

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2 OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO
3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

4 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER EXCHANGE CONTRACTORS
5 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY'S GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR
6 PORTIONS OF THE DELTA-MENDOTA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN INCLUDING FRESNO
7 COUNTY MANAGEMENT AREA B

8 WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (Water Code sections 10720
9 – 10737.8) ("SGMA"), signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that each California groundwater
10 basin or subbasin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and
11 that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan
12 ("GSP") or multiple GSPs; and

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

15 WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017, the County elected to serve as the GSA for those portions of the
16 Delta – Mendota (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 5 – 22.07) located within its jurisdictional boundaries that
17 the Board designated as "Management Area B of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin"; and

18 WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources designated the Delta-Mendota
19 Subbasin a High Priority basin; and

20 WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA the basin is subject to State Intervention if, after January 31, 2020,
21 none of the following have occurred: (A) A groundwater sustainability agency has adopted a groundwater
22 sustainability plan for the entire basin; or (B) a collection of local agencies has adopted groundwater
23 sustainability plans that collectively serve as a groundwater sustainability plan for the entire basin; or (C)
24 the Department of Water Resources has approved an alternative pursuant to Water Code section
25 10733.6; and

26 WHEREAS, the County executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Joaquin River
27 Exchange Contractors Water Authority (SJRECWA), on March 15, 2016, which, among other things,
28 memorialized an agreement pursuant to which the County agreed to work with the SJRECWA in the

1 development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan that would include a Management Area Chapter
2 applicable to Management Area B of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

3 WHEREAS, SJRECWA, together with the County and other agencies in the Delta-Mendota
4 Subbasin, collectively known as the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSP Group, has caused
5 the preparation of a GSP, which is titled "Delta-Mendota Subbasin (5-022.07) Groundwater Sustainability
6 Plan for: San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors GSP Group," dated July 12, 2019 ("SJREC GSP");

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8 WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the SJREC GSP and the Management Area Chapter
9 specifically applicable to the County (Chapter 16) and determined it meets SGMA requirements, including
10 those set forth at Water Code section 10727.2; and

11 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section
12 10728.4, the County provided notice of its intent to adopt the SJREC GSP at least 90 days before the
13 date of adoption and engaged in all necessary consultation with the cities or counties that requested such
14 consultation; and

15 WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 10725.2, the County
16 issued notice of its intent to adopt the SJREC GSP on its internet website and provided electronic notice
17 to all parties desiring to receive such notice; and

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

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21 WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on December 10, 2019, to consider the adoption of
22 this Resolution and its decision to adopt the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and accepted public
23 comment on the same; and

24 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
25 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to adopt the SJREC GSP.

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

27 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Fresno hereby adopts the SJREC GSP
28 and will support its continuing development and implementation.

1 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will exercise or cause to be exercised its
2 authorities, including without limitation, the powers and authorities described in California Water Code
3 section 10725 et. seq., necessary to implement the SJREC GSP and the Management Area Chapter
4 applicable to Management Area B of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin.

5 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that no later than 30 days from the date of this Resolution,
6 the County will submit or cause to be submitted the GSP and all necessary supporting documentation to
7 the Department of Water Resources in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 10733.4.
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10 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
11 the County of Fresno on this 10th day of December, 2019, to wit:

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13 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
14 NOES: None
15 ABSENT: None
16 ABSTAINED: None
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20 Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
21 of the County of Fresno

22 **ATTEST:**
23 Bernice E. Seidel
24 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
25 County of Fresno, State of California

26 By  _____
27 Deputy
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