

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

R E S O L U T I O N

R-15-185

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN
AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THOSE PORTIONS OF
THE COSUMNES, EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN AND TRACY SUB-BASINS WITHIN
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the Cosumnes and Tracy Sub-basins have been designated by DWR as medium-priority basins; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the County of San Joaquin (County) is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

WHEREAS, the County is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA were published on November 27, 2015 and December 4, 2015 in the Manteca Bulletin, Lodi

News Sentinel, Tracy Press, and on November 27, 2015 and December 8, 2015 in The Record; and,

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on December 15, 2015, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of San Joaquin County hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of San Joaquin County within the Cosumnes, Eastern San Joaquin, and Tracy Sub-basin as defined in DWR Bulletin 118, a copy of a map of the proposed management area is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of Public Works or his designee to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the areas that the County intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the County boundaries, a copy of this Resolution, a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors supports resolving boundary overlaps among electing GSAs and also supports exploring the establishment of a coordination agreement to organize electing GSAs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors directs staff to enter into discussions with agencies electing to be GSAs to resolve boundary overlaps and to develop a coordination agreement that recognizes the authority of electing GSAs to implement and enforce a GSP within their respective boundaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED 12/15/2015, by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: **Winn, Elliott, Villapudua, Miller**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**

ATTEST:

MIMI DUZENSKI
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Of the County of San Joaquin,
State of California


KATHERINE M. MILLER
Chair of the Board
of Supervisors
State of California

By


Clerk



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