

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03

**RESOLUTION ELECTING TO ESTABLISH
THE WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT AS
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR
THOSE PORTIONS OF THE KERN COUNTY SUBBASIN OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

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

WHEREAS, the 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 a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, the Kern County Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the West Kern Water District (the "District") is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA 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; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

WHEREAS, the District is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA were published on June 14, 2016 and June 21, 2016 in the Taft Daily Midway Driller; and,

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on June 28, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the West Kern Water District hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of Kern County subbasin shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District authorizes the General Manager to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District directs the General Manager to begin preliminary negotiations concerning the resolution of potential overlapping GSA boundaries, and to report back about the potential options to resolve any overlapping boundaries.

All the foregoing being upon the motion of Director Morris, seconded by Director Niblett and carried by the following vote:

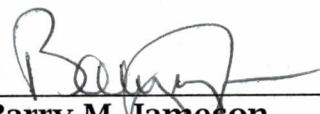
AYES: President Barry M. Jameson
 Vice President David A. Wells
 Director Gary J. Morris
 Director Scott Niblett
 Director Roger Miller

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND APPROVED this 28th day of June 2016.



Barry M. Jameson,
President of the Board of Directors of
WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, **Harry O. Starkey**, being the appointed secretary of the **West Kern Water District**, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing **Resolution No. 16-03** was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a legally convened meeting of said Board held on the **28th day of June 2016**, that the above and foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of **Resolution No. 16-03**, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

ATTEST:



(SEAL)

Harry O. Starkey,
Secretary of the Board of Directors of
WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT

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