

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, FORMING A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE UNADJUDICATED PORTION OF THE CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720, *et seq.* (Act), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion;

WHEREAS, the Act went into effect on January 1, 2015;

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

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency (GSA);

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona (City) is a local agency, as the Act defines that term;

WHEREAS, the Act requires that a GSA be elected for all basins, not subject to an adjudication, that are designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) as a high-priority basin by June 30, 2017;

WHEREAS, the Chino Groundwater Basin (designated basin number 8-2.01 in DWR's CASGEM groundwater basin system) (Chino Basin) is designated as a high-priority basin;

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin is a groundwater basin that has largely been adjudicated (San Bernardino County Superior Court Case No. RCV 51010 (formerly Case No. SCV 164327)) (Judgment);

WHEREAS, the City overlies the only portion of the Chino Basin within Los Angeles County that is not subject to the Judgment (Pomona Fringe Area), shown in Exhibit A, and it is appropriate for the City to be the GSA for the this area;

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Groundwater Basin Un-Adjudicated Fringe Area is not currently managed and the City desires, as may be appropriate, to work with other local GSAs and interested stakeholders to collectively develop and implement a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) to sustainably manage the Chino Basin's groundwater resources;

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the City's election to become a GSA for the Chino Basin Groundwater Basin Un-Adjudicated Fringe Area (Notice) has been published as required by law;

WHEREAS, on this day, the City held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a GSA for the Pomona Fringe Area of the Chino Basin;

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of the City to become a GSA for the Pomona Fringe Area of the Chino Basin, and begin the process of preparing a GSP; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pomona as follows:

SECTION 1. This Resolution is approved by this City Council for the purpose of electing to become the GSA for the Chino Basin Groundwater Basin Un-Adjudicated Fringe Area.

SECTION 2. Within thirty days of this resolution, the City’s staff is directed to provide notice of the City’s election to be the GSA for the Chino Basin Groundwater Basin Un-Adjudicated Fringe Area (Notice of GSA Election) to DWR in the manner required by law.

SECTION 3. One of the elements of the Notice of GSA Election is the boundaries of the area of the portion of the Chino Basin that the City intends to manage. The boundaries of the GSA shall be the Chino Basin Groundwater Basin Un-Adjudicated Fringe Area (Pomona Fringe Area) and shall not include any portion of the Chino Basin that is subject to the Judgment. A copy of a map of the management area is attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 4. The City’s staff shall begin discussions with all interested stakeholders and beneficial users within the Chino Basin in order to begin the process of developing a GSP for the Pomona Fringe Area, as required by the State.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall attest and certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution, and it shall become effective immediately upon its approval.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 19TH DAY OF JUNE 2017.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMONA:

Eva M. Buice, MMC, City Clerk

Tim Sandoval, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Arnold Alvarez Glasman, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF POMONA

I, EVA M. BULGE, MMC, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on the 19th day of June 2017 by the following vote:

AYES: Gonzalez, Robledo, Carrizosa, Ontiveros-Cole, Escobar, Torres, Mayor Sandoval
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Pomona, California, this 19th day of June 2017.

Eva M. Buice, MMC, City Clerk