

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PLEASANT VALLEY SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR PORTIONS OF FRESNO COUNTY IN THE PLEASANT VALLEY
GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN WHERE THE COUNTY OF SERVES AS GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (Water Code sections 10720 – 10737.8) (“SGMA”), requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Department of Water Resources requires that each California groundwater basin or subbasin be managed by a GSA or multiple GSAs; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2019, the County elected to serve as the GSA for those portions of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 5–022.09) that are within the County’s jurisdictional boundaries, but outside the boundaries of the Pleasant Valley Water District; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) designated the Pleasant Valley Subbasin a Medium Priority basin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA the basin is subject to State Intervention if, after January 31, 2022, none of the following have occurred: (A) a groundwater sustainability agency has adopted a groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin; or (B) a collection of local agencies has adopted groundwater sustainability plans that collectively serve as a groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin; or (C) the Department of Water Resources has approved an alternative pursuant to Water Code section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, under a grant agreement between DWR and the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as amended on June 30, 2020, DWR is requiring GSP development for the Pleasant Valley Subbasin to be completed by February 28, 2022; and

1 WHEREAS, the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, in cooperation with the
2 County, has caused the preparation of a GSP, which is titled “Pleasant Valley Subbasin Groundwater
3 Sustainability Plan” (“Pleasant Valley GSP”); and

4 WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the Pleasant Valley GSP, specifically as it is applicable to
5 the County, and determined it meets SGMA requirements, including those set forth at Water Code
6 section 10727.2; and

7 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2021, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section
8 10728.4, the County provided notice of its intent to adopt the Pleasant Valley GSP at least 90 days
9 before the date of adoption and no cities or counties requested consultation; and

10 WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 10725.2, the County
11 issued notice of its intent to adopt the Pleasant Valley GSP on its internet website and provided
12 electronic notice to all parties desiring to receive such notice; and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.6, adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability
14 Plan is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and

15 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
16 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to adopt the Pleasant Valley
17 GSP.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are true and
19 correct.

20 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Fresno hereby adopts the Pleasant
21 Valley GSP for those portions of Fresno County within the Pleasant Valley Subbasin where the County
22 serves as the GSA, and will support its continuing development and implementation.

23 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will exercise or cause to be exercised
24 its authorities, including without limitation, the powers and authorities described in California Water
25 Code section 10725 et. seq., necessary to implement the Pleasant Valley GSP.

26 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than 30 days from the date of this
27 Resolution, the County will submit or cause to be submitted the GSP and all necessary supporting
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1 documentation to the Department of Water Resources in accordance with the requirements of Water
2 Code section 10733.4.

3 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
4 of the County of Fresno on this 22nd day of February, 2022, to wit:

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6 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

7 NOES: None

8 ABSENT: None


9 ABSTAINED: None

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Brian Pacheco, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Fresno

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ATTEST:


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Bernice E. Seidel
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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Deputy

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