

RESOLUTION NO. 3

RESOLUTION OF THE MONTECITO GROUNDWATER BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY MEMORIALIZING ITS INTENT TO SHARE RESOURCES WITH MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) is organized and existing under and pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) [Water Code §§10720-10737.8]; and

WHEREAS, the Montecito Water District (MWD) is a County Water District organized and existing under and pursuant to the County Water District Law [Water Code §§30000 – 33901]; and

WHEREAS, the GSA is authorized under SGMA to sustainably manage the Montecito Groundwater Basin (Basin), including the development and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

WHEREAS, the MWD is authorized under the County Water District Law to serve the unincorporated areas of Montecito and Summerland within the County of Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, the GSA may perform any act necessary or proper to carry out the SGMA, and to adopt rules, regulations, ordinances and resolutions for that purpose [Water Code §10725 and §10725.2]; and

WHEREAS, the MWD may perform all acts necessary to carry out fully all provisions of the County Water District Law, and do any act necessary to furnish sufficient water in the district for any present or future beneficial use [Water Code §31001 and §31020]; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the GSA is to consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater as it develops and implements a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the long-term management of the groundwater resources of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the mission of MWD is to provide an adequate and reliable supply of high-quality water to the residents of Montecito and Summerland, at the most reasonable cost; and

WHEREAS, a commonality of purpose exists by and between the GSA and the MWD as to the adequate, reliable, and sustainable management of water resources in the Basin and service area, respectively; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity to share resources by and between the GSA and the MWD exists and will allow them to avoid an inefficient duplication of resources; and

WHEREAS the GSA and the MWD wish to memorialize their intent to share resources by a Resolution enacted by each entity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby agrees to share resources, including but not limited to physical, human, intellectual and financial resources with the Montecito Water District to the fullest extent authorized by law, including but not limited to the California Water Code and Government Code.

2. The Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Basin Sustainability Agency agrees to share resources with the Montecito Water District with the understanding that a substantially similar resolution will be considered and adopted by the Montecito Water District. In the event that a substantially similar resolution is not adopted by the Montecito Water District, this resolution will be of no force and effect.

3. The Montecito Water District will remain the employer of all staff which serve both agencies and it shall maintain books of account consistent with generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted audit standards to allow a fair and reasonable allocation between the two agencies of the cost of the resources they will share pursuant to this resolution and a companion resolution of the Montecito Water District Board of Directors.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the MONTECITO GROUNDWATER BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY on the 14th day of April 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks

NAYS: None


ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Cori Hayman, President
MONTECITO GROUNDWATER BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner, Secretary
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