

# **SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2016- 07**

### **RESOLUTION FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR AREA 2 OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) authorizes a local agency overlying a groundwater basin to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in satisfaction of SGMA objectives (California Water Code §10723(a)); and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) was duly formed under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement by and among the County of Sacramento and Cities of Sacramento, Elk Grove, Rancho Cordova, and Folsom dated August 29, 2006 (JPA), after outreach to fifty (50) regional stakeholders, representing agricultural, urban, self-supplied, environmental, and other groundwater interests; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA was created for the primary purpose of maintaining the sustainable yield within the SCGA Groundwater Management Plan (GMP), and thereby qualifies as a local agency as defined in SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA's jurisdiction overlies a portion of the South American subbasin, as defined in California Department of Water Resources' (DWR) Bulletin 118-03, identified as classified as high priority; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires a GSA be formed for high and medium priority groundwater subbasins in California by June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Before deciding to become a GSA, SCGA must specially publish and hold a public hearing to consider GSA formation within its jurisdictional area, and adopt a resolution forming the GSA within identified service area boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA published notice of public hearing to accept public comment on whether it should form a GSA for areas within its jurisdiction of the South American in accordance with California Government Code §6066 and California Water Code §10723; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA held a public hearing and accepted public comment on whether it should form a GSA for areas within its jurisdiction of the South American; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA has identified and engaged with other local agencies within the South American subbasin that have expressed interest in SGMA groundwater management, and encouraged a collaborative process to basin-wide groundwater governance; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA has ongoing coordination and communication with other groundwater management entities in the North American, South American, and Cosumnes subbasins; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA will continue communication and collaboration with other local agencies interested in SGMA groundwater management in the North American, South American, and Cosumnes subbasins to achieve basin-wide governance and inter-basin coordination in an efficient and effective manner; and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA has developed a list of parties for whom SCGA shall consider interests as beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, and an explanation of how such interests will be considered by SCGA's GSA and its development and implementation of a sustainability plan, in accordance with California Water Code §10723.2

**WHEREAS**, SCGA has determined that its election to become a GSA is not a project and is thus not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Title 14 Cal. Code of Regs. §15378(b)(13)); and

**WHEREAS**, SCGA has significant interest and investment in using its GMP and management authority for the sustainable management of groundwater within the South American subbasin.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the SCGA Board of Directors:

1. Incorporates and adopts the above recitals as if they were fully set forth herein; and,
2. Elects to be the GSA for a portion of the groundwater subbasin overlying the County of Sacramento within the South American subbasin as identified in Bulletin 118-03, and further identified as SCGA GSA2, graphically depicted in Exhibit "A" to this resolution, incorporated by reference herein; and
3. Will continue to provide opportunity for public involvement in the ongoing management of groundwater under SGMA; and
4. Supports resolving any overlapping GSA formations within SCGA's jurisdiction with expeditious intent, use of mediation services available in the region, and through continued coordination, communication, and collaboration with groundwater management interests in the region; and
5. Will cause DWR to be notified of its intent to be SCGA GSA2 as depicted herein pursuant to California Water Code 10723.8.

ON A MOTION by Director WILLIAMS, and seconded by Director WERDER, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of SCGA this 13th day of July, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

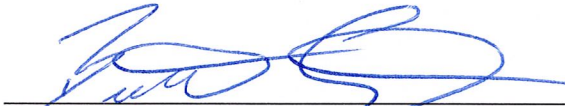
AYES: Directors, FRAGIAC, QUINN, EWART, WILLIAMS, NELSON, WELDER, BETTIS, THOMPSON, OCENOSAK, SCHUBERT

NOES: Directors, MAHON, LOWRY


RECUSAL: Directors,  
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

ABSENT: Directors, MARTEL

ABSTAIN: Directors,

  
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Chair of the Board of Directors  
of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority,  
a duly formed Joint Powers Authority



ATTEST:   
Clerk of the Board of Directors of  
the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

