

**Before the Board of Directors of the  
Salinas Valley Basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency**

**Resolution No. 2022-03**

Approving the Groundwater Sustainability )  
Plan for the Upper Valley subbasin of the )  
Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin, and )  
authorizing and directing its filing with the )  
California Department of Water Resources. )

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and,

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of regulatory programs known as Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) or an alternative plan for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and,

WHEREAS, in December of 2016 a joint powers authority, known as the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) was formed for the purpose of being a GSA for the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Basin”), and the subbasins therein (with limited exceptions), within Monterey County; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires GSAs to adopt GSPs for each basin/subbasin within the GSA’s jurisdiction; and,

WHEREAS, GSPs for basins designated medium priority in DWR’s Bulletin 118 are due to be filed with DWR no later than January 31, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Upper Valley subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Subbasin”) is designated medium priority; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA has undertaken the process to prepare a GSP for the Subbasin as required by SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA has provided the notices required by Water Code section 10727.8, and previously formed an Advisory Committee, consisting of a diverse group of interested parties and stakeholders, which has reviewed and provided input into the GSP for the Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee have held numerous public meetings where elements of the GSP for the Subbasin have been presented and discussed, and where the general public has been provided the opportunity to comment on the various elements of the GSP; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA formed a Subbasin Committee for the Subbasin, which has also held numerous public meetings to discuss the elements of the GSP, and where the general public has been provided the opportunity to comment on the various elements of the GSP; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA has received a significant amount of written public comments on the various elements of the GSP, which have been reviewed and commented on as part of the GSP; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA has noticed a public hearing for January 13, 2022, as required by Water Code section 10728.4 for the purpose of considering adoption of a GSP for the Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the Board of Directors considered the GSP for the Subbasin and the comments from the public thereon; and,

WHEREAS, the GSP for the Subbasin contains all the elements required by Water Code sections 10727.2 and 10727.4; and,

WHEREAS, after its filing with DWR, the GSP for the Subbasin will be subject to a further public review period, and will undergo review by DWR for a period not exceeding two years; and

WHEREAS, the GSP for the Subbasin will be subject to further updating during the DWR review period, and periodically thereafter; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary and appropriate for the Board of Directors to consider the approval of the GSP for the Subbasin, and authorize and direct its filing with DWR no later than the date required by SGMA; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct.
2. The Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Upper Valley subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin is approved.

3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause the GSP to be filed with the California Department of Water Resources no later than January 31, 2022, as required by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
4. The General Manager and Agency Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such other and further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Directors Adams, Alejo, Bramers, Chapin, Granillo, Lipe, McIntyre, Stefani, and Chair Pereira

NOES: Directors Brennan and Rocha

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

I, Harrison Tregenza, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Directors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof for the meeting on January 13, 2022.

Dated: 1/21/2022

Harrison Tregenza, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Basin  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency,  
County of Monterey, State of California

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