

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 17–

**BECOMING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE PORTIONS OF THE HOLLISTER AND SAN JUAN SUBBASINS LOCATED
WITHIN SANTA CLARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law and adopted into the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Sections 10725 and 10726 detail additional new powers and authorities granted to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to implement sustainable groundwater management in the basins under their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(c)1(M) specifically identifies the Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) as one of fifteen (15) agencies, created by statute to manage groundwater, that is deemed the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water q1District Act (California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 60) provides the District with broad groundwater management authority, including the authority to protect, spread, store, retain, and cause water to percolate in the soil within Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the District's statutory boundary overlies portions of the Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins, which are identified as Basins 3-3.03 and 3-3.04, respectively, by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR); and

WHEREAS, the Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins are medium-priority basins and therefore require the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will enable the District to prepare and implement a GSP for the Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins within Santa Clara County, and to best work with DWR, the State Water Resources Control Board, and others to resolve groundwater and surface water issues related to the Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to its legislatively created mandate to manage the surface water and groundwater resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, prior to the District electing to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Water Code Section 10723 requires the District to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 6066, notices of a public hearing regarding the District electing to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency were published on May 26, 2017 and June 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2017, this District held a public hearing regarding the adoption of a resolution to establish the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins within Santa Clara County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District:

1. Hereby establishes the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the Hollister and San Juan Bautista Subbasins located within Santa Clara County; and
2. Hereby authorizes the Interim Chief Executive Officer or her designee to provide a copy of this resolution and a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8(a); and
3. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and the District so finds, determines, and represents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on June 13, 2017:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

By: _____
JOHN L. VARELA
Chair/Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

Clerk/Board of Directors