

RESOLUTION NO. 3893

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA ELECTING FOR THE CITY OF COALINGA TO SERVE AS A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), California Water Code sections 10720 et seq., which was signed into law on September 16, 2014, requires that all high and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to 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 Pleasant Valley Subbasin (5-22.10) has been characterized by DWR as medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in SGMA, a local agency or combination of local agencies may elect to become a GSA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga (City) is a local agency as defined in Water Code section 10721(n); and

WHEREAS, California Water section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency overlying a groundwater subbasin to become a GSA for that basin; and

WHEREAS, the City's incorporated territory overlies the subbasin defined as a portion of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin in the San Joaquin Valley Basin, as depicted by the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, an un-adjudicated groundwater basin in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga Groundwater Sustainability Agency (the GSA) would be a groundwater sustainability agency for the land within the city limits of the City and would cooperate with other GSAs, the Pleasant Valley Water District GSA and the County of Fresno GSA, to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Pleasant Valley Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the GSAs combined jurisdictional boundaries overly the Pleasant Valley Subbasin;

WHEREAS, a public hearing was noticed in the Fresno Bee on April 15, 2019 and April 22, 2019 pursuant to Water Code Section 10723(b); and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on April 25, 2019 to consider forming a GSA for that portion of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin shown on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, after considering the GSA formation and hearing public testimony, the City Council determined that it is in the best interest of the City, its landowners, and water users in the Pleasant Valley Subbasin to serve as the GSA of that portion of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin shown in Exhibit A.

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

1. The City elects to serve as the GSA of that portion of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin as depicted by the map attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. The GSA shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans, as required by Water Code Section 10723.2

3. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Resolution, the City Attorney shall submit a notice of intent to the California Department of Water Resources, pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.8(a), and complete all necessary tasks related to this matter.

4. The City Manager or designee shall, after complying with Water Code Section 10723.8, begin developing a GSP for the designated portion of the Pleasant Valley Subbasin in accordance with the GSP emergency regulations and in cooperation with the Pleasant Valley Water District GSA and the County of Fresno GSA.

5. The City Manager or designee shall maintain a list of interested parties regarding the newly formed GSA pursuant to Water Code Section 10723.4.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Coalinga City Council at a Special meeting held on the 25th day of April 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Ron Lander, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

Exhibit A

This image shows the City of Coalinga incorporated areas within the Pleasant Valley Basin.

