MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

RESOLUTION OF THE MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2021 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM SGMA IMPLEMENTATION - ROUND 2 GRANT APPLICATION

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, the Merced Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) was formed as a joint powers authority pursuant to Government Code section 6500, *et seq.,* by agencies that qualify to be groundwater sustainability agencies; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation funding using funds authorized by the California Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022 and the California Drought, Water Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68); and

WHEREAS, the SGM Grant Program SGMA Implementation Proposal Solicitation Package requires eligible applicants for proposals be GSAs for the respective basin and states only one application will be accepted per basin; and

WHEREAS, the three GSAs in the Merced Subbasin have entered into a Coordination Memorandum of Understanding to share costs related to basin-wide GSP development and implementation; and

WHEREAS, the three GSAs in the Merced Subbasin have entered into a contract for GSP development with the firm Woodard and Curran, Inc. and received a Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management Planning Grant Program award for GSP development and implementation planning from DWR in 2020, a Round 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant award in 2021, and a Round 1 Sustainable Groundwater Management Implementation Grant award for critically overdrafted basins in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the contract and grant award have historically been administered by Merced Irrigation District on behalf of the three GSAs; and

WHEREAS, the Merced Subbasin GSA intends to submit a joint Sustainable Groundwater Management SGMA Implementation Round 2 application with the Merced Irrigation Urban Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MIUGSA) and the Turner Island Water District GSA-1 for projects that encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support SGMA in the Merced Groundwater Subbasin (DWR Subbasin No. 5-22.04); and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Board of the Merced Subbasin GSA that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources by the MIUGSA in coordination with the Merced Subbasin GSA and the Turner Island Water District GSA-1 to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 2 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MIUGSA has the authority and shall enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources to receive a grant for the Merced Subbasin 2022 GSP Recharge and Sustainability Program.

The Board Chair of MIUGSA, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a funding agreement and any future amendments thereto, submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Governing Board at Merced, California, this 10th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Gallo, Marchini, Pareira, Pedretti, Robson, Swenson

NOES:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

MERCED SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

By: _____
Lloyd Pareira, Jr.
Chair

ATTEST:

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Mark Hendrickson
Secretary