

**RESOLUTION OF THE
GRASSLAND GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
NO. 2022-006**

**ADOPTING THE REVISED GRASSLAND
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

A. **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

B. **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

C. **WHEREAS**, SGMA requires a GSP to be developed and implemented to manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as medium or high priority, including the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (basin number 5-22.07); and

D. **WHEREAS**, the Grassland GSA was formed to be an exclusive GSA for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, and is composed of the following member agencies: Grassland Water District (“GWD”) and Grassland Resource Conservation District (“GRCD”); and

E. **WHEREAS**, the Grassland GSA is governed by the Board of Directors of the GWD and GRCD; and

F. **WHEREAS**, the Grassland GSA has the authority to draft, adopt, amend, and implement a GSP (Water Code, § 10725 *et seq.*; § 10728.4); and

G. **WHEREAS**, the GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin prepared a total of six separate GSPs for regions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (each, a “GSP Group”); and

H. **WHEREAS**, the GSAs from all six GSP Groups entered into a Coordination Agreement effective December 12, 2018 (the “Coordination Agreement”) to comply with SGMA and ensure that the multiple GSPs within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin would be developed and implemented utilizing the same methodologies and assumptions, that the elements of the GSPs are appropriately coordinated to support sustainable management, and to show how the multiple GSPs will achieve the sustainability goal for the Subbasin. The Coordination Agreement also established a Coordination Committee composed of representatives from each GSP Group, outlined information sharing obligations, procedures for resolving conflicts, and designated the SLDMWA as the Plan Manager for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

I. **WHEREAS**, SGMA states that a GSA “may adopt or amend a [GSP] after a public hearing, held at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed plan or amendment” (Wat. Code, § 10728.4); and

J. **WHEREAS**, the two GSAs comprising the Grassland Region of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (the Grassland GSA and Merced County Delta-Mendota GSA) coordinated to develop the Grassland GSP, which was adopted by the Grassland GSA after a public hearing and 90-day notification to the affected county on December 10, 2019; and

K. **WHEREAS**, the Plan Manager submitted the Grassland GSP and the Coordination Agreement to DWR in January 2020; and

L. **WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2022, DWR completed its review of all the GSPs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and released a letter determining that the GSPs for the

Delta-Mendota Subbasin as a whole were “Incomplete” and identified deficiencies and corrective actions for the GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin to take. Amended or modified GSPs addressing the corrective actions from each GSP Group must be submitted to DWR by July 20, 2022; and

M. **WHEREAS**, the Grassland GSA transmitted the 90-Day Notice to Merced County notifying it of the Grassland GSA’s intent to adopt an amended and revised Grassland GSP at one or more public hearings to be scheduled not earlier than June 22, 2022, and inviting consultation with the affected county; and

N. **WHEREAS**, the two GSAs comprising the Grassland Region of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin and the Coordination Committee have, in order to address the deficiencies and to effect the corrective actions identified by DWR, continued to coordinate to develop the draft of the amended Grassland GSP (“Amended Grassland GSP”) and publicly released the draft Grassland GSP on July 8, 2022; and

O. **WHEREAS**, on June 20, 2022, the GSAs comprising the Grassland Region of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin recommended each of its members adopt the final draft Amended Grassland GSP for their respective jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Grassland Water District and Grassland Resources Conservation District, acting as the Board of Directors of the Grassland GSA, finds as follows:

1. After a public hearing, the Grassland GSA hereby approves and adopts the final draft Revised Grassland GSP, dated July 2022, in substantially the form presented, subject to such modifications as the executing officer shall approve, said execution to provide conclusive proof of approval of any such modifications.
2. The Grassland GSA authorizes the SLDMWA, its consultants, and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Grassland GSP to DWR by July 20, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 12th day of July, 2022, by the Board of Directors of the Grassland Water District by the following vote:

AYES: Bob Nardi, Jeff Kerry, Byron Hisey, Fritz Reid

NOES: None

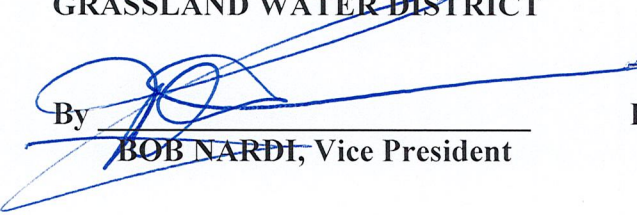
ABSENT: Pepper Snyder

ABSTAIN: None

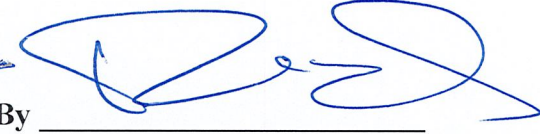
VACANCY: None

GRASSLAND WATER DISTRICT

By


BOB NARDI, Vice President

By


RICARDO ORTEGA, Secretary

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 12th day of July, 2022, by the Board of Directors of the Grassland Resource Conservation District by the following vote:

AYES: Dennis Campini, Dale Boust, Mark Erreca, Dan Whitehead,
Keith Toon

NOES: None

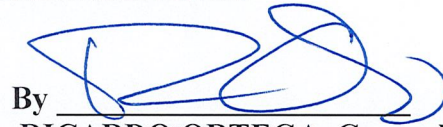
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

VACANCY: None

GRASSLAND RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By 
DENNIS CAMPINI, President

By 
RICARDO ORTEGA, General Manager