

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

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A BASIN)
BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST)
FOR THE SANTA MARIA RIVER VALLEY)
GROUNDWATER BASIN FRINGE AREAs)
WITHING THE COUNTY OF SANTA)
BARBARA) 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 Santa Barbara County Water Agency has consulted with and has been working with other affected Counties, local agencies, public water systems, and stakeholders within the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin; 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, 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 is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Santa Barbara County Water Agency Board of Directors approves the following:

1. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency approves submittal of an external scientific basin boundary modification for the fringe areas of the Santa Maria Groundwater Basin within the County of Santa Barbara.

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:

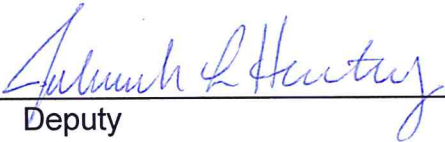
ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO,
County Executive Officer
Ex Officio Clerk of the
Board of Directors of the
Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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