

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
AND TO SERVE AS THE EXCLUSIVE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR
PORTIONS OF THE PLEASANT VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California 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 County of Fresno ("County") is a "local agency" as defined in Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n); and

WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Water District ("PVWD") previously decided to become the GSA for the entire Pleasant Valley Subbasin (Subbasin), even though portions of that subbasin are outside of PVWDs' jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Water Resources has indicated that PVWD may not serve as the GSA for areas that are outside of its jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga, which is also a local agency as defined in Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n), lies within the portion of the Subbasin that is outside of PVWDs' jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, for the portions of the Subbasin where no other local agency as defined in Water Code section 10721, subdivision (n), has jurisdiction, the County is presumed, under Water Code section 10724 to be the GSA for that area; and

WHEREAS, the County now desires to declare its intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management and to serve as GSA in those portions of the Subbasin that are within the County's jurisdictional boundary, but outside of PVWDs' and City of Coalinga's jurisdictional boundaries; and

1 WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (a), authorizes a local agency under Water
2 Code section 10721, subdivision (n), with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities,
3 overlying a groundwater basin to decide to become a GSA; and

4 WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723, subdivision (b), provides that, before deciding to
5 become a GSA, a local agency must publish notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 and
6 hold a public hearing in the county overlying the groundwater basin where the agency intends to
7 undertake sustainable groundwater management; and

8 WHEREAS, Water Code, section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all
9 beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs; and

10 WHEREAS, on April 22, 2019 and April 26, 2019, the County published notice of a public
11 hearing pursuant to Government Code, section 6066; and

12 WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on May 7, 2019, to consider the adoption of this
13 resolution and its decision to become a GSA for those portions of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin that
14 are within the County's jurisdictional boundary, but outside of PVWDs' and City of Coalinga's
15 jurisdictional boundaries, which the County designates as the "Fresno County Pleasant Valley GSA
16 Area", for administrative purposes only; and

17 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
18 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to serve as a GSA for the
19 Fresno County Pleasant Valley GSA Area.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED as follows:

21 1. The County hereby elects to be the exclusive GSA for the Fresno County Pleasant
22 Valley GSA Area.

23 2. The Director of the Department of Public Works and Planning (Director) is directed to
24 submit within 30 days of this resolution a notice of intent to the California Department of Water
25 Resources, pursuant to California Water Code, section 10723.8, subdivision (a).

26 3. Pursuant to Water Code, section 10723.4, the Director shall create and maintain a list
27 of persons interested in receiving notices concerning the Fresno County Pleasant Valley formed GSA
28 Area.

1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
2 of the County of Fresno this 7th day of May 2019, to wit:

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4 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

5 NOES: None

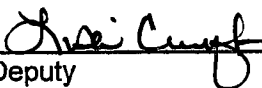
6 ABSENT: None

7 ABSTAINED: None
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11 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
12 Supervisors of the County of Fresno
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15 ATTEST:
16 Bernice E. Seidel
17 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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19 By: 
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