

**MERCED IRRIGATION-URBAN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-05**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF REVISED GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE
MERCED GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014 then-Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, SGMA generally requires sustainable management of groundwater basins within California 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 the basin or subbasin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA allows for local control of groundwater resources by authorizing the creation of GSAs that govern implementation and enforcement of SGMA within their respective areas; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has approved the creation of 3 GSAs to govern the Merced Groundwater Subbasin, namely: Merced Irrigation-Urban GSA (MIUGSA), the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MSGSA), and the Turner Island Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency (TIWD GSA-1), collectively referred to herein as the 'Merced Subbasin GSAs'; and

WHEREAS, MIUGSA, as well as the remaining Merced Subbasin GSAs overlying the Merced Subbasin has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs have elected to develop and implement a single GSP covering the entire basin (Wat. Code, §10725 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs submitted a Notification of Intent to DWR to jointly develop a GSP for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin on January 4, 2018 in accordance with California Water Code §10727.8 and California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 353.6; and

WHEREAS, the Merced GSAs collectively submitted a GSP to DWR in January 2020, and MIUGSA has been actively and in good faith implementing the plan since that date; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2022, DWR provided a determination that the Merced GSP was incomplete, and provided a comment letter identifying certain deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the DWR determination initiated a 180 day period for the Merced Subbasin GSAs to address the identified deficiencies and submit a revised GSP to DWR for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs have addressed DWRs comments and identified deficiencies through revisions in the revised Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP dated July 2022; and

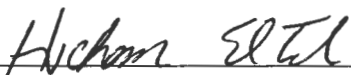
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors for MIUGSA (Board) have had the opportunity to review the final draft revised Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP, and after review the Board believes it is in the best interest of MIUGSA to adopt the revised GSP, and authorize submittal of said GSP by MIUGSA to DWR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The recitals set forth hereinabove are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. The Board hereby adopts the final revised Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP dated July 2022 in the substantial form presented.
3. The Board authorizes staff, its consultants and the Plan Manager to execute such documents and to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP to DWR by July 27, 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board Members of the Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency this 13th day July 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Members:	Eltal, Elwin, Vinson, Chavez, Benavidez, Valencia
Noes:	Members:	None
Abstain:	Members:	Avina
Absent:	Members:	None



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