

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

Adopted this Resolution on 02/11/2020 by the following vote:

AYE:

NO:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSE:



Resolution No. 2020/46

RESOLUTION OF THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO DEVELOP A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE EAST CONTRA COSTA SUBBASIN

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. On April 25, 2017, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors (“County”) decided to be the groundwater sustainability agency for portions of the Tracy Subbasin that are located in Contra Costa County.
- C. On April 25, 2017, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approved a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) for the Development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) of the East Contra Costa County portion of the Tracy Subbasin.
- D. Around the same time, the aforementioned MOU was adopted by the Cities of Antioch and Brentwood, Byron Bethany Irrigation District, Contra Costa Water District, Diablo Water District, Discovery Bay Community Services District and East Contra Costa Irrigation District (together “Overlying Agencies”).
- E. To ensure clarity for future decisions by the Board, the County and the Overlying Agencies prepared an amended and restated MOU that references DWR’s new name and identification number, East Contra Costa Subbasin, 5-22.19. There are no other substantive changes to the amended and restated MOU. The County will continue to work cooperatively with the Overlying Agencies under the amended and restated MOU, attached as Exhibit B, to prepare a GSP for the East Contra Costa Subbasin.?
- F. Since the Board’s decision to become a GSA, the County has continuously worked with the parties listed above to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan by attending meetings, creating maps, helping develop a groundwater website, establishing an informational email, establishing a listserv of stakeholders and noticing the public via the local newspaper of opportunities to participate in the development of the GSP.
- G. On February 11, 2019, the Department of Water Resources approved dividing the Tracy Subbasin into two subbasins (e.g., East Contra Costa Subbasin and the Tracy Subbasin) thereby creating a separate groundwater basin entirely within Contra Costa County called the East Contra Costa Subbasin, (DWR Basin 5-22.19, San Joaquin Valley).
- H. The East Contra Costa Subbasin, (DWR Basin 5-22.19, San Joaquin Valley) is a medium-priority groundwater basin.
- I. Water Code section 10727(b) authorizes multiple GSAs overlying a single groundwater basin to develop and adopt a single groundwater sustainability plan for the basin. The County will continue to work cooperatively with the Overlying Agencies under the MOU attached as Exhibit B to prepare a GSP for the East Contra Costa Subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors as follows:

1. Contra Costa County is the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the East Contra Costa Subbasin (DWR Basin 5-22.19) as shown on Exhibit A.
2. The Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding for the Development of a Groundwater

Sustainability Plan for the East Contra Costa Subbasin (DWR Basin 5-22.19, San Joaquin Valley) MOU, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is hereby approved. The Director of Conservation and Development, or designee, is authorized to execute, on behalf of the County, the MOU.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – Map: Groundwater Sustainability Agencies within the East Contra Costa Subbasin (DWR Basin 5-22.19, San Joaquin Valley)

Exhibit B – Amended and Restated 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.

ATTESTED: February 11, 2020

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

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