

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), as enacted on September 16, 2014, and codified in California Water Code Section 10720 et seq., is intended to enhance local and sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes local public agencies that have water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin to form one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA) to implement SGMA's provisions within that basin; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), the cities of Beverly Hills, Culver City, and Santa Monica, and the County of Los Angeles (Parties) are local agencies that have water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within the Santa Monica Basin (SMB); and

WHEREAS, the Parties propose to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form the Santa Monica Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SMBGSA) to collectively manage the SMB; and

WHEREAS, the Parties propose to work collaboratively through the SMBGSA and with other interested parties to develop and implement a single groundwater sustainability plan to sustainably and cost-effectively manage groundwater in the SMB pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Water and Power Commissioners (Board) held a public hearing on May 2, 2017, in the County of Los Angeles relating to said proposal, following publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the other Parties have held or intend to hold similar public hearings, also following publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed MOU, approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney and filed with the Secretary of the Board, is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President or Vice President of the Board or the General Manager or such person as the General Manager shall designate in writing and the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or the Acting Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to execute said MOU for and on behalf of LADWP.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held MAY 02 2017

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY
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