

**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 EASTERN)
MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA)
YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER)
BASIN)**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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 Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) in three portions: eastern, central, and western; the western portion consists of the Lompoc Plain, Lompoc Terrace, and Lompoc Uplands; the central portion is the Buellton Uplands, and the eastern portion is the Santa Ynez Uplands; for the purpose of implementing SGMA, each portion of the Basin as described by DWR is designated as a corresponding groundwater "Management Area" as defined by the Act, this Resolution concerns the Eastern portion of the Basin, known as the "Eastern Management Area";

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 the Eastern Management Area and is a "Local Agency" as defined in Water Code §10721(n) ; and

WHEREAS, the County Water Agency, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang are "Local Agencies" as defined in Water Code §10721(n), and collectively include all of the lands within the Eastern Management Area of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency desires to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency in conjunction with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang, and which may include at a later time other Local Agencies and other legally authorized entities; and

WHEREAS, the County Water Agency in conjunction with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang, held a public hearing on February 16, 2017 pursuant to Water Code §10723(b), after publication of notice of such hearing pursuant to California Government Code §6066; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the County Water Agency, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang, considered oral and written comments provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the County Water Agency to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, in conjunction with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang.

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 in conjunction with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang, known as the Eastern Management Area Groundwater Sustainability Agency (Agency), and which shall have all the powers granted to a groundwater sustainability agency pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
3. That the portion of the groundwater basin that the Agency hereby created shall manage shall be that portion of the basin as depicted in the notification provided to the Department of Water Resources as the Eastern Management Area, pursuant to California Water Code 10723.8, and which boundary may be modified from time to time.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. That the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency shall be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang, 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 Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Improvement District No. 1, and the City of Solvang 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 _____ day of _____, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

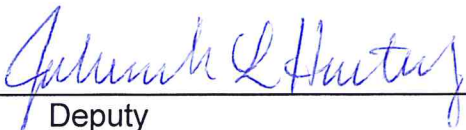
ATTEST:
MONA MIYASATO,
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Ex Officio Clerk of the Board Directors
of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency

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: 
Deputy