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Resolution No. 07-0932  
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Santa Rosa, CA

Date: November 6, 2007

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY  
WATER AGENCY ADOPTING A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE  
SONOMA VALLEY BASIN OF SONOMA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2006, the Sonoma County Water Agency's Board directed staff to initiate a non-regulatory groundwater management planning process in the Sonoma Valley Basin; and

WHEREAS, active public participation is critical to the success of development of any groundwater planning effort; and

WHEREAS, as part of initiating a groundwater management planning process in Sonoma Valley, a Basin Advisory Panel (BAP) was formed to act as the groundwater management plan stakeholder group for the Sonoma Valley Basin; and

WHEREAS, the BAP includes stakeholders from throughout the Sonoma Valley representing agricultural interests, local citizen groups, environmental groups, business interests, local well owners and government interests; and

WHEREAS, the BAP has been meeting since August 2006 to discuss and recommend on the groundwater management planning process in the Sonoma Valley; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2007, after a noticed public hearing, this Board adopted Resolution 07-0081, declaring its intent to prepare a groundwater management plan; and

WHEREAS, the BAP developed a Groundwater Management Plan for the Sonoma Valley Basin that contains the following components in accordance with the California Water Code:

- a) Basin Management Objectives;
- b) Components relating to the monitoring and management of groundwater levels, groundwater banking, groundwater quality, inelastic land surface subsidence, and changes in surface flow and surface water quality that directly affect groundwater levels or quality or are caused by groundwater pumping;
- c) Monitoring protocols to track changes in conditions related to components in paragraph (b) and to generate information for the purpose of meeting Basin Management Objectives and establishing effective management of groundwater;

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- d) A plan to involve other local agencies, water purveyors, and private well owners in the implementation of the Groundwater Management Plan; and
- e) A map depicting the Sonoma Valley Basin, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118 and other local agencies, and water purveyors in the Sonoma Valley.

WHEREAS, the groundwater management plan would provide for the effective management of groundwater resources in the Sonoma Valley Basin; and

WHEREAS, the California Water Code (10753 et seq.) requires that before a groundwater management plan can be adopted, a local public agency must provide notice and hold a second hearing to consider adoption of the Groundwater Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency provided notice in local newspapers regarding the intention of the Agency to adopt the Groundwater Management Plan, as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) was formed in 1949 by a special legislative act of the State of California ("Agency Act") and is a stakeholder of the Basin Advisory Panel; and

WHEREAS, under the Agency Act, the Agency may provide for the protection and preservation of groundwater resources in Sonoma County for current and future beneficial uses and may develop, adopt, and implement a plan to manage groundwater resources in the Sonoma Valley; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a Groundwater Management Plan, existing and future State funding may be available for plan implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Groundwater Management Plan for the Sonoma Valley Basin of Sonoma County is adopted, in accordance with the process required by law.
3. The General Manager/Chief Engineer is directed to publish a copy of this Resolution and submit it to the California Department of Water Resources as required by law.
4. The General Manager/Chief Engineer is authorized and directed to take such steps as are necessary to implement the Groundwater Management Plan for the Sonoma Valley Basin.
5. The General Manager/Chief Engineer shall report back to the Board periodically on implementation activities.

DIRECTORS:

KERNS   Absent   SMITH   Aye   KELLEY   Aye   REILLY   Aye   BROWN   Aye  

Ayes   4   Noes        Absent   1   Abstain        SO ORDERED.