

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE)
SANTA MARIA RIVER VALLEY)
GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARY)
MODIFICATION REQUEST BY THE SANTA)
MARIA BASIN FRINGE AREAS - COUNTY)
OF SAN LUIS OBISPO GROUNDWATER)
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) published its Final California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring Basin Prioritization results, designating the Santa Maria River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-12, "Santa Maria Basin") is designated as a high priority basin; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 (2014), and Assembly Bill 1739 (2014), signed by the Governor in September 2014 and effective as of January 1, 2015, together compromise the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires local agencies to manage groundwater in high and medium priority basins "in a manner that can be maintained during the planning and implementation horizon without causing undesirable results" (Water Code § 10721 (v)); and

WHEREAS, SGMA does not apply to the adjudicated areas of the Santa Maria Basin (that portion of the Santa Maria Basin at issue in Santa Maria Valley Water Conservation District v. City of Santa Maria, et al.) ("adjudicated area"), provided that certain requirements are met (Water Code Section 10720.8(a)(15)).

WHEREAS, areas exist that are outside the adjudicated area but within the Bulletin 118 boundaries ("fringe areas"); and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2015, in accordance with Water Code §§ 10722.2 and 12924, DWR adopted emergency regulations regarding the information that must be submitted by a local agency in order to request that DWR modify the current Bulletin 118 boundaries (23 CCR §§ 340 et seq.) (DWR Boundary Regulations); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 343.9(a) of the DWR Boundary Regulations, on February 13, 2018, the County Board directed staff to submit an initial notification of intent to explore a boundary modification for the Santa Maria River Valley Groundwater Basin and to coordinate with basin users to develop a boundary modification request in accordance with the DWR Boundary Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the fringe area along the Cuyama River below Twitchell Reservoir, known locally as Ziegler Canyon, is divided by the boundary line between the Counties of Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo; and

WHEREAS, County of San Luis Obispo staff contracted with GSI Water Solutions, Inc. to develop a technical memorandum with the necessary scientific justification, as required by the regulations, to support a potential scientific boundary modification request, including the portions of Ziegler Canyon within the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 344.4 and 344.8(a) of the DWR Boundary Regulations, County of San Luis Obispo staff communicated with affected agencies and affected systems within the basin to provide notice of the potential boundary modification request, and to provide an opportunity for such entities to support or oppose a proposed boundary modification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 344.8(b) of the DWR Boundary Regulations, an affected local agency that elects to support or oppose a proposed boundary modification shall provide the requesting agency with either a resolution formally adopted by the decision-making body of the affected agency or a letter from an official with requisite authority; and

WHEREAS, the County acknowledges that DWR has the responsibility to review the proposed boundary modification request and has discretion to determine whether an external boundary modification or formation of a separate subbasin is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: that the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency declares and directs as follows:

1. That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency hereby supports the request for a basin boundary modification to the Santa Maria River Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-12), including the portion of Ziegler Canyon within the County of Santa Barbara by the Santa Maria Basin Fringe Areas – County of San Luis Obispo Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this _____ day of _____, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

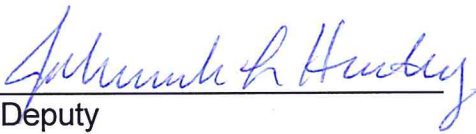
ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO,
County Executive Officer
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board Directors
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

By: _____
Deputy

By: _____
Das Williams, Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: 
Deputy