

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE AMENDED TULARE
LAKE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN BY THE
SOUTHWEST KINGS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

RESOLUTION 22-04

A. WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) “to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater” (Wat. Code, § 10720(d)); and

B. WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development and implementation of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

C. WHEREAS, the Southwest Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SWK GSA”) was created as a joint powers authority under a joint powers agreement dated January 10, 2017, and submitted notice of its election to form a GSA to the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) on March 16, 2017 pursuant to California Water Code section 10723.8; and

D. WHEREAS, SWK GSA is authorized to exercise all actions required or authorized by DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board for GSA purposes; and

E. WHEREAS, pursuant to Water Code Section 10727, the following five GSAs in the Subbasin prepared one GSP for the Subbasin (the “Tulare Lake GSP”): Mid-Kings River GSA, El Rico GSA, South Fork Kings GSA, SWK GSA, and Tri-County Water Authority GSA (collectively, the “Tulare Lake GSAs”), and submitted the Tulare Lake GSP to DWR for review by January 31, 2020; and

F. WHEREAS, DWR provided the Tulare Lake Subbasin with a Determination Letter, attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit A**, informing the Tulare Lake GSAs that their adopted GSP was “incomplete” and recommending that the Tulare Lake GSAs amend the adopted GSP to address several potential corrective actions, which amended GSP is required to be submitted to the DWR by July 27, 2022; and

G. WHEREAS, in response, Tulare Lake GSAs amended its GSP to address those recommended potential corrective actions (the “Amended Tulare Lake GSP”); and

H. WHEREAS, on or about March 7, 2022, SWK GSA provided written notice to the County of Kings and Kettleman City regarding its intent to amend the Tulare Lake GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of SWK GSA finds as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct and the Board of Directors so finds, orders, and determines.

2. The Board of Directors hereby approves and adopts the Amended Tulare Lake GSP in substantially the form presented, subject to such modifications as the executing officer shall approve, said execution to provide conclusive proof of approval of any such modifications.

3. SWK GSA authorizes the Executive Director and its consultants to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to coordinate with the other Tulare Lake GSAs to ensure the submission of the Amended Tulare Lake GSP to DWR by July 27, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

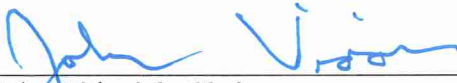
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 21st day of July, 2022 by the following vote:

AYES: Nordstrom, Vidovich, Wilson

NAYS: Brown, Wilcox

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



John Vidovich, Chair
Southwest Kings Groundwater
Sustainability Agency

Attest:



Kimberly Brown, Secretary

Date: July 21, 2022

Subject to the addition of the following language to the GSP:

“Surface Storage of Groundwater – To the extent allowable by law, the GSAs will work with local and state regulatory agencies to prevent the inefficient storage of groundwater in shallow basins. This practice results in a significant loss of the pumped groundwater to evaporation. Avoiding these losses to evaporation would help in reducing groundwater pumping from the deep aquifer and lessen subsidence.”