

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

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE )  
FORMATION OF A GROUNDWATER )  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT )  
TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER )  
MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE )  
CARPINTERIA GROUNDWATER BASIN )**

**RESOLUTION NO. 20-7**

**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**, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 describes the Carpinteria Groundwater Basin (Basin);

**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 Sustainability Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (County Water Agency) overlies the Basin and is a “Local Agency” as defined in Water Code §10721(n) ; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Water Agency, the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the County of Ventura, and the City of Carpinteria are “Local Agencies” as defined in Water Code §10721(n), and collectively include all of the lands within the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency desires to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in conjunction with the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the County of Ventura, and the City of Carpinteria, and which may include at a later time other Local Agencies and other legally authorized entities; and

**WHEREAS**, a notice of a public hearing to consider whether the County should elect to become a GSA for the basin in conjunction with the Local Agencies listed above was published in the Santa Barbara News Press pursuant to California Government Code §6066;

and

**WHEREAS**, the County Water Agency held a public hearing on January 14, 2020 to consider election to become a GSA for a portion of the basin; and

**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 herein decides to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in conjunction with the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the County of Ventura, and the City of Carpinteria, known as the Carpinteria Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency), and which shall have all the powers granted to a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
2. That the Agency hereby created 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 California Water Code §10723.2.
3. That the Agency hereby created 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 California Water Code §10723.4.
4. That the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency shall be authorized to execute a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the County of Ventura, and the City of Carpinteria, and cause notice to be given to the California Department of Water Resources of the decision of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency in conjunction with the Carpinteria Valley Water District, the County of Ventura, and the City of Carpinteria to create the above referenced Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this 14th day of January, 2020 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Supervisors Williams, Hart, Hartmann, Adam and Lavagnino

**NAYS:** NONE

**ABSENT:** NONE

**ABSTAIN:** NONE

ATTEST:  
MONA MIYASATO,  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board Directors  
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

By: Shirley LaGuerra  
Deputy

ACCEPTED AND AGREED:  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

By: Gregg Hart  
Gregg Hart, Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
MICHAEL C. GHIZZONI  
COUNTY COUNSEL

By: Michael C. Ghizzoni  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
RAY AROMATORIO, ARM, AIC  
RISK MANAGER

By: Ray Aromatorio