

Resolution No. PV-17-001

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PETALUMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE PETALUMA VALLEY BASIN**

WHEREAS, the comprehensive groundwater legislation collectively enacted and referred to as the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" at California Water Code Section 10720 *et seq.* ("SGMA") initially became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies ("GSAs") for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans ("GSPs") for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies, as defined by SGMA, to form a GSA by entering into a joint powers agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") was formed pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the City of Petaluma, County of Sonoma, North Bay Water District, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Sonoma Resource Conservation District, each of which is a local agency as defined by SGMA, within the Petaluma Valley Basin ("Basin") which is designated basin number 2-1 in Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118 and which is designated as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Agency's jurisdiction covers the full geographical area of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Agency is to serve as the GSA for the Petaluma Valley Basin to comply with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017; and

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the Agency's decision to become a GSA for the Basin has been published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and the Petaluma Argus-Courier as required by Water Code section 10723 and Government Code section 6066; and

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WHEREAS, on this day, the Agency held a public hearing to receive public comment and consider the decision to become the GSA for the Basin in accordance with Water Code section 10723; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the Basin for the Agency to become the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a GSP for the Basin; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the PETALUMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, as follows:

1. All recitals are true and correct.
2. The Agency hereby elects to be the GSA for the Basin.
3. The Agency's Interim Administrator is directed file the GSA Formation Notification, along with required supporting documentation, with the California Department of Water Resources, no later than June 30, 2017.

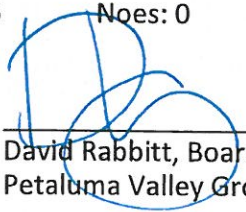
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day, June 22, 2017, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Healy: Aye Rabbitt: Aye Wasem: Aye Gorin: Aye Abelli-Amen: Aye

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

By:



David Rabbitt, Board Chair
Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date: 6/22/17

Attested by:



Valerie Minton
Interim Administrator