

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF MERCED, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION
OF THE GRASSLAND GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN BY THE COUNTY OF
MERCED GSA - DELTA-MENDOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-76

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, the GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin are developed multiple GSPs under a Coordination Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Merced formed the County of Merced GSA – Delta-Mendota (also referred to as the Merced County Delta-Mendota GSA) on March 21, 2017 for the purpose of implementing SGMA's requirement and achieving the sustainability goals provided in SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the County of Merced GSA – Delta-Mendota's jurisdictional area overlies a portion of the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin number 5-22-07 of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin identified in the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") Bulletin 118, as its boundaries may be modified from time to time as provided by law. DWR has designated the entire Delta-Mendota Subbasin as critically overdrafted. Under SGMA, each GSA is required to submit a GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota has coordinated with Grassland GSA to draft one GSP covering the jurisdictional boundary of a portion of the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota and the entire Grassland GSA; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Manager for the coordinated Delta-Mendota GSPs has been identified in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin Coordination Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, DWR completed its review of all the GSPs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (which includes the Grassland GSP) 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

WHEREAS, the Grassland GSA and the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota provided a 90-day notice to the cities and county located within and adjacent to the Plan Area of the Grassland GSP, that they intend to conduct a public hearing to adopt the amended GSP; and

WHEREAS, the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota partnered with other GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Groundwater Subbasin to conduct basin-wide public outreach on the development of the amendments to the coordinated GSPs within the basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Governing Board of the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota hereby approves and adopts the amended Grassland GSP for the portions of the County of Merced GSA - Delta-Mendota within the Plan Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Board authorizes the Grassland GSA and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to file the amended Grassland GSP with DWR by July 20, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

I, **RAUL LOMELI MENDEZ**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly introduced, passed and adopted by said Board at a regular meeting thereof held on the 19th of July, 2022 by the following vote:

SUPERVISORS:

AYES: Lloyd Pareira, Rodrigo Espinoza, Josh Pedrozo, Daron McDaniel, Scott Silveira

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

WITNESS my hand and the Seal of this Board this 19th day of July, 2022.

Raul Lomeli Mendez, Clerk

By: Stacy Goolary
Deputy

