

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-11

RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE AND GROUNDWATER BASIN
MODIFICATION TO INCLUDE DISTRICT LANDS NORTH OF THE MOKELUMNE
RIVER WITHIN THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015, and the applicable groundwater basins and subbasins are identified in the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118; and

WHEREAS, SGMA directed DWR to adopt by January 1, 2016, emergency regulations that specify the information required to comply with Water Code Section 10722.2, which outlines the process that local agencies shall follow when requesting modifications to existing Bulletin 118 boundaries of groundwater basins and subbasins; and

WHEREAS, DWR has published draft emergency regulations, which seemingly requires local agencies requesting basin boundary modification to submit such requests only during January to March 2016; and

WHEREAS, the lands within the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (District) south of the Mokelumne River are located within the Bulletin 118-designated Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Southern Area) and the lands within the District north of the Mokelumne River and south of Dry Creek are located within the Bulletin 118-designated Cosumnes Subbasin (Northern Area), all of which District lands are located within the County of San Joaquin, whereas the lands located north of Dry Creek are located within the County of Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, the District will have three points of diversion being able to delivery Mokelumne river water to lands within the Northern Area for in-lieu or direct groundwater recharge – two existing with the third, the Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project, almost completed; and

WHEREAS, DWR's draft emergency regulations would allow for a "Jurisdictional Modification – Internal Boundary Revision," which refers to any boundary modification that would adjust the location of a boundary between subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the District is a member of the Eastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA) and GBA has taken the lead in implementing SGMA within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and has retained Carolyn Lott as the facilitator for that effort;

NOW, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the North San Joaquin Water Conservation District as follows:

1. It is in the best interests of the District (a) for both the Northern Area and Southern Area of the District to be included within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and not in two

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separate groundwater subbasins and (b) for the District to request DWR to approve such a basin boundary modification.

2. The District hereby requests the assistance of GBA and its facilitator (a) to comply with DWR's draft and final emergency regulations for a basin boundary modification that would include the Northern Area within the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and (b) to submit a timely basin boundary modification request to DWR.

3. Subject to the prior direction of this Board of Directors, the President and any other director, officer, employee, consultant, attorney, and agent of the District shall be authorized to take such action that is necessary or desirable to further the purposes of this Resolution.

Moved by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, that the foregoing resolution be adopted.

Upon roll call, the following vote was had:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

The President declared the resolution adopted.

I, David Simpson, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the NORTH SAN JOAQUIN WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors held the 31st day of August, 2015.