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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY TO BE ELECTED AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
FOR THE MOUND BASIN PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT ACT**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mound Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") is a local agency, as the Act defines that term; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency exercises jurisdiction upon land overlying the entire Mound Basin (designated basin number 4-4.03 Department of Water Resources' ("DWR") CASGEM groundwater basin system) ("Basin"); and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the Basin is designated as a medium-priority sub-basin of the Santa Clara River Valley Basin pursuant to the DWR's initial prioritization; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Agency to work cooperatively with other local GSAs and stakeholders, as may be appropriate, to sustainably manage the 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 Basin ("Notice") has been published in the Ventura County Star 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 the Sustainability Plan for the Basin will  
7 include stakeholder outreach and will provide multiple opportunities for public involvement; and

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

12           **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin  
13 Groundwater Sustainability Agency, as follows:

- 14           1. All the recitals in this resolution are true and correct and the Agency so finds,  
15 determines and represents.
- 16           2. The Agency hereby elects to become the GSA for the Basin.
- 17           3. Within thirty days of the date of this resolution, but no later than June 30, 2017,  
18 the Agency’s interim Executive Director is directed to provide notice to DWR of  
19 the Agency’s election to be the GSA for the Basin (“Notice of GSA Election”) in  
20 the manner required by law.
- 21           4. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries 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 boundaries 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 Executive Director is directed to report back to the Agency’s Board  
30 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- 01 was duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Mound Basin  
Groundwater Sustainability Agency at a meeting held on the 22nd day of June, 2017, by the  
following vote:

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AYES: DIRECTORS MOBLEY, SHEPHARD, AND McDERMOTT  
NOES: NONE.  
ABSENT: NONE.



Interim Board Chair  
Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

ATTEST:



Interim Executive Director  
Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency