

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-8

**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 sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater” (Wat. Code, § 10720, (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 agency (“GSA”) or multiple coordinate plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

C. WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSA 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, North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, (“NSJWCD”) was formed as a GSA on January 25, 2016, for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, within its jurisdictional boundaries, excluding the areas covered by the City of Lodi GSA and the Lockeford Community Service District GSA, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and

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

F. WHEREAS, the NSJWCD 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(i)); 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 NSJWCD 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;

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 5, 2019, which is available at www.esjgroundwater.org and incorporated herein in its entirety; 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, NSJWCD published notice of its December 16, 2019, public hearing to the ESJ GSP in the Lodi News Sentinel on December 3, 2019, and December 10, 2019.

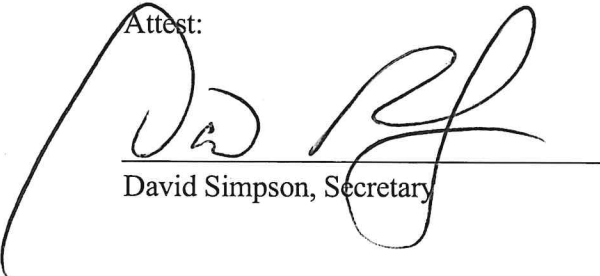
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the NSJWCD find as follows:

1. NSJWCD hereby approves and adopts the final ESJ GSP incorporated herein by reference.
2. NSJWCD authorizes the GWA, its consultants, and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the ESJ GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

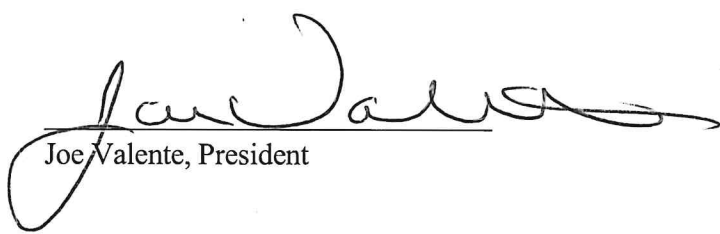
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16th day of December, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: *Wilber, Starr, Simpson, Plinn, Valente*
NAYS: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

Attest:



David Simpson, Secretary



Joe Valente, President

Date: Dec. 16, 2019