

HUMBOLDT COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE EEL RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the California Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”); and

WHEREAS, the Eel River Valley groundwater basin (“Basin”), situated entirely within Humboldt County, is currently designated as a medium-priority basin by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10720.7(a)(2) requires that all basins designated as high or medium priority basins by DWR that are not subject to critical conditions of overdraft shall be managed under a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) no later than January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10727 requires that a GSP shall be developed and implemented for each medium or high priority basin, either as a single plan (by one or multiple GSAs) or with multiple plans implemented by multiple GSAs through a coordination agreement; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 20-39 which authorized formation of the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2021, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency provided initial notification of the intent to develop a GSP for the Basin in accordance with California Water Code Section 10727.8; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2021, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency provided notice of intent to adopt a GSP for the Basin in accordance with California Water Code Section 10728.4; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency consulted with participants of the Eel River Valley Groundwater Working Group and other stakeholders in the development of the GSP for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the GSP for the Basin considers potential impacts of groundwater pumping on public trust resources within the Basin and the conditions when measures to protect those resources may be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2021, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency released an administrative draft GSP for the Basin for a thirty (30) day public review period; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2022, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency received a staff report and public comment regarding the administrative draft GSP for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency reviewed and considered the written and oral comments received on the administrative draft GSP for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2022, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency released the final GSP for the Basin; and

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WHEREAS, on January 25, 2022, the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency conducted a public hearing to consider adoption of the final GSP for the Basin, in accordance with California Water Code Section 10728.4; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 10728.6, adoption of the final GSP for the Basin is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act; and

WHEREAS, DWR will evaluate and assess the GSP for the Basin and determine whether the GSP is approved, incomplete, or inadequate within two (2) years of its submittal date, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Article 6, Sections 355, *et seq.*

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this resolution are true and correct and establish the factual basis for adoption of this resolution.
2. The Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby approves and adopts the final GSP for the Basin.
3. The Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby authorizes the Humboldt County Department of Public Works to make non-substantive revisions and corrections to the final GSP for the Basin.
4. The Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency hereby directs the Humboldt County Department of Public Works to take such actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the final GSP for the Basin to DWR no later than January 31, 2022.

Dated: January 25, 2022

Virginia Bass
Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Adopted on motion by _____, seconded by _____ and the following vote:

- AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of Humboldt

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by the Humboldt County Groundwater Sustainability Agency at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

KATHY HAYES

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Humboldt, State of California