

RESOLUTION 2021-005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
NORTHERN DELTA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
ADOPTING THE SOUTH AMERICAN 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));

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 coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code § 10727);

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

WHEREAS, the Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") was formed as a GSA to achieve the mandates of SGMA within portions of the South American Subbasin underlying the Agency's service area;

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

WHEREAS, in July 2020, the Agency entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with four GSAs within the South American Subbasin to form a Working Group for the purpose of jointly developing a single GSP for the South American Subbasin and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the subbasin (Wat. Code §10727(a)(2));

WHEREAS, through the MOU, the GSAs agreed that their Working Group was delegated responsibility for preparing the GSP on behalf of the GSAs;

WHEREAS, the Working Group, through its designated representative, submitted an Initial Notification to DWR on behalf of its members to jointly develop a GSP for the Subbasin on July 7, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Agency has coordinated with the Working Group and/or its designated representative and all other GSAs in the Subbasin to draft a single GSP for its members, which culminated with the released the draft GSP for public and local agency comment in June 2021;

WHEREAS, the Working Group reviewed and responded to comments on the draft GSP on behalf of the Subbasin GSAs;

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2021, the Working Group released the Notice of Intent on behalf of the GSAs pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4 and released the final GSP on October 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following the release of the final GSP, the Working Group recommended that the Subbasin GSAs adopt the final GSP for their respective jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby resolves that:

1. The above findings are facts that are true and correct and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
2. The final South American Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors for the area within the portions of the South American Subbasin in which the Agency has jurisdiction is hereby adopted.
3. The delegates to the Working Group, its consultants, and the Plan Manager are hereby vested with the responsibility and the authority to take such other actions on the Agency's behalf as may be reasonably necessary to submit the GSP to DWR by January 31, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency on December 13, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

DATED: December 13, 2021

I hereby certify that I am an Officer of the Northern Delta Groundwater Sustainability Agency and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said Agency at a regular meeting thereof duly held on December 13, 2021, at which meeting a quorum of said Board of Directors was at all times present and acting.



Officer of the Board of Directors