

**MERCED IRRIGATION-URBAN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
FOR THE MERCED GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014 then-Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, SGMA generally requires sustainable management of groundwater basins within California 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 the basin or subbasin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA allows for local control of groundwater resources by authorizing the creation of GSAs that govern implementation and enforcement of SGMA within their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has approved the creation of 3 GSAs to govern the Merced Groundwater Subbasin, namely: Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA (MIUGSA), the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA), and the Turner Island Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (TIWD GSA-1), collectively referred to herein as the 'Merced Subbasin GSAs'; and

WHEREAS, MIUGSA, as well as the remaining Merced Subbasin GSAs overlying the Merced Subbasin has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs have elected to develop and implement a single GSP covering the entire basin as part of their effort to maintain local control of groundwater management (Wat. Code, §10725 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs submitted a Notification of Intent to DWR to jointly develop a GSP for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin on January 4, 2018 in accordance with California Water Code §10727.8 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 353.6; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs released a draft Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP for public comment on July 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs reviewed and responded to comments on the draft Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs provided a Notice of Intent to adopt a GSP for the Merced Subbasin to cities and counties within the geographic area covered by the pending GSP on July 22, 2019, in accordance with California Water Code §10728.4; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs released the final Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP on November 12, 2019, the plan can be reviewed at www.mercedsgma.org and a hardcopy is on file at each of the member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board for MIUGSA (Board) have had the opportunity to review the final draft Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP, and after review the Board believes it is in the best interest of MIUGSA to adopt the GSP, and authorize submittal of said GSP by MIUGSA to DWR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. The Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby adopts the final Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP in the substantial form presented.
3. The Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency authorizes its consultants and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Members of the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 11th day of December 2019, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Members:	Eltal, Elwin, Vinson, Ramirez, Valencia, Chavez, Benavidez
Noes:	Members:	
Abstain:	Members:	
Absent:	Members:	


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