

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LASSEN, ACTING AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN LOCATED WITHIN LASSEN COUNTY, TO ADOPT THE REVISED BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP), IN COORDINATION WITH THE MODOC COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT THE REVISED GSP TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, in September of 2014, the Governor signed into law a legislative package, consisting of three bills, collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires local agencies with land use and/or water management or water supply authority to do certain things in order for medium and high priority groundwater basins, as designated by the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to reach sustainability; and

WHEREAS, SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Big Valley 5-004 Groundwater Basin (BVGB) has been erroneously designated a medium priority basin by the DWR; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and the Modoc County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions (17-013 and 2017-09 respectively) declaring themselves to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the portion of the BVGB within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (BVAC) was formed to advise both the Lassen and Modoc County GSAs on the preparation of a GSP for the basin and held approximately fifteen public meetings to review and propose draft text for a GSP and to receive and consider public comment from local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, as required by the SGMA, the GSAs submitted the Big Valley Groundwater Basin GSP to the DWR prior to the January 31, 2022, deadline; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) determined that the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan is "incomplete"; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the SGMA, the GSAs had until April 23, 2024, to submit a revised GSP, responding to the DWR's comments; and

WHEREAS, a revised GSP was assembled by staff and consultants, and, on March 14, 2024, the BVAC conducted a well-noticed public meeting to consider the proposed revised GSP. After conducting said public meeting the BVAC then recommended that the GSA adopt said revised GSP with the edits made at said meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Lassen County Groundwater Sustainability Agency, hereby adopts the revised Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) with edits and corrections identified by the GSAs during their public hearings at which the revised GSP was considered; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen directs staff to make said edits or corrections and submit the final revised GSP to the DWR by April 23, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 9th day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen, State of California

Attest:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: _____
MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 9th day of April, 2024.

Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen Board of Supervisors