

**SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 19-01-W**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER
SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

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,

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,

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,

WHEREAS, the South San Joaquin GSA (SSJGSA) was formed as a GSA on April 5, 2017 for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin, within its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and,

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

WHEREAS, the SSJGSA is a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("ESJGWA") formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code, § 6500 *et seq.*) for the purpose developing a GSP and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10723.6(i)); and,

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

WHEREAS, the SSJGSA has coordinated with all other GSAs in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin through the ESJGWA; and,

WHEREAS, on behalf of its members the ESJGWA developed the Draft Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Subbasin GSP ("ESJ GSP") and released the Draft ESJ GSP for public comment on July 10, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA opened a public review and comment period of the Draft ESJ GSP for 45-days beginning July 19 and ending on August 25, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA received numerous comments from the public on the Draft ESJ GSP, reviewed and prepared responses to comments, and revised the Draft ESJ GSP on behalf of its members; and,

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, the GWA sent the Notice of Intent to Adopt A Groundwater Sustainability Plan on behalf of its members pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4; and,

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA, on November 5, 2019, has made the Final ESJ GSP available on the ESJGWA website at www.ESJGroundwater.org; and,

WHEREAS, on November 13, 2019, the ESJGWA Board of Directors recommended that each of its members, acting as the GSA for their respective jurisdictions, adopt the Final ESJ GSP; and,

WHEREAS, the SSJGSA published a Notice of Public Hearing pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 setting the public hearing and adoption date for Final ESJ GSP for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2019, the SSJGSA Board of Directors, in the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Board Room in Manteca, California, held a public hearing to consider public comments prior to adopting the Final ESJ GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the SSJGSA approves as follows:

1. The SSJGSA hereby adopts the Final ESJ GSP attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The SSJGSA hereby authorizes the ESJGWA, its consultants, and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Final ESJ GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:	ALCANTOR HOLMES KAMPER WESTSTEYN ZUBER
NAYS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE

BY: 

ROBERT HOLMES, Chair

ATTEST:



PETER M. RIETKERK, Secretary