

**Before the Board of Directors of the
Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority**

Resolution R-20-05

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR AN AMOUNT
OF \$300,000 TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION UNDER THE 2020
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WATERSHED COORDINATOR
GRANT PROGRAM (PROGRAM) TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, The Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (ESJ GWA) is a high priority, critically overdrafted groundwater basin pursuant to the California Department of Water Resources pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, the ESJ GWA is a California Joint Powers Authority consisting of 16 member Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) acting in a collaborative partnership and have prepared, adopted and submitted the East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (ESJ GSP) to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is to provide for coordination among the Members to develop and Implement a GSP; and,

WHEREAS, The California Department of Conservation Program provides funding from the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50). The Budget Act of 2019 (AB 74, Ch. 23, Stat. 2019) is providing competitive grants to fund watershed coordinator positions and programs to support GSAs to implement their adopted GSPs; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant Proposal Solicitation package required the ESJ GWA, acting as the sponsor for the proposed project, determines the Grant Application is not a "project" pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA guidelines ; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is eligible to apply for funding under the Program and is proposing a project titles "East San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Watershed Coordinator Project (Project)".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby approves that application be made to the California Department of Conservation to obtain a grant under 2020 Sustainable Groundwater Management Watershed Coordinator Grant Program, and directs the Executive Secretary to prepare and submit the grant application to the Department of Conservation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the ESJ GWA finds and determines that the Project is not a project subject to CEQA since it is for planning, stakeholder outreach, and support to implementation projects identified in the ESJ GSP that would be subject to environmental review by the individual GSAs acting in partnership or individually, and makes a finding that the Project does not involve any actions which would have any significant effects on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby certify that the Board, acting as the applicant, understands the assurances and certification in the application; accepts the contract template terms and conditions, if the project is awarded funding; and if such grant funding is awarded, authorizes the Secretary to act as its agent and accept the award of grant funding on behalf of the ESJGWA.

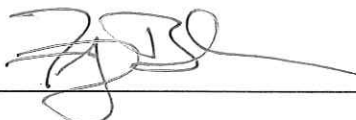
The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a special meeting of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority on the 12th day of August 2020. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing on. Motion carried and the on was adopted.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2020 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

MOTION:

AYES:

ABSTAIN:



ATTEST: FRITZ BUCHMAN, P.E., T.E., CFM
Secretary of the Eastern San Joaquin
Groundwater Authority



CHUCK WINN, Chairman Board of Directors
of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater
Authority