

Resolution 2007-01
of the
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

**ADOPTION OF THE 2007 UPDATE TO THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT
AGENCY'S GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER AUTHORIZATION
TO FILE A CEQA NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Act (California Water Code Appendix Chapter 121-102 through 108 *et seq.*), the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) has been granted certain powers for the purposes of groundwater management within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1983, FCGMA (during numerous noticed public meetings) has determined there is evidence of inland seawater intrusion in both the Upper Aquifer System and the Lower Aquifer System; and

WHEREAS, according to its enabling legislation, FCGMA shall adopt plans to control groundwater extractions from the aquifer systems located within its boundaries with the objective of bringing those aquifers and groundwater basins into safe-yield balance; and

WHEREAS, the FCGMA Board of Directors desires to update the original groundwater management plan adopted in 1985 due to significant land use, natural resource, and water management changes which have occurred since that time; and

WHEREAS, the FCGMA Board of Directors has determined that proactive groundwater management plans, programs, policies, resolutions, and ordinances are necessary in order to improve or protect the quantity and quality of groundwater supplies and help bring the aquifers and groundwater basins managed by FCGMA into "safe-yield balance" in accordance with its statutory mission; and

WHEREAS, in November 2002, the California electorate approved Proposition 50, (the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Water Code Section 79560 *et seq.*), which included \$500 million under Chapter 8 for plans and projects included under an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, Proposition 50, Chapter 8 planning and implementation funds will only be awarded to projects that are consistent with an adopted IRWMP with preference being given to areas subject to a current groundwater management plan (GMP); and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a current GMP by FCGMA is critical to the success of the IRWMP developed by the Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County (WCVC) and the \$25 Million in Implementation Grants awarded to the County of Ventura under the Proposition 50 Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB); and

WHEREAS, FCGMA has prepared a 2007 Update to the GMP that meets the requirements of California Water Code Section 10753.7; and

WHEREAS, the 2007 update to the FCGMA GMP was developed through a comprehensive stakeholder process and provides for ongoing data gathering, planning, design, implementation, and evaluation through a long-term, iterative, stakeholder-based planning process; and

WHEREAS, FCGMA has determined the GMP is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article 18, Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies); and

WHEREAS, FCGMA has also determined the GMP is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Article 18, Sections 15306 (Information Collection), 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment); and

WHEREAS, FCGMA has prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the GMP in accordance with CEQA and any laws, rules, or procedures associated thereof; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the Plan, FCGMA's Executive Officer will forward both the Plan and appropriate documentation of the adoption of the Plan to the California Department of Water Resources and the State of California State Water Resources Control Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the FCGMA Board of Directors hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The 2007 update to the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Groundwater Management Plan is hereby adopted; and
2. The adoption of the Plan is hereby determined to be both statutorily and categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15262, 15306, 15307, and 15308; and
3. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Exemption with the Ventura County Recorder's office; and
4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to provide certified copies of this Resolution documenting adoption of the GMP, along with the GMP itself, to the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board.

On motion of Director Craven, and seconded by Director Kelley, the foregoing Resolution No. 2007-01 was passed and adopted on this 23rd day of May 2007.



Lynn E. Maulhardt, Chair, Board of Directors
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2007-01.



Tammy Butterworth, FCGMA Clerk of the Board