

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION R-22-02

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND SPENDING
PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR THE SUSTAINABLE
GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT UNDER THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("ESJGWA") is a Joint Powers Authority created pursuant to California statute, and which is a public entity separate and apart from the Members; and

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA was formed to provide coordination among the Members to develop and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin ("Basin") in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("SGMA"); and

WHEREAS, the ESJGWA has coordinated among the Members the development of a GSP covering the entire Basin, and submitted it to the Department of Water Resources ("DWR") for their review and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, DWR is accepting SMGA Implementation grant applications with an accompanying spending plan from Critically Overdrafted Basins ("CODs") for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, only one application and accompanying spending plan will be accepted by DWR per COD Basin and the applicant must meet the eligibility requirements listed within the Proposal Solicitation Package (PSP) and the 2021 Guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (ESJ Subbasin), DWR Basin No. 5-22.01 has been designated by DWR as a Critically Overdrafted Basin, and the GWA eligible to submit a grant application and accompanying spending plan for up to \$10 million on behalf of the ESJ Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, after DWR's acceptance, the ESJGWA will be eligible for a minimum grant award of \$3.9 million, and an additional \$3.7 million, if requested, for tasks and activities that include (1) geophysical investigation(s) of groundwater basins to identify recharge potential, (2) early implementation of existing regional flood management plans that incorporate groundwater recharge, and (3) projects that would complement efforts of a local GSP, that provide floodplain expansion to benefit groundwater recharge or habitat; and

WHEREAS, in February 2022, at a regularly scheduled ESJGWA board meeting, the GSAs in the Basin reviewed a Spending Plan that included the North System Improvements Project sponsored by the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District, and the Eastern San Joaquin Geophysical Investigations and Groundwater Recharge Program sponsored by the San Joaquin County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stockton submitted the Stockton Geophysical Survey for the Groundwater Recharge Improvements Project which fit into the criteria identified in the DWR Proposal Solicitation Package and helped the competitiveness of the ESJ application; and

WHEREAS each of the project proponents has adopted resolutions as local project sponsors; and

WHEREAS, as stipulated in the DWR PSP, a review committee comprising the GWA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members has reviewed and scored the aforementioned projects, and both projects have been qualified by the TAC for inclusion in the Spending Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority supports the Spending Plan, grant application, and the projects contained therein, and accepts the application as the sole application to be submitted on behalf of the ESJ Subbasin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority hereby approves submittal of an application containing the Spending Plan attached hereto (Exhibit A) to the California Department of Water Resources for the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant, under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Program, and entering into an agreement to receive said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority or designee is hereby directed and authorized to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, execute a grant agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto with California Department of Water Resources, and take other actions as necessary and appropriate to obtain Grant funding and complete the projects within the application.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 9th day of February 2022 by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

AYES: MECHAM, NAKANISHI, NOMELLINI, BLANTON, HENRY,
FLINN, THORBURN, HERRICK, HOLMES, PANIZZA, WINN

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

 for

ATTEST: KRIS BALAJI, PMP, P.E.
Secretary of the
Eastern San Joaquin
Groundwater Authority



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