

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22

**SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ACTING AS
THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
FOR THE NORTH SAN BENITO GROUNDWATER BASIN
ADOPTION OF THE 2022 GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
FOR NORTH SAN BENITO SUBBASIN OF GILROY-HOLLISTER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 et seq.), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and,

WHEREAS, North San Benito Subbasin of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin (DWR Bulletin 118 No. 3-003.05); and,

WHEREAS, San Benito County Water District elected on February 8, 2017 to become a GSA for the North San Benito Subbasin of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin; and,

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 5, 2017 was made by and between the Santa Clara Valley Water District ("SCVWD") and the San Benito County Water District ("SBCWD"), each a "Party" and collectively the "Parties," to establish an understanding between the Parties with regard to preparing a GSP, including responsibilities and funding obligations, for the North San Benito Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, each of the Parties is an exclusive GSA for their respective service areas overlying the North San Benito Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties have jointly developed a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the North San Benito Subbasin and on July 29, 2021 released the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for public comment; and,

WHEREAS, SBCWD GSA held a hearing on November 17, 2021 for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the North San Benito Subbasin of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin; and,

WHEREAS, Water Code section 10733.4 requires that the Groundwater Sustainability Plan be submitted to DWR for review,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of SBCWD GSA as follows:

1. The foregoing is true and correct.
2. The 2022 Groundwater Sustainability Plan in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors is hereby approved and adopted.
3. The General Manager is authorized and directed to timely provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved Groundwater Sustainability Plan, and any additional information required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the SBCWD GSA, this 17th day of November, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Williams, Tonascia, Flores, Shelton and Tobias

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

/s/Doug Williams
Doug Williams
President

ATTEST: /s/Sara Singleton
Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager