

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FRESNO SLOUGH WATER DISTRICT'S
ADOPTION OF THE CENTRAL DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SERVICES
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019/20-02

A. WHEREAS, Fresno Slough Water District ("District") is a California irrigation district; and

B. WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (or "SGMA," as that term is defined in section 1.11, below) "to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater" (Wat. Code, Section 10720, subd. (d)); and

C. WHEREAS, SGMA provides that each affected groundwater basin or subbasin may be regulated separately by one or more groundwater sustainability agency ("GSA"). Any local agency, as that term is defined in SGMA, may decide to become the GSA for a basin or subbasin within its boundaries. SGMA also provides that a combination of local agencies may form a GSA through a joint powers agreement, or a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement (Wat. Code Section 10723.6); and

D. WHEREAS, groundwater sustainability under SGMA is to be achieved through groundwater sustainability plans (or "GSPs"), which can be a single plan developed by one or more GSAs or multiple coordinate plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code Section 10727); and

E. WHEREAS, Eagle Field Water District, a California Water District; the County of Fresno, a political subdivision of the State of California; Fresno Slough Water District, a California Water district; County of Merced, a political subdivision of the State of California; Mercy Springs Water District, a California Water District; Pacheco Water District, a California Water District; Panoche Water District, a California Water District; San Luis Water District, a California Water District; Santa Nella County Water District, a California County Water District; and Tranquillity Irrigation District, a California Irrigation District (individually, a "Party" and in the plural or collectively, the "Parties") are all public agencies authorized to contract with the State or Federal governments and agencies, and to exercise powers related to groundwater management, land use, or both, within their jurisdictional boundaries. Each Party would qualify individually to serve as a GSA under SGMA; and

F. WHEREAS, each Party's jurisdictional area overlies the Central Delta-Mendota Region, which is a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin number 5-22.07 of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin identified in the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") Bulletin 118, as its boundaries may be modified from time to time as provided by law. DWR has designated the entire Delta-Mendota Subbasin as critically overdrafted. Under SGMA, each GSA is required to resume its regulatory role by June 30, 2017, and to submit a GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020; and

3. The Board authorizes the District General Manager and District Staff to take such other and additional actions as may be reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

On motion by Nino Carvalho and seconded by Michael Nordstrom, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted on 7/8/2019 by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

Signed: _____

Danny M. Wade
Chairman; Danny M. Wade

Attested: _____

Elizabeth Reeves
Secretary; Elizabeth Reeves

Name: **FRESNO SLOUGH WATER DISTRICT**

By: 

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Date: 7-8-19

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