

September 6, 2016

Resolution No. 2016-54
Resolution of the Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District

Election to Become the Exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Within Portions of Two Subbasins

RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (“Directors”) of the Marina Coast Water District (“District”), at its regular meeting duly called and held on September 6, 2016, at 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, California, as follows:

Recitals

A. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code Sections 10720 – 10736.6 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and,

B. SGMA gives local agencies, such as the District, additional authorities and powers to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner and allows for limited state intervention when those local agencies fail to comply with SGMA’s requirements; and,

C. SGMA requires that each California Department of Water Resource (“DWR”)-designated groundwater subbasin be managed by a single Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) or by a combination of GSAs and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GS Plan”), or multiple coordinated GS Plans, as the case may be; and,

D. Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency with a service area overlying a groundwater subbasin or portion thereof to establish itself as the GSA for its service area; and,

E. Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a GSA as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of SGMA; and,

F. The District’s Central Marina and Ord Community water service areas overly portions of the Seaside Area, Corral de Tierra, and 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasins of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and,

G. The District’s Ord Community water service area is within a portion of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin and is also within a portion of the statutory boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD); and,

H. Water Code Section 10723(c)(2) designates the MPWMD as the exclusive groundwater management area within MPWMD’s statutory boundaries unless MPWMD elects to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency for that area; and,

I. By MPWMD Resolution No. 2016-01, the MPWMD Board of Directors elected to opt out of being the exclusive groundwater management agency for that portion of MPWMD situated north of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin; and,

J. District staff is proposing that the District become the GSA for (1) that portion of the District's Central Marina water service area within the Seaside Area Subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and (2) that portion of the District's Ord Community water service area north of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin within Seaside Area Subbasin, which shall collectively be referred to as the "Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin" and as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and,

K. District staff is separately proposing that the District become the GSA for that portion of the District's Ord Community water service area within the Corral de Tierra Subbasin, which shall be referred to as the "Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin" as shown on the map attached hereto as Exhibit "B"; and,

L. Establishing the District as the GSA for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin will enable the District to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for those respective areas; and,

M. The District is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and,

N. Adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organizational and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and,

O. Prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish the District as the GSA for the respective areas, Water Code Section 10723 requires a local agency to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a GSA; and,

P. Pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish one or two GSAs were published on August 19, 2016 and August 26, 2016; and,

Q. On September 6, 2016, the District held a public hearing regarding adoption of a resolution to establish the District as the GSA for for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin as shown on the Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps, which maps exclude that portion of MCWD's Ord Community service area within the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin and exclude that portion of its service areas within the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin; and,

R. It would be in the best interest of the District for it to become the exclusive GSA for that portion of its service areas shown respectively on the Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps; and,

S. DWR has proposed that the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and that portion of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin outside of the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin be merged into a new subbasin named the "Monterey Subbasin", but that basin boundary modification is not yet finalized so the District's service areas within the Seaside Area Subbasin and the Corral de Tierra Subbasin must be treated separately; and,

T. The District has opposed the proposed merger because it is contrary to the basin boundary modification requested by MPWMD, which the District supported, but the District desires to avoid any delays in processing the District's GSA formation notifications should the new combined Monterey Subbasin go into effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds, determines, and represents.

2. The District hereby elects to become the exclusive GSA (a) for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and (b) separately for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin as shown respectively on the attached Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" maps, which are incorporated herein by reference.

3. District staff is hereby directed and authorized to provide separate notices of this election to become the exclusive GSA (a) for the Marina Area of the Seaside Area Subbasin and (b) for the Ord Area of the Corral de Tierra Subbasin to DWR in the manner required by law.

4. Should the new Monterey Subbasin go into effect, then the Board of Directors requests DWR to automatically convert the District's two separate GSA formation notifications into a single notification to form an exclusive GSA for one combined area in order to avoid delay in processing the District's GSA election.

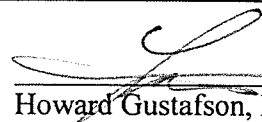
PASSED AND ADOPTED on September 6, 2016, by the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Directors Shriner, Lee, Moore, Gustafson

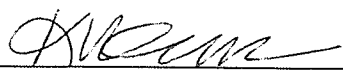
Noes: Directors None

Absent: Directors None

Abstained: Directors None


Howard Gustafson, President

ATTEST:


Keith Van Der Maaten, Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of the Marina Coast Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2016-54 adopted September 6, 2016.


Keith Van Der Maaten, Secretary