

RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

A. WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") "to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater" (Wat. Code, § 10720.1, subd. (d)); and

B. WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development of groundwater sustainability plans ("GSPs"), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies ("GSA") or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

C. WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSA to manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as a medium or high priority, including the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (designated basin number 5-22.01); and

D. WHEREAS, Lockeford Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Lockeford GSA) was formed as a GSA on 12/10/2015 for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, within its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and

E. WHEREAS, Lockeford GSA has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*); and

F. WHEREAS, the Lockeford GSA is a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("GWA") formed for the purpose developing a GSP and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10723.6, subd. (a)(1)); and

G. WHEREAS, the GWA submitted an Initial Notification to DWR on behalf of its members to jointly develop a GSP for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin on February 8, 2017; and

H. WHEREAS, the Lockeford GSA has coordinated with the GWA and all other GSAs in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to draft a single GSP for its members; and

I. WHEREAS, on behalf of its members the GWA developed the draft Eastern San Joaquin GSP ("ESJ GSP") and released the draft ESJ GSP for public comment on [DATE];

J. WHEREAS, the GWA reviewed and responded to comments on the ESJ GSP on behalf of its members; and

K. WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, the GWA released the Notice of Intent on behalf of its members pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4; and

L. WHEREAS, the GWA released the final ESJ GSP on November 13, 2019, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A; and

M. WHEREAS, on November 13, 2019, the GWA recommended each of its members adopt the final ESJ GSP for their respective jurisdiction;

N. WHEREAS, on December 12, 2019, Lockeford GSA held a public hearing on adoption of the ESJ GSP, as required by Water Code section 10728.4, and has considered any public comments received concerning adoption of the ESJ GSP; and

O. WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lockeford GSA, having received regular briefings on the status of local groundwater conditions and the development of the ESJ GSP, and having reviewed the final GSP attached as Exhibit A and its supporting materials, finds that the ESJ GSP meets the requirements of SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Lockeford GSA finds as follows:

1. Lockeford GSA hereby approves and adopts the final ESJ GSP as attached in Exhibit A.
2. Lockeford GSA authorizes the GW A, its consultants, and the GW A Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the ESJ GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2019
by the following vote:

AYES: Rowe, Granlees, Gordon, Chandler

NAYS: none

ABSTAIN: none

ABSENT: Fischer



Chairman

Attest:



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Date: 12/12/2019