

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE
2019 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT GRANT
PROGRAM PLANNING – ROUND 3 GRANT**

**PURSUANT TO THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014 AND/OR THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT,
WATER, PARKS, CLIMATE, COASTAL PROTECTION, AND OUTDOOR
ACCESS FOR ALL ACT OF 2018 AND GRANTING GENERAL MANAGER,
INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER AND MANAGER OF ADMINISTRATION,
FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE
DOCUMENTS AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY SUBMITTALS
IN RELATION THERETO**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 ("SGMA") was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA"), or multiple GSAs, and that such management be implemented pursuant to an approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP"), or multiple GSPs; and

WHEREAS, the District's statutory boundary overlies the North San Benito Subbasin of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin, an unadjudicated groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District Act (California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 70) provides the District with broad groundwater management authority, including the authority to conserve water for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining, and causing such waters to percolate into the soil within or without the District; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2017, at a duly-noticed public hearing, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District, by Resolution No. 2017-03, elected to have the San Benito County Water District be the exclusive GSA for the San Benito County portion of the Hollister, Bolsa, and San Juan Valley subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2017, the San Benito County Water District GSA became the exclusive GSA for the Bolsa Area (3-003.02), Hollister Area (3-

003.03), and San Juan Bautista Area (3-003.04) Subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Basin; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, at a duly-noticed public hearing, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District, by Resolution No. 2018-06, elected to have the San Benito County Water District be the exclusive GSA for the Tres Pinos Valley Groundwater Basin (DWR 3-25); and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2018, at a duly-noticed public hearing, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District, by Resolution No. 2018-05, elected to consolidate the Bolsa Area (3-003.02), Hollister Area (3-003.03), and San Juan Bautista Area (3-003.04) Subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Basin and the Tres Pinos Valley Basin (3-025) into a single new basin named the North San Benito Groundwater Basin (3-003.05); and

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2019, the San Benito County Water District GSA submitted a GSP Initial Notification to DWR for the development of a plan for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin (3-003.05); and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2019, the San Benito County Water District GSA became the exclusive GSA for the North San Benito Groundwater Basin (3-003.05).

WHEREAS, the DWR is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Management ("SGM") Grant Program Planning – Round 3 Grant, using funds authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Wat. Code, § 79700 et seq.) and/or the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resources Code, § 80000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, Propositions 1 and 68 authorized funds to be made available for competitive grants for projects that develop and implement groundwater plans and projects in accordance with applicable groundwater planning requirements. The purpose of the SGM Grant Program is to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support SGMA; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the San Benito County Water District GSA for the San Benito County portion of the North San Benito Subbasin of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin to obtain Proposition 1 and/or Proposition 68 funds, through the SGM Grant Program, to be used for the preparation of the GSP and projects that implement the GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District GSA, that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2019

SGM Grant Program Planning – Round 3 Grant pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Wat. Code, § 79700 et seq.) and/or the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resources Code, § 80000 et seq.), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the Reaching Sustainability: Monitoring Wells and Managed Aquifer Recharge for North San Benito Subbasin. The General Manager, Interim General Manager, Manager of Administration, Finance and Business Services of the San Benito County Water District, or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, sign and file such application, make any necessary submittals and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board is authorized to sign said Resolution, on behalf of this Board and District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District this 12th day of April , 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Shelton, Williams, Flores, Tonascia & Wright

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

(Signature of presiding Board member
Attested by Board Secretary
Resolution #2024-07)

/s/Andrew Shelton
Andrew Shelton
President

ATTEST: /s/Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro
Board Secretary

I, Barbara Mauro, board secretary of the San Benito County Water District, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at the special meeting of the Board of Directors, duly held on April 12, 2024. This resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

In Witness whereof, the undersigned has affixed her signature and the corporate seal.

/s/ Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro
Board Secretary

April 12, 2024
Date of Signature