

**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014, and adopted as California Water Code, Section 10720 *et. seq.*; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management through the development of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”) or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSA was formed as a GSA on March 15, 2017 for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin, within its jurisdictional boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA (Wat. Code, § 10723.6(i)); and

WHEREAS the three California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) approved GSAs governing the Merced Groundwater Subbasin are: Merced Irrigation-Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MIUGSA”), Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“MSGSA”), and Turner Island Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency #1 (“TIWD GSA-1”) (“Merced Subbasin GSAs”); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSA has the authority to draft, adopt, and implement a GSP (Wat. Code, § 10725 *et seq.*); and

WHEREAS, the three Merced Subbasin GSAs submitted a Notification of Intent to DWR to jointly develop a GSP for the Merced Groundwater Subbasin on January 4, 2018 in accordance with California Water Code (Wat. Code, § 10727.8 and CA Code of Regulations, Title 23, Section 353.6); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSA has coordinated with the other GSAs in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin to draft a single GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs released the draft Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP for public comment on July 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs reviewed and responded to comments on the draft Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs have coordinated on public outreach and stakeholder engagement throughout the GSP development process, including hosting five public workshops, 17 Stakeholder Committee meetings, and 21 Coordination Committee meetings all open to the public with opportunity for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the three Merced Subbasin GSAs provided a Notice of Intent to Adopt a GSP for the Merced Subbasin to cities and counties within the geographic area covered by the pending GSP on July 22, 2019, in accordance with SGMA (Wat. Code, § 10728.4); and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSAs released the final Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP on November 13, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board of the Merced Subbasin GSA hereby approves and adopts the final Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP and authorizes its consultants and the Plan Manager to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Merced Groundwater Subbasin GSP to DWR by January 31, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Governing Board at Merced, California, this 9th day of December 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Kelley, Marchini, Gallo, Pereira, Park, Upton

NOES: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: None

**MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

By: *Robert D. Valley*
Chair

ATTEST:


Secretary