

1 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

2 **UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY**

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2**

4 **A RESOLUTION OF THE UPPER VENTURA RIVER GROUNDWATER AGENCY TO**
5 **ELECT TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE**
6 **UPPER VENTURA RIVER BASIN PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE**
7 **GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT**

8 **WHEREAS**, the California Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into
9 law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 ("Act"), which authorizes local
10 agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the legislative intent of the Act is to provide for sustainable management of
12 groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum
13 standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local agencies with the
14 authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage
15 groundwater; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or
17 combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency
18 ("GSA"); and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency ("Agency") is a local
20 agency, as the Act defines that term; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the Agency exercises jurisdiction upon land overlying the entire Upper
22 Ventura River Groundwater Basin (designated basin number 4-003.01 in the Department of
23 Water Resources' ("DWR") most recent changes to Bulletin No. 118) ("Basin"); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the Agency is committed to sustainable management of the Basin's
25 groundwater resources; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the Act requires that a GSA be formed for all basins designated by DWR
27 as a medium- or high-priority basins by June 30, 2017; and

28 **WHEREAS**, the Basin is designated as a medium-priority basin pursuant to the DWR's
29 initial prioritization; and

30 **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Agency to work cooperatively with other local GSAs
and stakeholders, as may be appropriate, to sustainably manage to Basin and ensure that the
Act's goals are satisfied; and

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the Agency's election to become a GSA for the
("Notice") has been published in the Ventura County Star and the Ojai Valley News as provided
by law; and

1 **WHEREAS**, on this day, the Agency held a public hearing to consider whether it should
2 elect to become a GSA for the Basin; and

3 **WHEREAS**, it would be in the best interest of the Basin for the Agency to become a
4 GSA for the Basin, and to begin the process of preparing a groundwater sustainability plan
5 (“Sustainability Plan”); and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Agency’s process to develop of the Sustainability Plan for the Basin
7 will include stakeholder outreach and will provide multiple opportunities for public involvement;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, adoption of this resolution does not constitute a “project” under California
10 Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), including organization and
11 administrative activities of government, because there would be no direct or indirect physical
12 change in the environment.

13 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura
14 River Groundwater Agency, as follows:

- 15 1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the Agency so finds,
16 determines and represents.
- 17 2. The Agency hereby elects to become the GSA for the Basin.
- 18 3. Within thirty days of the date of this resolution, the Agency’s interim Executive
19 Director is directed to provide notice to DWR of the Agency’s election to be the
20 GSA for the Basin (“Notice of GSA Election”) in the manner required by law.
- 21 4. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundary the Agency
22 intends to manage as the GSA for the Basin. Until further action of the Agency,
23 the boundaries of the GSA shall be the external boundary of the Basin, the
24 entirety of which currently falls within the Agency’s jurisdiction.
- 25 5. Upon submission of the Notice of GSA Election, the Agency’s Board of
26 Director’s shall begin discussions with interested stakeholders and beneficial
27 users within the Basin in order to begin the process of developing a Sustainability
28 Plan for the Basin.
- 29 6. The Agency’s acting Executive Director is designated as the point-of-contact and
30 is directed to report back to the Agency’s Board of Directors at least quarterly on
the progress toward developing the Sustainability Plan.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution
No. 2017-2 was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Upper Ventura River
Groundwater Agency at a meeting held on the 9th day of March, 2017, by the following vote:

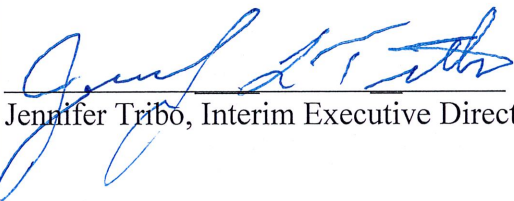
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AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:



Bruce Kuebler, Board Chair
Upper Ventura River Groundwater Agency

ATTEST:



Jennifer Tribo, Interim Executive Director