

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY 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, South Delta Water Agency Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SDWAGSA”) was formed as a GSA in July of 2016 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, SDWAGSA has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*); and

F. WHEREAS, the SDWAGSA 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 SDWAGSA 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 in July, 2019;

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 to adopt a Groundwater Sustainability Plan 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 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.

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

1. SDWAGSA hereby approves and adopts the final ESJGA GSP, the Executive Summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. SDWAGSA authorizes the GWA, its consultants, and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the ESJGA GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 4th day of December, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: Jerry Robinson, Natalino Bacchetti, Paul Marchini, Jack Alvarez, Mary Hildebrand
NAYS: none
ABSTAIN: none
ABSENT: none

Date: 12/4/19

Jerry Robinson
Jerry Robinson, President

Attest:

Date: 12/4/2019

Nat Bacchetti
Natalino Bacchetti, Secretary