

**SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE KINGS SUBBASIN WITHIN
THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AGENCY**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), effective on January 1, 2015, and amended from time-to-time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by Bulletin 118 issued by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), to be managed by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”); and

WHEREAS, the Kings Subbasin (Subbasin 5-22.08 of the San Joaquin Valley Basin as defined by Bulletin 118) has been designated by DWR as a high priority basis; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes a local agency with water supply, water management, or local land use responsibilities, or a combination of such local agencies, overlying a groundwater basis to elect to become a GSA; and.

WHEREAS, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is a joint powers authority formed pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code, §§ 6500, et seq.), consisting of the cities of Sanger, Parlier, Fowler, Selma, and Kingsburg, who are qualified local agencies under SGMA, and thus is eligible to serve as a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 10723.2 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”), and

WHEREAS, California Water Code section 10723.8 requires that a “local agency” electing to become a GSA notify DWR of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held a public hearing on May 25, 2017, after publication pursuant to California Government Code section 6066, to consider the adoption of this Resolution and its election to become a GSA within the Kings Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency desires to exercise the powers and authorities of a GSA granted by SGMA.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY does hereby resolve, declare, and order as follows:

1. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby elects to become a GSA and to undertake sustainable groundwater management in the portion of the Kings Subbasin underlying the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's boundaries.
2. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall develop a program for stakeholder outreach to ensure that all beneficial uses and users of groundwater within the agency's boundaries are considered.
3. The South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency intends to negotiate memorandums of understanding, and other necessary agreements with other agencies or entities managing groundwater in the Kings Subbasin so as to provide for the coordinated management of groundwater within the Kings Subbasin.
4. The Board of Directors of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency is authorized to submit to DWR a notice of intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management in accordance with SGMA.
5. Staff is directed to send to DWR the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency's notification of its election to become a GSA. Such notification shall include:
 - (a) The boundaries of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency as set forth on the map attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The boundaries of the agency shall be the spheres of influence for the five cities that are the members of the joint powers authority, or to the extent allowable by law.
 - (b) A copy of this Resolution.
 - (c) A list of the interested parties developed pursuant to Water Code section 10723.2, and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development and implementation of the GSP.

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The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted at a meeting of the South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency held on the 25th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:



CHAIR OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:



SECRETARY