

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-152

**RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FORMING THE NAPA COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), which requires the sustainable management of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent is to provide for sustainable management of groundwater basins, enhance local management of groundwater, and establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in SGMA, a local agency may decide to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA); and

WHEREAS, Napa County (County) is a local agency, as SGMA defines that term; and

WHEREAS, the County is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, the County overlies the Napa Valley Subbasin (designated basin number 2-002.01 in the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) groundwater basin system), which has been designated by DWR as a high-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, Sections 10723.8 and 10724 of SGMA require that a local agency deciding to be a GSA must notify DWR of its decision and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within the agency's jurisdictional boundary; and

WHEREAS, Section 10724 of SGMA provides that the County is presumed to be the GSA for the Napa Valley Subbasin, which is both a high-priority basin and an unmanaged area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 6066, notice of a public hearing on the County decision to form the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency has been published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2019, the County held a public hearing to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the County has compiled much of the information and technical data necessary to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) and plans to work toward continuing to develop the GSP pursuant to the SGMA requirements; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it does not result in the any direct or indirect physical change in the environment. Adoption of this Resolution is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 15306, 15307, and 15308, and 15061(b)(3) as an action taken by a regulatory agency to collect information and assure the maintenance and protection

and natural resources and the environment, and because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of this Resolution may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

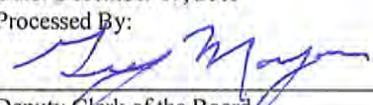
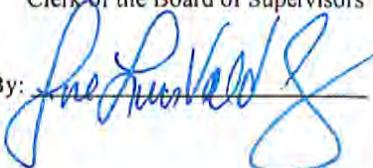
1. The County hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct, and establish the factual basis for the County adoption of this Resolution.
2. The County hereby notifies DWR of its intent to manage groundwater within the boundaries of the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency as defined in the attached Exhibit A.
3. The Board authorizes County staff to inform DWR of the County’s decision to form the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency and take such other and further steps as necessary to comply with SGMA and DWR requirements.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Napa County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	WAGENKNECHT, DILLON, PEDROZA, RAMOS and GREGORY
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	NONE
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	NONE
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	NONE

NAPA COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of California

By: 
 RYAN GREGORY, Chair of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM Office of County Counsel By: <u>Jeffrey M. Brax</u> County Counsel Date: <u>December 11, 2019</u>	APPROVED BY THE NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Date: December 17, 2019 Processed By:  Deputy Clerk of the Board	ATTEST: JOSE LUIS VALDEZ Clerk of the Board of Supervisors By: 
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