

**CHOWCHILLA WATER DISTRICT
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

**ADOPTION OF 2025 REVISIONS TO THE CHOWCHILLA SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

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, SGMA requires that each groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Chowchilla Groundwater Subbasin ("Chowchilla Subbasin") has been designated by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 5-022.05); and

WHEREAS, the Chowchilla Water District GSA is a GSA under SGMA for certain portions of the Chowchilla Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10727 SGMA requires that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSPs be developed and implemented by January 31, 2020 for each high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA have collaboratively prepared a single GSP for the Chowchilla Subbasin ("Chowchilla Subbasin GSP") in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2 to include all the components required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 17, 2019, the Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA adopted the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 29, 2020, the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP was submitted to DWR for review, public comment, and approval; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2021, DWR completed a review of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP and released an incomplete determination of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP, initiating a 180-day consultation period between January 28, 2022, and July 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA completed the first revision of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP in response to the incomplete determination made by DWR; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 27, 2022, the first revision of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP was submitted to DWR for review, public comment, and approval; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2023, DWR completed a review of the first revision of the Chowchilla GSP submitted July 27, 2022 and released an inadequate determination of the first revision of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP; and

WHEREAS, Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA acted quickly whereby seeking to eliminate the need for a probationary hearing before the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) through informal submission of a Revised GSP to the SWRCB on May 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, since May 5, 2023, Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA have consulted on numerous occasions with SWRCB staff; and

WHEREAS, Chowchilla Water District GSA, Madera County Chowchilla GSA, Triangle T Water District GSA, and Merced County Chowchilla GSA have completed additional revisions to the Chowchilla GSP consistent with the direction provided by SWRCB staff; and

WHEREAS, the revisions completed in August of 2024 are commonly referred to as the 2024 Revised GSP; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was prepared pursuant to California Water Code Section 10728.4; and

WHEREAS, Madera County, Merced County, and the City of Chowchilla provided the GSAs a notice waiving the 90-day notice requirements pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting of the Chowchilla Subbasin GSP Advisory Committee was held on August 7, 2024 at Chowchilla Water District to describe and solicit public input on the 2024 Revised GSP; and

WHEREAS, a public workshop webinar was held on August 16, 2024 to describe and solicit public input on the 2024 Revised GSP.

WHEREAS, a public hearing of the Chowchilla Water District GSA was held on September 18, 2024 at Chowchilla Water District to describe and solicit public input on the 2024 Revised GSP; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to October 9 2024; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to November 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to December 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to February 12, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing was continued to March 12, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Chowchilla Water District GSA as follows:

1. The foregoing is true and correct.
2. The 2025 Revised GSP in the form presented at the Hearing is hereby approved and adopted.
3. The General Manager is authorized and directed to take any and all necessary action regarding formal submission of the 2025 Revised GSP to both the Department of Water Resources and/or the State Water Resources Control Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Chowchilla Water District GSA, this 12th day of March 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Schuh, Samran, Harris, Taylor & Ray

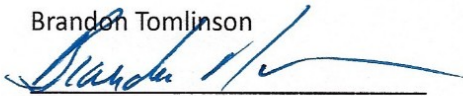
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:

Brandon Tomlinson



General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, Secretary of the Chowchilla Water District, hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of said District at a meeting thereof, duly, and specially held on March 12, 2025 at which meeting a quorum of the Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 12th day of March, 2025.



Brandon Tomlinson, Secretary