

ENCLOSURE D

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FORM THE SANTA MONICA BASIN 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 (GSPs) 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 overlies a portion of the Coastal Plain of Los Angeles – Santa Monica, groundwater basin number 4-011.01 per the State of California, Department of Water Resources Groundwater Bulletin 118, which has been designated by the State of California as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles has land use planning responsibilities within the Coastal Plain of Los Angeles – Santa Monica, groundwater basin number 4-011.01; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles has been working cooperatively with other local agencies that also plan to manage groundwater in compliance with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, County of Los Angeles along with its regional partners, City of Santa Monica (Santa Monica), a municipal corporation, the City of Los Angeles, by and through its Department of Water and Power, the City of Beverly Hills, and the City of Culver City intend to jointly form the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency through a Memorandum of Understanding to work collaboratively to manage groundwater resources within their respective service areas in the Santa Monica Basin and to comply with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish County of Los Angeles as a member of the Santa Monica Basin-GSA, Water Code Section 10723 requires County of Los Angeles to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether to become a member to the 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 Santa Monica-GSA through a Memorandum of Understanding were published; 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;

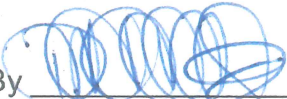
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles does hereby:

1. Elect that County of Los Angeles will participate as a member of the Santa Monica Basin-GSA to manage groundwater within its statutory boundaries of the Santa Monica Basin pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding to Form the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or his designee to execute the "Memorandum of Understanding to Form the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency," on behalf of the County of Los Angeles a copy of which is attached hereto; and
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or his designee to coordinate with the other members of the Santa Monica Basin-GSA to provide a copy of this resolution, a Notice of Intent, and all other necessary documentation to Department of Water Resources within 30 days and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8; and
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or his designee to coordinate with the other members of the Santa Monica Basin-GSA to maintain a list of interested parties regarding the newly formed Santa Monica Basin-GSA pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4.

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.

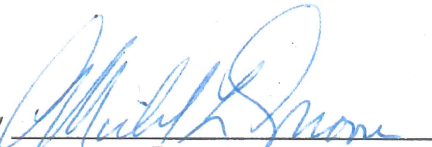


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