

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 03/29/2016 by the following vote:

AYE:
NO:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:
RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2016/149

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE PORTION OF THE TRACY SUBBASIN WITHIN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the California Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 13 modified the SGMA and the amendments went into effect on January 1, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, the Tracy Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as medium-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater subbasin to decide to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa (County) is a local public agency as defined under the SGMA and is therefore eligible to serve as a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the SGMA requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and,

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local public agency deciding to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

WHEREAS, the County is committed to sustainable management of groundwater resources; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to become a GSA were published on March XX, 2016 and March XX, 2016 in the Contra Costa Times and the East County Times; and,

WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on April 12, 2016, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the County wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby decides to become a GSA for those portions of Contra Costa County within the Tracy Subbasin as defined in DWR Bulletin 118, a copy of a map of the proposed management area is attached hereto as Exhibit XX; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, or designee to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this decision to the DWR, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code Section 10723.8, in the manner required by law; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such notification shall include the boundaries of the areas that the County intends to manage, which shall include the lands within the County boundaries, a copy of this Resolution, a list of interested parties developed

pursuant to Section 10723.2 of the SGMA, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports resolving boundary overlaps among GSAs and also supports exploring the establishment of a coordination agreement to organize GSAs; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors directs staff to enter into discussions with agencies electing to be GSAs to resolve boundary overlaps and to develop a coordination agreement that recognizes the authority of GSAs to implement and enforce a GSP within their respective boundaries.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: March 29, 2016

David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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By: , Deputy

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