

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO FORM THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014 and went into effect as California Water Code, section 10720 et. seq. on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of SGMA is to provide sustainable management of groundwater basins and enhance local management of groundwater through empowering local management agencies with authority, technical, and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires high and medium priority basins to be managed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (GSA); and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723(a) authorizes any combination of local agencies having water or land management authority overlying a basin to elect to be the GSA for that basin; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Watershed Protection District was originally created as the Lake County Flood Control and Water Conservation District as a political subdivision of the State of California established under the Lake County Flood Control and Water Conservation Act of the State Water Code in 1951; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was renamed to the Lake County Watershed Protection District (District) by Senate Bill 1136 in 2004; and

WHEREAS, The District has the responsibility for the conservation and protection of all waters within the District, including groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.2 requires that a GSA considers the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and,

WHEREAS, the Big Valley GSA is committed to working with regional partners to sustainably manage the groundwater resources through a GSA Advisory Group including county, tribal, municipal water suppliers, Chi Council, domestic well owner and agricultural representatives in and around the Big Valley Groundwater Basin; and,

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction control over groundwater management is beneficial to the health, safety, and water supply reliability of the Big Valley groundwater basin and its respective users; and,

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723.8 requires a local public agency electing to be a GSA to notify the California Department of Water Resources of its election and intention to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a sub-basin; and,

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10723(b) requires a public hearing to be held before the decision to become a GSA and the publication of notice pursuant to section 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding whether to adopt a Resolution to elect to become a GSA where published in the Lake County Record Bee on _____ and _____; and,

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District held a public hearing on _____ to consider the adoption of this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District intends to form the Big Valley GSA and authorizes staff to, within 30 days from the date of this Resolution, provide notification of this election to the California Department of Water Resources, including a copy of this Resolution and additional information required by Water Code section 10723.8, in the manner required by law.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of lake at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board

By: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel

By:  _____