

RESOLUTION NO. 2018- 02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY ELECTING
TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE ENTIRE
OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Part 2.74 of Division 6 of the California Water Code ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority ("OVGA"), is a joint powers authority formed by "local agencies" as defined by California Water Code section 10721, and is eligible to serve as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under Water Code section 10723; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires that each California medium or high priority groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the combined service areas of the member agencies of the OVGA completely overlie the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin No. 6-12 in the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Update 2016, henceforth "Basin"); and

WHEREAS, the four existing GSAs collectively managing the entire Basin are parties to the OVGA joint powers agreement and are concurrently withdrawing their respective GSA statuses in order to allow the OVGA to become the exclusive GSA within the Basin, contingent upon the OVGA becoming the exclusive GSA for the entire Basin; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing to consider whether the OVGA should elect to become a GSA for the Basin was published in the Inyo Register on 4/21/2018, 4/24/2018, 4/26/2018, 4/28/2018, 5/1/2018, and 5/3/2018; and The Sheet on 4/21/2018 and 4/23/2018, pursuant to California Government Code section 6066, as required by California Water Code section 10723(b); and

WHEREAS, the OVGA held a public hearing on May 10, 2018 to consider election to become a GSA for the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority that in accordance with the SGMA:

1. The Owens Valley Groundwater Authority hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin 6-12) located within Inyo and Mono Counties, as shown on attached Exhibit A.
2. Within 30 days of the date of this Resolution, the OVGA's Executive Manager is directed to submit a notice of intent to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8(a); and
3. The OVGA's Executive Manager shall create and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices concerning GSP preparation, meeting announcements, and the availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by Water Code section 10723.4.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 2018 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 11

NAYS: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

ABSENT: -0-



Fred Stump, Chairperson,
Owens Valley Groundwater Authority

Attest: Dr. Bob Harrington
Acting Clerk of the OVGA

by 
Laura Piper, Assistant

Exhibit A: Map showing the portion of the Fish Slough Subbasin of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin that the County of Inyo has decided to manage. Other GSAs are shown on detail map.

