

**SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 17-02**

*RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SIERRA VALLEY GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ELECTING TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY UNDER THE 2014 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE SIERRA VALLEY SUBBASIN WITHIN THE
BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT*

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014 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 with the intent of enhancing local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin designated as medium- or high-priority by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Valley Subbasin has been deemed by the California DWR to be a medium-priority basin and therefore requires the development of a GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (SVGMD), formed as a joint powers authority under SB1391 in 1980 and created by statute to manage groundwater, is a local agency as defined under Water Code section 10723(c) and is further designated as the exclusive local agency to serve as the GSA within its jurisdictional boundaries within the Sierra Valley Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the GSA will enable the District to prepare and implement a GSP for the Sierra Valley Subbasin, and to best work with DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to resolve groundwater issues within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code 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 a GSP; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723.8 of the SGMA requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within the Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, after publication pursuant to California Government Code section 6066, the SVGMD held a public hearing on March 13, 2017 to consider whether the District should become a GSA for the Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing the Board of Directors considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District:

1. Hereby elects to be the exclusive Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of the Sierra Valley Subbasin within the boundaries of the District, as identified on the map attached hereto; and

2. Hereby authorizes the District Chairman or his designee to provide a copy of this resolution and a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8; and

3. Hereby resolves that the District will coordinate with neighboring GSAs that may be established in order to begin the process of developing a GSP for the Subbasin, as indicated by the SGMA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District at a regular meeting of said Board on March 13, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Roberti, Grandi, Wallace, Rowson, Ramelli, Roen, Sanchez

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest:

Einen Grandi

Einen Grandi, Chairman
Board of Directors

Jenny Gant
Jenny Gant, Secretary
Board of Directors