CITY UTILITIES DIRECTOR: Carrie Mattingly at (805) 781-7215 or at: cmatting@slocity.org

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A NOTICE TO INFORM YOU, as a property owner, tenant or interested citizen, that the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo, California, will conduct a public hearing, as part of a scheduled City Council meeting, on the following project:

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of San Luis Obispo will consider authorizing the City to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) over that portion of the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin that lies under the City limits of the City of San Luis Obispo, per California Water Code Sections 10723 to 10727. In 2014, the California Legislature and the Governor passed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which provides a new framework for best management of resources in California. Implementation of SGMA is achieved through formation of GSAs and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs). The City has a groundwater basin that is governed by SGMA legislation, within the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin. This groundwater basin is designated by the state as a medium priority basin and must comply with SGMA requirements.

Once the GSA is formed, the City will then be required to develop and implement a GSP that provides a roadmap for managing the basin on a sustainable basis. The City believes it is essential for the City to be a GSA. SGMA provides GSAs with access to various powers and authorities to ensure sustainable management. Becoming a GSA will confirm the City's role as the local groundwater management agency, ensure access to SGMA authorities, and preserve access to grant funding or other opportunities that may be limited to GSAs.

The City Council may also discuss other hearings or business items before or after the item listed above. If you challenge the proposed project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Reports for this meeting will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office and online at www.slocity.org on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Please call the City Clerk's Office at (805) 781-7100 for more information. The City Council meeting will be televised live on Charter Cable Channel 20 and live streaming on www.slocity.org.

Carrie Gallagher
City Clerk

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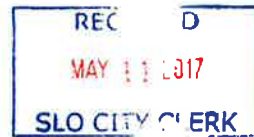
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County of San Luis Obispo

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen and not interested in the above entitled matter; I am now, and at all times embraced in the publication herein mentioned was, the principal clerk of the printers and publishers of THE TRIBUNE, a newspaper of general Circulation, printed and published daily at the City of San Luis Obispo in the above named county and state; that notice at which the annexed clippings is a true copy, was published in the above-named newspaper and not in any supplement thereof – on the following dates to wit; MAY 2, 9, 2017 that said newspaper was duly and regularly ascertained and established a newspaper of general circulation by Decree entered in the Superior Court of San Luis Obispo County, State of California, on June 9, 1952, Case #19139 under the Government Code of the State of California.

I certify (or declare) under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Jane E. Durand
(Signature of Principal Clerk)
DATE: MAY 9, 2017
AD COST: \$519.68



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RESOLUTION REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER THE SAN LUIS OBISPO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN UNDER THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

A public hearing to consider the following:

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For more information, you are invited to contact Aaron Floyd of the City's Utilities Development Department at (805) 781-7237 or by email at afloyd@slocity.org.

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Carrie Gallagher
City Clerk
City of San Luis Obispo
May 2, 9, 2017

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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.

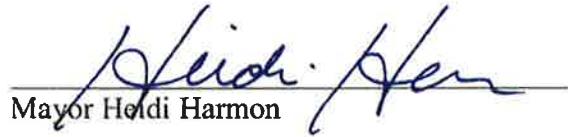
SECTION 5. The City Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding the City's involvement in the preparation of one or more Groundwater Sustainability Plans in the San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin, where any person may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

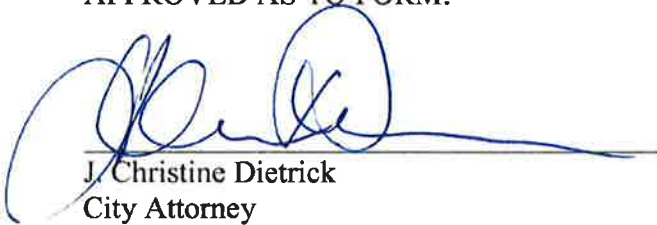
The foregoing resolution was adopted this 16th day of May, 2017.


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

San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin – Stakeholders List

Stakeholders to Consider - Defined in Water Code 10723.2

**Note: Individuals are encouraged to join the County's Interested Person(s) email list by opting in through: slocountywater.org/sgma*

Local Agency:

County of San Luis Obispo (County)
San Luis Obispo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District (District)
City of San Luis Obispo - Water Department (City)

Water Corporations Regulated by PUC* or a Mutual Water Company:

Edna Ranch Mutual Water Company - East
Golden State Water Company - Edna*
Varian Ranch Mutual Water Company
Edna Valley Growers Mutual Water Company

Agricultural users:

Individual agricultural landowners
Farm Bureau
Coastal San Luis Obispo Resource Conservation District
Agricultural Liaison Advisory Board
Others?

Domestic well owners:

Individual rural residential/suburban landowners
Tiffany Ranch (not entirely in basin)
O'Conner Way (not entirely in basin)

Municipal well operators:

Covered in other categories

Public water systems (per County Environmental Health):

141 Suburban Road Water Supply	J M Sims Water Supply
200 Suburban Road Water Supply	Jespersen Ranch
Bear Valley Water Company	Laureate Water Company
Buttonwood Industrial Park- Inactive	Madonna Inn Water Company
CB&I Constructors Inc	MAXWELLTON MUTUAL WATER
Chevron - Tank Farm	Noll Properties Industrial Park
Congregation Beth David	Paragon Triangle Water Supply
Copeland S Investments	Poly Ranch
East Airport Fiero Lane Water Company	R. Howard Strabaugh Inc
Edna Valley Vineyard	San Luis Business Park
Elks Lodge #322	SAN LUIS SOURDOUGH - INACTIVE
Ernie Ball Inc	SAN LUIS WATER & POWER
Fiero Lane Water Company	SLO County Farm Bureau
Hidden Hills Mobilodge	SLO Partners
Higuera Apartments	Sunset Drive-In Snack Bar
Holdgrafer & Associates	Tank Farm Business Park
Horizon Lane Water Supply	Tank Farm Industrial Plaza
Irish Hills	Tiger Water Supply

San Luis Obispo Valley Groundwater Basin – Stakeholders List

Toyota San Luis Obispo
VACHELL WATER SYSTEM
WALLACE WATER SYSTEMS

Whitson Industrial Park
Williams Water Company

Local land use planning agencies:

City of San Luis Obispo
County of San Luis Obispo
San Luis Obispo Council of Government (SLO COG)

Environmental users of groundwater:

See Other Stakeholder to consider

Surface water users:

(if hydrologic connection)
TBD

Federal government:

U.S. Fish & Wildlife

California Native American tribes:

Chumash – no specific water uses in area

Disadvantaged communities:

Covered under other categories?

Other Stakeholders to Consider *(not specifically defined in Water Code)*

Surrounding Watershed Users – Impact inflow/outflows?

Avila Beach Community Services District
Port San Luis Harbor District
Los Osos Valley Groundwater Basin
Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin (Arroyo Grande Creek)

State Agencies

Department of Water Resources
Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Polytechnic University

Other

San Luis Obispo Golf & Country Club Inc. (on groundwater?)
Union Oil Co (on groundwater?)
Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo
Central Coast Salmon Enhancement
The Nature Conservancy

Business/ Development

Chamber of Commerce
SLO County Visitors & Conference Bureau
SLO Wine Country Association
Others?