

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED FRESNO COUNTY MANAGEMENT AREA A AND B
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AND
AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE FRESNO COUNTY MANAGEMENT AREA A AND B
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") "to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater" (Wat. Code, § 10720, (d)); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development of groundwater sustainability plans ("GSPs"), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies ("GSAs") or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSP to be developed and implemented to manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") as medium or high priority, including the Delta-Mendota Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 5-22.07); and

WHEREAS, the County, for Fresno County Management Areas A and B (FCMAAB), serves as the exclusive GSA for a portion of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the County as the GSA for FCAAB has the authority to draft, adopt, amend, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 et seq.; § 10728.4); and

WHEREAS, other GSAs in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin prepared separate GSPs for other regions of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin for a total of six GSPs covering the entire Delta-Mendota Subbasin (each, a "GSP Group"); and

WHEREAS, the GSAs from all six GSP Groups entered into a Coordination Agreement effective December 12, 2018 (the "Coordination Agreement") to comply with SGMA and ensure that the multiple

1 GSPs within the Delta-Mendota Subbasin would be developed and implemented utilizing the same
2 methodologies and assumptions, that the elements of the GSPs are appropriately coordinated to support
3 sustainable management, and to show how the multiple GSPs will achieve the sustainability goal for the
4 Subbasin. The Coordination Agreement also established a Coordination Committee composed of
5 representatives from each GSP Group, outlined information sharing obligations, procedures for resolving
6 conflicts, and designated the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority as the Plan Manager for the
7 Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

8 WHEREAS, SGMA states that a GSA “may adopt or amend a [GSP] after a public hearing, held
9 at least 90 days after providing notice to a city or county within the area of the proposed plan or
10 amendment” (Wat. Code, § 10728.4); and

11 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors adopted a GSP for FCMAAB on January 7, 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, the Plan Manager submitted the GSP for FCMAAB and the Coordination Agreement
13 to DWR on January 23, 2020; and

14 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, DWR completed its review of all the GSPs in the Delta-Mendota
15 Subbasin and released a letter determining that the GSPs for the Delta-Mendota Subbasin as a whole
16 were “Incomplete” and identified deficiencies and corrective actions for the GSAs in the Delta-Mendota
17 Subbasin to take. Amended or modified GSPs addressing the corrective actions from each GSP Group
18 must be submitted to DWR by July 20, 2022; and

19 WHEREAS, the County for FCMAAB and the Coordination Committee have, in order to address
20 the deficiencies and to effect the corrective actions identified by DWR, continued to coordinate to develop
21 the draft of the amended FCMAAB GSP; and

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

23 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Fresno hereby approves and adopts the
24 final draft Amended FCMAAB GSP, dated July 2022, in substantially the form presented, subject to such
25 modifications as the executing officer shall approve, said execution to provide conclusive proof of
26 approval of any such modifications.

27 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Fresno authorizes the San Luis &
28 Delta-Mendota Water Authority, acting as Plan Manager for the Subbasin, to take such other action as

1 may be reasonably necessary to submit the Amended GSP for FCMAAB to DWR by July 20, 2022, and
2 implement the purpose of this Resolution.

3 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
4 the County of Fresno on this 12th day of July, 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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14 Brian Pacheco, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Fresno

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16 **ATTEST:**

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

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20 By 
21 Deputy