

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE
2017 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM
PURSUANT TO THE WATER QUALITY, SUPPLY, AND
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2014**

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, Water Code sections 10720-10737.8 (“SGMA”) was signed into law on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that each California groundwater basin 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 District's statutory boundary overlies the Hollister, Bolsa, and San Juan Valley Subbasins within the San Benito County portion of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin, an unadjudicated groundwater basin; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District Act (California Water Code Appendix, Chapter 70) provides the District with broad groundwater management authority, including the authority to conserve water for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining, and causing such waters to percolate into the soil within or without the District; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2017, at a duly-noticed public hearing, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District, by Resolution No. 2017-03, elected to have the San Benito County Water District be the exclusive GSA for the San Benito County portion of the Hollister, Bolsa, and San Juan Valley subbasins of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 24, 2017, the San Benito County Water District GSA became the exclusive GSA for the San Benito portion of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, the DWR is administering the Sustainable Groundwater Planning (“SGWP”) Grant Program, using funds authorized by the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (“Proposition 1”), set forth in Water Code section 79700, et seq. Proposition 1 authorized \$100 million to be made available for competitive grants for projects that develop and implement

groundwater plans and projects in accordance with applicable groundwater planning requirements. The purpose of the SGWP Grant Program is to encourage sustainable management of groundwater resources that support SGMA.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the San Benito County Water District GSA for the San Benito County portion of the Gilroy-Hollister Groundwater Basin to obtain Proposition 1 funds, through the SGWP Grant Program, to be used for the preparation of the GSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District GSA, that an application be made to DWR to obtain a grant under the 2017 Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program pursuant to the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) (Water Code Section 79700 et seq.), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the preparation of a GSP.

The General Manager or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement with California Department of Water Resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board is authorized to sign said Resolution, on behalf of this Board and District.

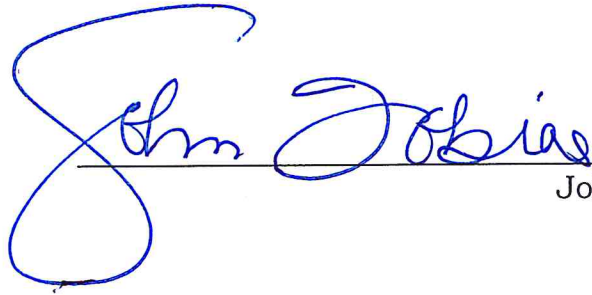
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District this 30th day of August, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tobias, Tonascia, Bettencourt and Flores

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: Huenemann



John Tobias
President

ATTEST:



Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager

I, Sara Singleton, board secretary of the San Benito County Water District, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, duly held on August 30, 2017. This resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

In Witness whereof, the undersigned has affixed her signature and the corporate seal.



Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager/Board Secretary

8/31/17

Date of signature