

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION
ELECTING TO ESTABLISH THE EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE KAWEAH SUBBASIN OF THE SAN JOAQUIN
VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2017-01

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.*) pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; 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 Kaweah Groundwater Sub-basin has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin and in critical groundwater overdraft; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA authorizes a local public agency overlying groundwater sub-basin to elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the "Authority") 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 electing to be a GSA to notify the DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and

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

WHEREAS, the Authority previously held a public hearing regarding formation of a GSA on or about December 14, 2016 and adopted Resolution 2016-02 approving submission of a notice of GSA formation to the Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the notice of GSA formation approved by the Authority on or about December 14, 2016 created an overlap in jurisdiction with neighboring proposed GSAs; and

WHEREAS, the Authority engaged in negotiations with neighboring proposed GSAs for the purpose of resolving such overlap and now wishes to submit a new notice of GSA formation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA were published on May 16, 2017 and May 23, 2017 in the Visalia Times Delta and the Porterville Recorder; and

WHEREAS, the Authority held a public hearing on May 31, 2017, after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by the SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA for those portions of Kaweah sub-basin shown in the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Authority authorizes the Executive Director to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election 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.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of **EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY** this 31st day of May, 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Watson, West, Milanesio, Ferrara, Loeffler, Crocker, Buldo, Peltzer, Jordan, Weddle



Ed Milanesio
Chair of the Board of Directors



Michael D. Hagman
Secretary of the Board of Directors
CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

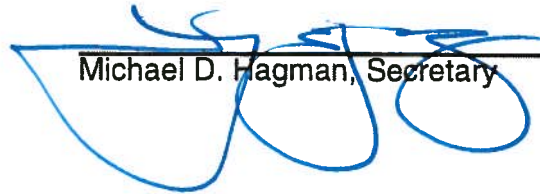
We the undersigned, hereby certify as follows:

1. That we are the Chair and the Secretary of East Kaweah Sustainability Agency; and
2. That the foregoing resolution, consisting of three pages, including this page, is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of East Kaweah Sustainability Agency, passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on May 31, 2017, at the Agency's principal Board meeting office, located at 860 North Sequoia Street, Lindsay, California 93247.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 31st day of May, 2017, at the Agency's principal office of 315 E. Lindmore Street, Lindsay, CA 93247.



Ed Milanesio, Chair



Michael D. Hagman, Secretary