

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

Resolution No 2022-16.

Approving an update to the Groundwater)
Sustainability Plan for the 180/400-foot)
aquifer 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 high priority in DWR’s Bulletin 118, and for those basins designated a in a critical condition of overdraft, are due to be filed with DWR no later than January 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the 180/400-foot aquifer subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Subbasin”) is designated high priority and in a critical condition of overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA undertook the process to prepare a GSP for the Subbasin as required by SGMA and timely filed it with DWR; and,

WHEREAS, DWR approved the GSP for the Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA and its implementing regulations, the SVBGSA is required to evaluate GSPs and report to DWR on the evaluation at least every 5 years, and update or amend GSPs as necessary or appropriate; and,

WHEREAS, the initial evaluation of and report to DWR on the GSP for the Subbasin is due no later than January of 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA has approved and timely filed with DWR GSPs for the other subbasins in the Basin, which were due to be filed no later than January 31 of 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the initial evaluation of and report to DWR on the other GSPS are due no later than January of 2027; and,

WHEREAS, it is more efficient and appropriate to align the evaluation of the GSP for the Subbasin with the evaluations of the other GSPs within the Basin; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA and its implementing regulations, a GSP may be updated at any time after a noticed public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the SVBGSA Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee held numerous public meetings where elements of the GSP update 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 update; and,

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

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

WHEREAS, a public hearing was timely noticed for the Board of Directors meeting on September 8, 2020, to consider an update to the GSP for the Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, updating the GSP for the Subbasin at this time will align its next required evaluation and report to DWR with the evaluations and reports to DWR for the other GSPs in the Basin; 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 update to the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the 180/400-foot aquifer subbasin of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin is approved.
3. The General Manager is hereby authorized and directed to cause the update, and any associated report, to be filed with the California Department of Water Resources.
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 8th day of September, 2022, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES ADAMS, ALEJO, BRENNAN, CHAPIN, CREMERS, GRANILLO, MCINTYRE, PEREIRA, AND CHAIR BRAMERS:

NOES:NONE

ABSENT: ROCHA, STEFANI

ABSTAIN: NONE

I, Debra McNay, 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 September 8, 2022.

Dated:

Debra McNay, Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, County of Monterey, State of California



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