

ZONE 7
ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION NO. 16-190

INTRODUCED BY DIRECTOR STEVENS
SECONDED BY DIRECTOR PALMER

Resolution to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin and File an Alternative Groundwater Sustainability Plan

WHEREAS, Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), specifically California Water Code § 10723, requires the formation of local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) by June 30, 2017.

WHEREAS, the SGMA has already identified Zone 7 Water Agency as the exclusive GSA for groundwater basins within its service area; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 currently exercises water supply and water management responsibilities within its service area, which service area overlies the majority of the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, Zone 7 has Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Contra Costa County, City of San Ramon, Dublin San Ramon Services District, and East Bay Municipal Utilities District acknowledging Zone 7 as the exclusive GSA for the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin for the portion of the basin in Contra Costa County; and

WHEREAS, as required by Water Code § 10723(b), a notice of public hearing to consider this decision to become a GSA was published pursuant to Government Code section 6066, and the Board of Directors held the noticed public hearing before adopting this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, SGMA, specifically Water Code §10733.6, outlines the steps needed for the adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) or Alternative Plans for high- and medium-priority basins; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared an Alternative GSP which is functionally equivalent to a GSP and shows that Zone 7 has sustainably managed the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin for over 40 years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District does hereby find and determine as follows:

1. Zone 7 hereby elects to become the GSA for the entire portion of the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin that underlies the District's service area including a small portion that underlies Contra Costa County and to undertake groundwater management within that area.

2. Zone 7 intends to provide broad opportunity for public involvement in the ongoing management of groundwater in the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin.

3. Zone 7 will continue to coordinate with other local agencies that overlie the Livermore Valley Groundwater Basin and with other groundwater management entities that elect to be the GSA of neighboring groundwater basins or subbasins.

4. The decision to become a GSA is not a "Project" pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21065 and therefore is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. (See Title 14, Cal. Code Regs. §15378(b) (5).)

5. Staff is directed to prepare notification of Zone 7's decision to become a GSA and to submit that notification, and all supporting documentation, to DWR in accordance with Water Code §10723.8(a).

6. Staff is directed to finalize and submit the Alternative GSP to DWR in accordance with Water Code §10733.6(b).

7. Staff is directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerks of Alameda County and Contra Costa County, in accordance with the law.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: DIRECTORS FIGUERS, GRECI, McGRIL, PALMER, QUIGLEY, RAMIREZ HOLMES, STEVENS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of Zone 7 of the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on December 21, 2016.

By: 
President, Board of Directors