

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

Adopted this Resolution on 04/25/2017 by the following vote:

**AYE:**

**NO:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**RECUSE:**



**Resolution No. 2017/148**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDING TO BE THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR PORTIONS OF THE TRACY SUBBASIN LOCATED IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

Recitals

- A. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("Act") authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion. The Act requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA").
- B. The Tracy Subbasin ("Subbasin"), identified by DWR as Subbasin ID No. 5-22.15, of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin, has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin and a map of which is attached as Exhibit A. The Subbasin underlies portions of Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Alameda Counties.
- C. The Act authorizes a local public agency, or a combination of local public agencies, with water supply, water management, or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin to become a GSA. The County, and the Cities of Antioch and Brentwood, Byron Bethany Irrigation District, Diablo Water District, Discovery Bay Community Services District, and East Contra Costa Irrigation District (together, "Overlying Agencies"), are coordinating activities authorized by the Act. Each Overlying Agency will consider becoming a GSA for a portion of the Subbasin within that agency's jurisdiction, as shown on the map attached as Exhibit B.
- D. Contra Costa County intends to act as a GSA to manage the portions of the Subbasin located within those areas shown in Exhibit C, which are within the County and outside the jurisdictions of the Cities of Antioch and Brentwood, Byron Bethany Irrigation District, Diablo Water District, Discovery Bay Community Services District, and East Contra Costa Irrigation District.
- E. On April 25, 2017, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to consider whether it should decide to become and act as a GSA for those portions of the Subbasin that are located in the County and are shown in Exhibit C. Notice of the hearing was published in the East Bay Times, in accordance with Water Code section 10723 and Government Code section 6066. The Board of Supervisors considered all written and oral comments submitted before and at the hearing.
- F. Water Code section 10727(b) authorizes multiple GSAs overlying a single groundwater basin to develop and adopt a single groundwater sustainability plan ("GSP") for the basin. The County intends to work cooperatively with the Overlying Agencies under the MOU attached as Exhibit D to develop a GSP for the portion of the Subbasin within Contra Costa County. The County and Overlying Agencies also intend to consider entering into one or more agreements with GSAs for those portions of the Subbasin outside of Contra Costa County to coordinate the development and implementation of their GSPs for the Subbasin as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Contra Costa County hereby decides to be the groundwater sustainability agency for those portions of the Tracy Subbasin (ID No. 5-22.15) that are located in Contra Costa County and are shown on Exhibit C. The Director of Conservation and Development, or his designee, is directed to provide notice of this decision to the Department of Water Resources, in accordance with Water Code section 10723.8.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Contra Costa County Portion of the Tracy Subbasin (DWR Basin 5-22.15, San Joaquin Valley) ("MOU"), attached hereto as Exhibit D, is

hereby approved. The Director of Conservation and Development, or his designee, is authorized to execute, on behalf of the County, the MOU.

3. The Director of Conservation and Development, or his designee, is directed to work with the Overlying Agencies, and the GSAs for the portions of the Subbasin within San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties, to determine how their groundwater sustainability plans could be coordinated, and to determine what other future discretionary actions this Board may need to take under the Act to coordinate the groundwater sustainability plans.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map: Subbasin within Contra Costa County

Exhibit B – Map: Proposed boundaries of GSAs

Exhibit C – Map: Proposed County GSA boundaries

Exhibit D – Memorandum of Understanding

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.

**Contact: Ryan Hernandez/925-674-7824**

**ATTESTED: April 25, 2017**

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

By: , Deputy

**cc:**