

LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7-1

RESOLUTION OF THE LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE TULE SUBBASIN WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bill 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

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

WHEREAS, 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 Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs); and

WHEREAS, the Tule Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of local agencies, overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA under SDMA; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Tule River Irrigation District, formed pursuant to Division 11 of the Water Code of the State of California, is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA within the Tule Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.2 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 (GSPs); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management with a basin; and

WHEREAS, Lower Tule River Irrigation District held a public hearing on July 12, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to be a GSA in the Tule Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Lower Tule River Irrigation District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA through the Water Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT does hereby resolve, declare and order as follows:

1. Lower Tule River Irrigation District hereby elects to become a groundwater sustainability agency and undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Tule Subbasin (DWR Subbasin 5-22.13) underlying Lower Tule River Irrigation District's boundary.
2. Lower Tule River Irrigation District shall develop an outreach program to include all stakeholders to ensure all beneficial uses and users of groundwater are considered.
3. The Lower Tule River Irrigation District Board of Directors intends to negotiate a memorandum of understanding, other necessary cooperative agreements or other forms of agreement with other agencies or entities utilizing groundwater in the Tule Subbasin, for the purpose of implementing a cooperative, coordinated structure for the management of the Tule Subbasin pursuant to SGMA.
4. The Board of Directors of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District are authorized to submit to DWR on behalf of Lower Tule River Irrigation District a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA (Part 2.74 of the Water Code).
5. Staff is directed to send to DWR Lower Tule River Irrigation District's notification of its election to be a GSA and such notification shall include: the boundaries of the subbasin that the Lower Tule River Irrigation District intends to manage, which shall include lands within Lower Tule River Irrigation District boundaries as set forth in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "1", a copy of this Resolution, a list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 of 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.

All the foregoing being on motion of Director BARCELLOS, seconded by Director COSTA, and authorized by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:	Fernandes, Roeloffs, Garcia, Barcellos, Costa
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution is the resolution of said District as duly passed and adopted by said Board of Directors on the 12 of July, 2016

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Board of Directors this 12 of July, 2016



Gary Fernandes, President

CERTIFICATION

I, Daniel G. Vink, the duly qualified Secretary of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors duly held on the 12th day of July, 2016, of which meeting all members of said Board of Directors had due notice.

I hereby further certify that the same resolution has not been modified or amended in any way, and that the same is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Lower Tule River Irrigation District this 12th day of July 2016.


Daniel G. Vink, Secretary