

Date: November 21, 2019

On motion of Supervisor Orlando Seconded by Supervisor Moran-Slickton  
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Harper, Orlando, Orvis and Moran-Slickton

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: McCurly

Abstaining: Supervisors: None      \_\_\_ Resolution # 2019-2

**THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:**

## **THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN**

### **GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA") "to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater" (Water Code, § 10720, (d)); and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 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 coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Water Code, § 10727); and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 requires a Groundwater Sustainability Agency manage groundwater in all basins designated by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as medium or high priority, which includes the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin (designated basin number 5-022.01); and

WHEREAS, the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency was formed on April 17, 2017 by the County of Stanislaus, the County of Calaveras, Calaveras County Water District, and Rock Creek Water District by and through a Memorandum of Understanding, as amended and restated, for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin and within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, pursuant to the requirements of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; and

WHEREAS, the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Water Code, §10725 et seq.) and

WHEREAS, the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("GWA") formed for the purpose developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin (Water Code, § 10723.6(i)); and

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority submitted an Initial Notification to California Department of Water Resources on behalf of its members to jointly develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin on February 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency has coordinated with the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority and all other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin to draft a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for its members; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of its members, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority developed the draft Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("ESJ GSP") and released the draft Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan on July 10, 2019 for a 45-day public review and comment period;

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority reviewed and responded to comments on the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan on behalf of its members, and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority provided a Notice of Intent to Adopt the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan on behalf of its members, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority released the final Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan on November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2019, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority recommended each of its members adopt the final Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan for its respective jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Board of Directors of Rock Creek Water District, as a member of the Eastside San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, does hereby:

1. Approve and adopt the final Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan as found in electronic format at [www.esjgroundwater.org](http://www.esjgroundwater.org); and,

2. Authorize the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, its consultants, and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan to California Department of Water Resources by no later than January 31, 2020, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

ATTEST: ERIN SAGE, secretary Rock Creek Water District.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Erin Sage', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, extending to the right beyond the line.