

**SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY ADOPTING THE TULARE LAKE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

A. WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) “to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater” (Wat. Code, § 10720, (d)); and

B. WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

C. WHEREAS, SGMA requires GSAs manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as a medium or high priority, including the Tulare Lake Subbasin (designated basin number 5-22.12) (the “Subbasin”), and to submit a single GSP or multiple coordinated GSPs to DWR by January 31, 2020; and

D. WHEREAS, the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the “Agency”) is a joint powers authority, formed on January 10, 2017, pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov. Code §§ 6500, *et seq.*) to serve as an exclusive GSA in the portion of the Subbasin underlying the Agency’s boundaries. The Agency’s notice of election to be a GSA was uploaded to DWR’s SGMA portal on March 16, 2017; and

E. WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 10727, the following five GSAs in the Subbasin have prepared one GSP for the Subbasin (the “Tulare Lake GSP”): Mid-Kings River GSA, El Rico GSA, South Fork Kings GSA, the Agency, and Tri-County Water Authority GSA (collectively, the “Tulare Lake GSAs”). The Tulare Lake GSAs entered into an Interim Operating Agreement on September 17, 2017; and

F. WHEREAS, the Tulare Lake GSAs simultaneously released the Tulare Lake GSPs for public comment by posting it on their websites, and held a joint public hearing on December 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers at 1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California. Additional subbasin-wide public outreach included two meetings held on October 9, 2019 in Hanford and October 15, 2019 in Lemoore; and

G. WHEREAS, on September 3, 2019, Mid-Kings River GSA, on behalf of the Tulare Lake Subbasin GSAs, e-mailed a 90-day notice to the County of Kings to inform the land use authority that it would be conducting a public hearing on December 2, 2019 to adopt the Tulare Lake GSP, pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4. Notice of the public hearing was also published in the Corcoran Journal and several other basin-wide journals to provide notice to the public; and

H. WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the comments on the Tulare Lake GSP on behalf of its members and responded as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Agency finds as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds, orders, and determines.
2. The Agency hereby approves and adopts the Tulare Lake GSP in substantially the form presented, subject to such modifications as the Chair shall approve.
3. The Agency authorizes the Executive Director and the Agency's consultants to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to coordinate with the other Tulare Lake GSAs to ensure the submission of the Tulare Lake GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: *Wilson, Grewal, Puget, Jackson, Brown*

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY
OF
SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY,
a California joint powers agency**

I, Steve Jackson, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized and appointed Secretary of the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency, a California joint powers agency (the "Agency"); that the following is a true and correct copy of that certain resolution duly and unanimously adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Agency on the 27th day of January, 2020; and that said resolution has not been modified or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as the date hereof:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Certificate on this 27th day of January, 2020.



Steve Jackson, Secretary
Southwest Kings Groundwater
Sustainability Agency