

RESOLUTION NO. 2019/20-04

Request to Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District to Withdraw Notice of Intention to Serve as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Lands Within Omochumne-Hartnell Water District Boundaries

WHEREAS, the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Sustainability Act (SGMA) authorizes and directs local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion, to coordinate the sustainable management of groundwater between and within groundwater basins, and to form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to carry out these tasks;

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, SGMA calls on local agencies to cooperate in the sustainable management of the groundwater basin;

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016, following proper notice and hearing, OHWD notified the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of its intent to serve as the GSA for that portion of its boundaries within the Sacramento Valley South American Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin 5-21.65) pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016 OHWD submitted notice to DWR of its intention to serve as the GSA for those portions of its lands that overlie the South American Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2016 Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) submitted notice to DWR of its intention to serve as the GSA over the same portion of the South American Subbasin (identified in its submittals as SCGA2), creating a condition of overlap; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2016 Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) also submitted notice to DWR of its intention to serve as the GSA for the same area (identified in its submittals as Sloughhouse RCD GSA-1), also creating a condition of overlap; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8, OHWD's decision to serve as the GSA for its area is not effective until the condition of overlap is resolved; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017 the County of Sacramento notified DWR of its intention accept GSA status for unmanaged areas, pursuant to Water Code section 10724; and

WHEREAS, SGMA directs overlapping local agencies to pursue agreements to allow prompt designation of a GSA, and to submit new notifications to DWR if that agreement involves a material change from the posted notice; and

WHEREAS, OHWD, SCGA, and the County have negotiated certain Principles of Agreement pursuant to which the condition of overlap may be resolved as to those entities; and

WHEREAS, OHWD, and Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District share common landowners, land uses, and interests, and the resolution of the condition of overlap is in the best interest of all parties; and

WHEREAS, OHWD desires to resolve the remaining condition of overlap with Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Omochumne Hartnell Water District that:

- 1) The Board of Directors requests that Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District remove its application to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the Boundaries of Omochumne Hartnell Water District

- 2) District staff are directed to coordinate with the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District to remove the condition of overlap, and to take those actions necessary to implement this Resolution..

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Omochochumne-Hartnell Water District this 20st day of August 2019:

Certification

I, Shasta Burns, hereby certify that I am and at all times mentioned herein was contracted Secretary of the OHWD Water District which was organized and exists under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said District duly held August 20, 2019, a majority and quorum of the members of said Board of Directors being present and voting in favor of said Resolution; and that said Resolution has not been modified, rescinded, altered or amended and is now in full force and effect.

Shasta Burns, Secretary