

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

RESOLUTION TO FORM A)
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY)
AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE)
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER)
MANAGEMENT ACT FOR SANTA MARIA)
GROUNDWATER BASIN NON-)
ADJUDICATED FRINGE IN SANTA) **RESOLUTION NO. _____**
BARBARA COUNTY)
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WHEREAS, the California legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 *et seq.*) as amended, which became effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), sustainable groundwater management is intended to occur pursuant to Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) that are created and adopted by local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code §10723(a), a Local Agency or combination of Local Agencies, as defined in Water Code §10721(n), may decide to become or form a Groundwater Sustainably Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (County Water Agency) overlies a portion of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin Non-Adjudicated Fringe and is a “Local Agency” as defined in Water Code §10721(n); and

WHEREAS, the adjudicated portion of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) is addressed in Water Code §10720.8(a)(18) and is generally excluded from compliance with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, additional non-adjudicated fringe areas of the Basin are located within San Luis Obispo County, which is outside of the jurisdiction of the County Water Agency, and which will not be covered under the GSA created by this resolution; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing to consider whether the County Water Agency should elect to become a GSA for a portion of the Basin was published in the Santa Maria Times and Santa Barbara News Press pursuant to Government Code §6066; and

WHEREAS, the County Water Agency held a public hearing on May 9, 2017 to consider election to become a GSA for a portion of the Basin.

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 foregoing recitals are true and correct.
2. That the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency herein decides to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Santa Maria Valley Groundwater Basin located within Santa Barbara County, excluding the portion which has been adjudicated.
3. That the portion of the Basin that the County Water Agency shall manage, shall be that portion of the Basin as depicted in the notification provided to the Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code §10723.8, and which boundary may be modified from time to time.
4. That the County Water Agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by Water Code §10723.2.
5. That the County Water Agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by Water Code §10723.4.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this _____ day of _____, 2017 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: _____
Joan Hartmann, Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: *Johnnie R Hartney*
Deputy