



**BOARD MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SUPERVISORS STEVE BENNETT, LINDA PARKS,
KELLY LONG, PETER C. FOY AND JOHN C. ZARAGOZA
June 20, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Public Hearing Regarding Adoption of a Resolution to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for Unmanaged Areas Within the Santa Paula and Oxnard Sub-Basins of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, and the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin.
(Public Works Agency)**

- (X) All Board members are present.
- (X) The Board holds a public hearing.
- (X) The following person is heard: Arne Anselm.
- (X) Upon motion of Supervisor Foy, seconded by Supervisor Bennett, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves recommendations as stated in the Board letter.

I hereby certify that the annexed instrument is a true and correct copy of the document which is on file in this office.

Dated: **MICHAEL POWERS**
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

6/23/17

By: Lon Gaines
Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: Brian Palmer
Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION NO. 17-088

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR UNMANAGED AREAS WITHIN THE SANTA PAULA AND OXNARD SUB-BASINS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN, AND THE PLEASANT VALLEY AND LAS POSAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASINS

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, SGMA provides that for all groundwater basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high- or medium priority basin a local agency, or combination of agencies, must decide to become the groundwater sustainability agency or agencies (GSAs) for the entire basin to avoid state intervention; and

WHEREAS, DWR has designated the Santa Paula and Oxnard Sub-Basins of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, and the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin (Basins) as high- or medium priority basins; and

WHEREAS, SGMA further provides that in the event there is an area within a high- or medium priority basin that is not within the management area of a GSA, the County of Ventura will be presumed to be the GSA for that area unless the County opts out of being the GSA for that area; and

WHEREAS, there are currently areas within the Basins that are not within the management area of a GSA and are considered unmanaged under SGMA; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the County to provide notification to DWR of the County's decision to become a GSA for any unmanaged area within a high- or medium priority basin on or before June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County has determined it to be in the County's best interest and in the public interest for the County to act as the GSA for any areas within the Basins that are unmanaged as of June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura as follows:

1. The County of Ventura shall become the groundwater sustainability agency for areas within the Santa Paula and Oxnard Sub-Basins of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, and the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin that are unmanaged as of June 30, 2017;
2. The Director of the Public Works Agency is authorized to: (a) notify the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the action taken by this resolution and to develop and file with DWR the information required to be submitted as part of the notification, (b) withdraw or modify the County's notification to DWR to fulfill the purposes of this resolution and (c) take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Upon a motion of Board Member Foy, seconded by Board Member Bennett, and duly carried, the Board hereby approves and adopts this resolution on the 20 day of June, 2017.


Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST:

MICHAEL POWERS, Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors, County of Ventura
State of California

By: Lou James
Deputy Clerk of the Board

