

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-06**

**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 AND GRANTING GENERAL  
MANAGER, INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER AND MANAGER OF  
ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES AUTHORIZATION  
TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND MAKE ANY NECESSARY SUBMITTALS IN  
RELATION THERETO**

**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, Interim General Manager, Manager of Administration, Finance and Business Services or his/her designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, make any necessary submittals 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024, by the following vote:

- AYES: DIRECTORS: Shelton, Williams, Flores, Tonascia & Wright
- NOES: DIRECTORS: None
- ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None
- ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

*(Signature of presiding Board member  
Attested by Board Secretary  
Resolution #2024-06)*

/s/ Andrew Shelton  
Andrew Shelton  
President

ATTEST: /s/ Barbara L. Mauro  
Barbara L. Mauro  
Board Secretary

I, Barbara Mauro, 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 special meeting of the Board of Directors, duly held on April 12, 2024. 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.

/s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro  
Board Secretary

/s/April 12, 2024

Date of signature