

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

UKIAH VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 17-01

RESOLUTION OF THE UKIAH VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY TO BE ELECTED AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE UKIAH VALLEY BASIN PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("Act"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of the Act is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA"); and

WHEREAS, the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") is a local agency, as the Act defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the Agency exercises jurisdiction upon land overlying the entire Ukiah Valley Basin (designated basin number 1-52 in the Department of Water Resources' ("DWR") Bulletin 118); and

WHEREAS, the Agency is committed to sustainable management of the Basin's groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by DWR as a medium- or high-priority basins by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Basin is designated as a medium-priority basin pursuant to the DWR's initial prioritization; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Agency to work cooperatively with other local stakeholders, as may be appropriate, to sustainably manage the Basin and ensure that the Act's goals are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the Agency's election to become a GSA for the Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Ukiah Daily Journal as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, on this day, the Agency held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Basin for the Agency to become a GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan ("Sustainability Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the Agency's process to develop the Sustainability Plan for the Basin will include stakeholder outreach and will provide multiple opportunities for public involvement; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as follows:

1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the Agency so finds, determines and represents.
2. The Agency hereby elects to become the GSA for the Ukiah Valley Basin.
3. Within thirty days of the date of this resolution, the Agency is to provide notice to DWR of the Agency's election to be the GSA for the Basin ("Notice of GSA Election") in the manner required by law.
4. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries the Agency intends to manage as the GSA for the Basin. Until further action of the Agency, the boundaries of the GSA shall be the entire boundary of the Basin defined by Bulletin 118, the entirety of which currently falls within the Agency's jurisdiction.
5. Upon submission of the Notice of GSA Election, the Agency's Board of Director's shall begin discussions with interested stakeholders and beneficial users within the Basin in order to begin the process of developing a Sustainability Plan for the Basin.
6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency does hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Director White, seconded by Director

Cardoza, and carried this 15 day of June, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors B.Brown, C.Brown, Cardoza, Crane, White
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.



Carre Brown, Board Chair
Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability
Agency

ATTEST:



Brandi Brown
Secretary
Ukiah Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability
Agency