

RESOLUTION NO. 2169

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT DECLARING ITS INTENTION
TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
FOR THE MONTECITO GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, in September 2014, California passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) enacting Water Code §§10720 – 10737.8; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by Bulletin 118 issued by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”), to be managed by Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”); and

WHEREAS, the Montecito Groundwater Basin/DWR Basin Number 3049 (“Basin”) has been designated by DWR as a medium priority basin in its 2018 draft prioritization; and

WHEREAS under the SGMA a local agency or combination of local agencies may elect to become a GSA pursuant to Water Code §10723(a) in order to sustainably manage and regulate a groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the SGMA, sustainable groundwater management is intended to occur pursuant to Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are created and adopted by GSAs; and

WHEREAS, Montecito Water District is a County Water District, organized pursuant to Water Code §30000 et seq, with water supply and water management responsibilities in its service area; and

WHEREAS, Montecito Water District is a local agency, with water supply and water management responsibilities, overlying the Basin and is therefore also a local agency as defined within Water Code §10721(n); and

WHEREAS, the Montecito Water District desires to form a GSA for the Basin;
and

WHEREAS, the Montecito Water District gave notice pursuant to Water Code §10723(b) and Government Code §6066, and a public hearing was held on July 24, 2018 in the County overlying the Basin; and

WHEREAS, after said notice, hearing, and consideration of groundwater conditions for the Basin, the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District has determined it to be in the best interest of the Montecito Water District, its service area, and the public to act as the GSA for the Basin, and to thereby provide for the sustainable management of the basin; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a “project” under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378; including 15378(b)(5) which excludes from the definition of “project” organizational and administrative activities of government, that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District as follows:

1. Montecito Water District shall become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Montecito Groundwater Basin, DWR Basin Number 3049 and shall have all the powers granted to a GSA pursuant to the SGMA;
2. That the GSA hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as required by Water Code section §10723.2
3. The General Manager of Montecito Water District is authorized to: (a) notify the Department of Water Resources (DWR) of the action taken by this resolution, (b) to develop and file with DWR the all applicable information required to be submitted as listed in Water Code §10723.8(a); and (c) to take such further actions as are necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District this 24th day of July, 2018 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Directors Frye, Morgan, Plough, and Wicks

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Shaikewitz

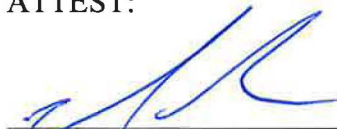
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:



W. Douglas Morgan,
President Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner
Secretary