

Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin

RESOLUTION WMA-2022-001

RESOLUTION ADOPTING GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) requires that each groundwater basin in the state be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”), or multiple GSPs;

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Western Management Area in the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (“WMA GSA”), formed by Memorandum of Agreement dated January 11, 2017 (“WMA MOA”), is the exclusive GSA for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Bulletin 118 Basin No. 3-015) (“Basin”);

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA has prepared a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) for the Western Management Area;

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, the WMA GSA gave notice under Water Code section 10728.4 to the City of Lompoc and to Santa Barbara County regarding its intent to adopt the GSP;

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2021, the WMA GSA released the Public Draft GSP (dated September 2021), requesting comments from interested persons and agencies by October 26, 2021;

WHEREAS, on December 17 and December 24, 2021, notice was published in the Santa Barbara News Press of the public hearing on adoption of the GSP to be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2022;

WHEREAS, the Final GSP, with responses to public comments received, was presented to the WMA GSA Committee in a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on January 5, 2022;

WHEREAS, the WMA GSA, together with the other two GSAs in the Basin, has entered into the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin Coordination Agreement (“Coordination Agreement”), effective January 1, 2022; upon adoption of the GSP, Water Code Section 10733.4 requires that the GSP be submitted to DWR for review on or before January 31, 2022

NOW THEREFORE, the WMA GSA hereby resolves as follows:

- 1) Each of the recitals above is true and correct and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2) The GSA finds that that the GSP and Coordination Agreement comply with the requirements of SGMA.
- 3) Pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, the WMA GSA hereby adopts the GSP as the GSP for the Western Management Area of the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin
- 4) The GSA hereby authorizes and instructs the Plan Manager designated under the Coordination Agreement to submit or direct the submittal of the GSP to the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as required by SGMA and the SGMA Regulations. The Plan Manager is authorized to make any minor, administrative changes to the GSP that are required for submittal to DWR.
- 5) Should DWR require substantive changes to the GSP adopted herein, the Plan Manager shall bring such changes back to the WMA GSA Committee for review and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the governing Committee of the WMA GSA on January 05, 2022 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Jeremy Ball, Chris Brooks, Myron Heavin, Steve Jordan

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

ATTEST:



Chris Brooks, Chairman



William J. Buelow, Secretary