

Appendix 1-A
Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Forming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency
for the Sonoma Valley Basin

Resolution No. SV-17-001

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE SONOMA VALLEY BASIN**

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 Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”) was formed pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement entered into by the City of Sonoma, County of Sonoma, North Bay Water District, Sonoma County Water Agency, Sonoma Resource Conservation District, and Valley of the Moon Water District, each of which is a local agency as defined by SGMA, within the Sonoma Valley Subbasin (“Subbasin”) which is designated Subbasin number 2-2.02 in Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118 and which is designated as a medium priority subbasin; and

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Agency is to serve as the GSA for the Sonoma Valley Subbasin to comply with SGMA; and

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

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

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing on the Agency’s decision to become a GSA for the Subbasin has been published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and the Sonoma Index Tribune

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 Subbasin in accordance with Water Code section 10723; and

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

WHEREAS, the Agency’s process to develop the GSP for the Subbasin 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 SONOMA VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, as follows:

1. All recitals are true and correct.
2. The Agency hereby elects to be the GSA for the Subbasin.
3. The Agency’s Administrator is directed to 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 8, 2017, by the following vote:

DIRECTORS:

Cook: _____ Gorin: _____ Heneveld: _____ Mulas: _____ Rabbitt: _____ Sangiacomo: _____

Ayes: _____ Noes: _____ Absent: _____ Abstain: _____

By: _____
_____, Chairperson
Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Attested by: _____
_____, Administrator
Sonoma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Date: _____