

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR FRESNO COUNTY
MANAGEMENT AREA A AND MANAGEMENT AREA B IN THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN

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

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to SGMA the basin is subject to State Intervention if, after January 31, 2020, 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, the County, has caused the preparation of a GSP, which is titled “Groundwater Sustainability Plan for Fresno County Management Area A and Management Area B in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin,” dated September 2019 (“Management Areas A and B GSP”);

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Management Areas A and B GSP meets SGMA requirements, including those set forth at Water Code section 10727.2; and

1 WHEREAS, on September 9, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section
2 10728.4, the County provided notice of its intent to adopt the Management Areas A and B GSP at least
3 90 days before the date of adoption and engaged in all necessary consultation with the cities or counties
4 that requested such consultation; and

5 WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code section 10725.2, the County
6 issued notice of its intent to adopt the Management Areas A and B GSP on its internet website and
7 provided electronic notice to all parties desiring to receive such notice; and

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

10 WHEREAS, the County held a public hearing on January 7, 2020, to consider the adoption of this
11 Resolution and its decision to adopt the Groundwater Sustainability Plan and accepted public comment
12 on the same; and

13 WHEREAS, after considering the issue and allowing for public testimony, the Board of
14 Supervisors determined it to be in the best interest of the County to decide to adopt the Management
15 Area A and B GSP;

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

17 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Fresno hereby adopts the Management
18 Areas A and B GSP and will support its continuing development and implementation.

19 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County will exercise or cause to be exercised its
20 authorities, including without limitation, the powers and authorities described in California Water Code
21 section 10725 et. seq., necessary to implement Management Areas A and B GSP of the Delta-Mendota
22 Subbasin.

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

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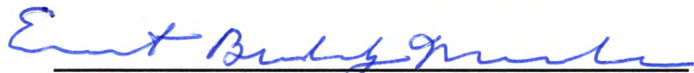
1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
2 the County of Fresno on this 7th day of January, 2020, to wit:

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

5 NOES: None

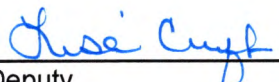
6 ABSENT: None

7 ABSTAINED: None

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Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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13 **ATTEST:**
Bernice E. Seidel
14 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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16 By 
17 Deputy