

**Appendix 1-B**  
**Resolution of the Board of Directors of the**  
**Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency**  
**for the Santa Rosa Plain**

# Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Resolution No. SRP-17-001

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN

**WHEREAS**, the comprehensive groundwater legislation collectively enacted and referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” at California Water Code Section 10720 *et seq.* (“SGMA”) initially became effective on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies, as defined by SGMA, to form a GSA by entering into a joint powers agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) was formed pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the City of Cotati, City of Rohnert Park, City of Santa Rosa, County of Sonoma, Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, and Town of Windsor, each of which is a local agency as defined by SGMA, within the Santa Rosa Plain (“Basin”) which is designated basin number 1-55.01 in Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118 and which is designated as a medium priority basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency’s jurisdiction covers the full geographical area of the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Agency is to serve as the GSA for the Santa Rosa Plain to comply with SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency is committed to sustainable management of the Basin’s groundwater resources; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of a public hearing on the Agency’s decision to become a GSA for the Basin has been published in in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat (on May 17, 24, and 28, 2017) as required by Water Code section 10723 and Government Code section 6066; and

**WHEREAS**, on this day, the Agency held a public hearing to receive public comment and consider the decision to become the GSA for the Basin in accordance with Water Code section 10723; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the Basin for the Agency to become the GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a GSP for the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency’s process to develop the GSP for the Basin will include stakeholder outreach and input and will provide multiple opportunities for public involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the SANTA ROSA PLAIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, as follows:

1. All recitals are true and correct.
2. The Agency hereby elects to be the GSA for the Basin.
3. The Agency’s Interim Administrator is directed file the GSA Formation Notification, along with required supporting documentation, with the California Department of Water Resources, no later than June 30, 2017.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this day, June 1, 2017, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Dutton: \_\_\_\_\_ Harvey: \_\_\_\_\_ Hopkins: \_\_\_\_\_ Millan: \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan: \_\_\_\_\_

Schwedhelm: \_\_\_\_\_ Stafford: \_\_\_\_\_ Zane: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTES:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_ Noes: \_\_\_\_\_ Absent: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

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