

RESOLUTION NO. GSA 2022-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY BOARD OF
DIRECTORS ADOPTING THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY
EAST GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) requires formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in groundwater basins designated as medium priority, high priority, and basins subject to critical conditions of overdraft; and

WHEREAS, the State has classified the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin (Basin) as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in medium and high priority groundwater basins, which are not subject to critical conditions of overdraft, to develop and approve a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) by January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, following significant public outreach, local agencies in the Basin formed the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SCV-GSA) on May 24, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the SCV-GSA was recognized by the California Department of Water Resources as the official Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, following formation of the SCV-GSA, additional outreach commenced for development of the GSP; and

WHEREAS, outreach performed by the SCV-GSA included formation of a Stakeholder Advisory Committee composed of members at large, environmental representatives, business representatives, and private well owner representatives; and

WHEREAS, during the GSP development process, the SCV-GSA solicited and considered stakeholder input including with 6 public workshops, 17 Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings, 21 SCV-GSA Board of Directors meetings, 8 press releases and 16 advertisements, and about 20 social media posts on multiple platforms; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Act and GSP development regulations, the SCV-GSA reviewed past technical documents regarding basin conditions, such as reports of basin water quality, geology, hydrogeology, and monitoring data; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Act and GSP development regulations, the SCV-GSA then determined the nature of new studies needed, performed several all-new basin studies for plan development, and proposes additional study during GSP implementation; and

WHEREAS, the GSP recognizes the Basin has been managed sustainably over the long term without chronic declines in groundwater elevations and groundwater storage; and

WHEREAS, the GSP includes future planning strategies that consider climate change, groundwater pumping strategies, expanded monitoring, and management actions to avoid undesirable results; and

WHEREAS, the Act and GSP regulations require that following GSA Board of Directors approval of a GSP, it be uploaded to the California Department of Water Resources and implemented by the GSA; and

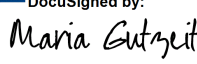
WHEREAS, the SCV-GSA Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the public engagement process in support of the GSP, and has responded to public comments; and

WHEREAS, the SCV-GSA Board of Directors has reviewed and considered the GSP; and

WHEREAS, Section 10652 of the California Water Code provides that the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code) (CEQA) does not apply to the preparation and adoption of a GSP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby resolves as follows:

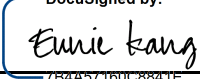
1. The Santa Clara River Valley East Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan dated January 2022 is hereby adopted as amended by any changes incorporated by the SCV-GSA Board of Directors as a result of input received at the public hearing and ordered filed with the Secretary of the SCV-GSA Board of Directors.
2. The Secretary is directed to upload an electronic copy of the GSP to the Department of Water Resources website as required by the Act, prior to January 31, 2022.
3. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to make the GSP available for public review at the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) offices during normal business hours or on the SCV-GSA website scvgsa.org no later than thirty (30) days after filing a copy of the Plan with DWR.
4. Consistent with the Administrative Services Agreement between the SCV-GSA and SCV Water, the SCV Water General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to implement the GSP in accordance with the Act and to provide recommendations to the SCV-GSA Board of Directors regarding the necessary budgets, procedures, rules, regulations, or further actions to carry out the effective and equitable implementation of the GSP.
5. The SCV-GSA Board of Directors finds and determines that this resolution is not subject to CEQA pursuant to Water Code Section 10652 because CEQA does not apply to the preparation and adoption, including addenda thereto, of a GSP.

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President

I, the undersigned, hereby certify: That I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Santa Clarita Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and that at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of said Agency held on January 3, 2022, the foregoing Resolution No. GSA 2022-01 was duly and regularly adopted by said Board, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended since the date of its adoption, and that it is now in full force and effect.

DATED: January 3, 2022

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Secretary