

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 1

**SUBJECT: NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING:
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO BECOME
A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER BORREGO
VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (DISTRICTS: 2 AND 5)**

OVERVIEW:

This item is a request for the Board of Supervisors (Board) to consider a resolution to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) in the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin (BVGB) in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The primary purpose of a GSA under SGMA is to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to achieve long-term groundwater sustainability.

On October 20, 2015, the Borrego Water District (BWD) held a public hearing and approved a resolution to elect to become a GSA over its portion of the BVGB, as shown on the Borrego Valley Groundwater Basin Map [Attachment A]. The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) posted the BWD notice on October 27, 2015 which, per SGMA, started a 90-day window within which the County of San Diego (County) must determine whether to become a GSA within the BWD portion of the BVGB. Under SGMA, counties are the default GSA if no local agencies elect to become a GSA for a basin. If multiple agencies elect to become a GSA over the same basin area, SGMA requires the agencies reach an agreement regarding how multiple GSAs will administer a single GSP or coordinated GSPs for the basin.

Today's request is for the Board to 1) approve a Resolution for the County to become a GSA over the entire BVGB; 2) authorize the Director, Department of Planning & Development Services to enter into negotiations to develop an agreement with BWD to become a GSA; 3) authorize the Director, Department of Planning & Development Services to apply for and accept grant funds to support implementation of SGMA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the approval of the Resolutions. Funds for the development of the governance structure and legal agreement with Borrego Water District are included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Operational Plan for the Department of Planning & Development Services. Staff will return to the Board for consideration of an agreement and request for funding for the development of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. There will be no change in net General fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT:

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

1. Find that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(3) and 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER BORREGO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN (Attachment B).
3. Adopt a Resolution entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT (Attachment C).
4. Authorize the Director, Department of Planning & Development Services, as agent of the County, to conduct all negotiations and submit all documents including Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation notifications; and draft inter-agency agreements, including amendments thereof, which do not materially impact or alter the program funding level.
5. Authorize the Director, Department of Planning & Development Services to apply for and accept grant funds and negotiate contracts to support implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act through Fiscal Year 2021-22.

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor D. Roberts, seconded by Supervisor Jacob, the Board closed the Hearing and took action as recommended, adopting Resolution No. 16-001, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY OVER BORREGO VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN; and Resolution No. 16-002, entitled: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, D. Roberts, R. Roberts, Horn

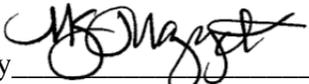
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



By 
Marvice E. Mazyck, Chief Deputy