

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE EAST CONTRA COSTA 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 agencies ("GSAs") or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSA be formed to manage groundwater in all basins designated by the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as a medium or high priority, including the East Contra Costa Subbasin; and

D. WHEREAS, City of Antioch ("Antioch"), City of Brentwood ("Brentwood"), Byron-Bethany Irrigation District ("BBID"), Contra Costa Water District ("CCWD"), Contra Costa County ("County"), Diablo Water District ("DWD"), East Contra Costa Irrigation District ("ECCID"), and Discovery Bay Community Services District ("Discovery Bay") were formed as GSAs [except CCWD] for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the East Contra Costa Subbasin within their jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and

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

F. WHEREAS, on May 9, 2017, the GSAs entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement") with all other GSAs within the East Contra Costa Subbasin along with CCWD for the purpose of jointly developing a single GSP for the East Contra Costa Subbasin and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the Subbasin (Wat. Code, §10727(a)(2)); and

G. WHEREAS, the Brentwood GSA submitted an Initial Notification to DWR on behalf of all the GSAs to jointly develop a GSP for the Subbasin on February 12, 2018; and

H. WHEREAS, a group ("Working Group") consisting of the GSAs and CCWD has coordinated in the Subbasin to draft a single GSP; and

I. WHEREAS, on behalf of the GSAs, the Working Group developed the draft GSP ("GSP") and released portions of the draft GSP for public and local agency review during GSP development and released the entire draft on September 7, 2021;

J. WHEREAS, the Working Group reviewed and responded to comments on the draft GSP; and

K. WHEREAS, prior to July 1, 2021, the GSAs released the Notice of Intent pursuant to Water Code § 10728.4; and

L. WHEREAS, the Working Group released the final GSP on October 15, 2021, which is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A; and

M. WHEREAS, on October 15, 2021 the Working Group recommended each of the GSAs adopt the final GSP for their respective jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the East Contra Costa Irrigation District finds as follows:

1. East Contra Costa Irrigation District hereby approves and adopts the final GSP as attached in Exhibit A for the area within the East Contra Costa Subbasin in which the East Contra Costa Irrigation District has jurisdiction.
2. East Contra Costa Irrigation District delegates to the Working Group, its consultants, and the Plan Manager the responsibility and the authority to take such other actions on its behalf as may be reasonably necessary to submit the GSP to DWR by January 31, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of December 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Casey, Smith and Stonebarger.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Directors Dwelley and Nunn.


Glenn Stonebarger, President

Attest:


Aaron Trott, Secretary

Date: 12/14/2021