BOARD OF DIRECTORS LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) CHARTER DOCUMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District (Board of Directors) elected to form and serve as the Big Valley GSA (BVGSA) on August 27, 2019 for the Big Valley Groundwater Basin (5-105); 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 (GSP); and

WHEREAS, the BVGSA 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, A group of stakeholders has been participating in the past year in surveys, interviews, and sharing sessions as a basis for bringing together elements for a draft Charter for the Big Valley GSP Advisory Committee (GSPAC); and

WHEREAS, these stakeholders were selected based on their geographic location in Big Valley, for their identification as beneficial users and uses of groundwater within the Big Valley Basin, and for their previous experience in working on groundwater and water resources-related activities in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the GSPAC Charter being presented to the Board of Directors, as the sitting Board of the BVGSA, includes details on the intent of, structure for, process of, reporting from, and duration of the initial GSPAC; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of this Charter allows the GSPAC members to formally convene in regular and ad hoc meetings, that will be publicly noticed and open to the public, as the BVGSA takes GSPAC guidance and recommendations while working through the development, adoption, and submission of its GSP due on January 31, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors acting as the Big Valley GSA approve and accept the Big Valley GSA Charter Document.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Directors acting as the Big Valley GSA at a regular meeting thereof held on ______, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON Clerk of the Board

Ву: _____

Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM: ANITA L. GRANT County Counsel

Ву: _____