

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

RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING WEST STANISLAUS IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO
APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM'S PLANNING GRANT – ROUND 3 AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY
TO OBTAIN A GRANT FOR THE DELTA-MENDOTA SUBBASIN SUPPLEMENTAL GSP
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

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" ("Management Area A")
and "Management Area B of the Delta-Mendota Subbasin" ("Management Area B"); and

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

WHEREAS the combined boundaries of the 23 Delta-Mendota Subbasin GSAs cover the entire
Delta-Mendota Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 ("Proposition
1") was passed by the voters of California on November 4, 2014, to provide for the issuance of bonds to
fund grants for various water-related programs; and

WHEREAS, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection and Outdoor
Access For All Act of 2019 ("Proposition 68") was passed by the voters of California on June 5, 2018, to
provide funding for grants for the development and implementation of groundwater plans and projects;
and

1 WHEREAS, DWR administers the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
2 Planning – Round 3 (the “Grant Program”) to issue grants under Proposition 1 and Proposition 68 to
3 encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources; and

4 WHEREAS, the Board on October 22, 2019, entered into a cost sharing agreement that
5 authorized the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (“SLDMWA”) (County Agreement No. 19-
6 558)to undertake all activities required for preparing a complete grant application package under
7 Proposition 68 and Proposition 1 for activities associated with the implementation of a groundwater
8 sustainability plan in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, because the County, along with other GSAs; and

9 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2019, DWR informed SLDMWA that the applicant for the grant
10 cannot be SLDMWA, but must be a GSA in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, so that SLDMWA could not
11 submit the grant application as originally planned, and reflected in the October 22, 2019 cost sharing
12 agreement;

13 WHEREAS, West Stanislaus Irrigation District (“WSID”) is a GSA in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin
14 that has previously served as a project sponsor to apply for a Proposition 1 grant for the benefit of GSAs
15 in the Delta-Mendota Subbasin, including the County, for example as provided in the Local Project
16 Sponsor Agreement for Delta-Mendota Subbasin Planning Grant Management, which the County
17 entered on April 23, 2019;

18 WHEREAS, in order to satisfy DWR requirements, and because the deadline for a grant
19 application was November 15, 2019, SLDMWA completed and submitted the grant application on behalf
20 of WSID, as the project sponsor;

21 WHEREAS, the County of Fresno, for Management Area A and Management Area B, is eligible
22 to apply for funding under Proposition 68 through the Grant Program, and wishes to retroactively
23 authorize WSID to submit the grant application to DWR on behalf of the County for Management Area A
24 and Management Area B, with costs for the grant application still to be shared according to County
25 Agreement No. 19-558.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals are true and correct
27 as follow:

28 1. WSID is retroactively authorized to apply, on behalf of the County of Fresno, for Management

1 Area A and Management Area B, to DWR to obtain a grant under the Grant Program pursuant
2 to Proposition 68, said grant funds to be used in the manner described in the grant application
3 titled, "Delta-Mendota Subbasin Supplemental GSP Development Proposal," a copy of which
4 is on file with the Clerk of the Board. The County will contribute to the cost of the grant
5 application as provided in County Agreement No. 19-558.
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- 7 2. WSID is retroactively authorized to compile the necessary data and investigations, file such
8 application, and if grant funds are awarded to execute all documents necessary to obtain the
9 grant.
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11 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of
12 the County of Fresno on this 4th day of February, 2020, to wit:
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15 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero

16 NOES: None

17 ABSENT: None

18 ABSTAINED: None
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Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

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

26 By 

27 Deputy
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