

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

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WESTSIDE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
FOR PORTIONS OF FRESNO COUNTY IN THE WESTSIDE 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 2, 2017, the County elected to serve as the GSA for those portions of the Westside Subbasin (DWR Bulletin 118 Basin No. 5–022.09) that are within the County’s jurisdictional boundaries, including the areas within the City of Huron’s jurisdictional boundaries, but outside the boundaries of the Westlands Water District; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources designated the Westside 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 Westlands Water District, in cooperation with the County, has caused the preparation of a GSP, which is titled “Westside Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan” (“Westside GSP”); and

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1 WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the Westside GSP, specifically as it is applicable to the
2 County, and determined it meets SGMA requirements, including those set forth at Water Code section
3 10727.2; and

4 WHEREAS, on September 10, 2019, in accordance with the requirements of Water Code
5 section 10728.4, the County provided notice of its intent to adopt the Westside GSP at least 90 days
6 before the date of adoption and engaged in all necessary consultation with the cities and/or counties
7 that requested such consultation; and

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

11 WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code section 10728.6, adoption of a Groundwater Sustainability
12 Plan is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; 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 Westside GSP.

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

17 IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, that County of Fresno hereby adopts the Westside
18 GSP for those portions of Fresno County within the Westside Subbasin where the County serves as the
19 GSA, and will support its continuing development and implementation.

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

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

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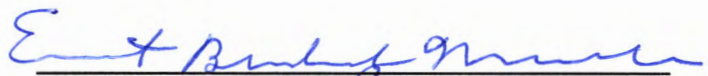
1 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors
2 of the County of Fresno on this 7th day of January, 2020, to wit:

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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
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

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17 By 

Deputy