

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-**

**ADOPTING THE 2021 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
FOR THE SANTA CLARA AND LLAGAS SUBBASINS**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (District Act) (California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 60) provides the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) 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, Valley Water's statutory boundary wholly overlies the Santa Clara Subbasin and Llagas Subbasin, identified by the California Department of Water Resources as Basins 2-9.02 and 3-3.01, respectively; and

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 Section 10723(c)1(P) identifies Valley Water as one of eighteen (18) agencies created by statute to manage groundwater that shall be deemed the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2016, the Valley Water Board of Directors adopted Resolution 16-51 on the Decision to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins are deemed to be high-priority basins by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and therefore require the development of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan or prescribed alternative (Alternative); and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10733.6(b)(1) identifies a plan developed pursuant to Part 2.75 (commencing with Section 10750) or other law authorizing groundwater management as an acceptable alternative; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water prepared the 2016 Groundwater Management Plan under authority granted by the District Act and submitted the plan to DWR as an Alternative in December 2016, prior to the statutory deadline of January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019, DWR approved the 2016 Groundwater Management Plan as an Alternative, confirming it satisfies SGMA objectives for sustainable groundwater management in both basins; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10733.6(c) requires five-year updates to approved Alternatives, with the first updates due to DWR by January 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan is prepared under authority provided by the District Act and will be submitted to DWR as the required five-year update to Valley Water's approved Alternative; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan describes Valley Water's comprehensive framework to ensure continued, sustainable groundwater conditions in the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins; and

WHEREAS, Valley Water provided updates to interested stakeholders throughout plan development, and prepared and made available a draft of its 2021 Groundwater Management Plan, and noticed a public hearing regarding said plan, which was held on November 23, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Valley Water Board of Directors considered the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan during a public hearing held on November 23, 2021, and has existing statutory authority to adopt the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan under the District Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District does hereby adopt the 2021 Groundwater Management Plan for the Santa Clara and Llagas Subbasins.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District by the following vote on November 23, 2021:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSENT: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

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Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: MICHELE L. KING, CMC

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Clerk, Board of Directors