

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TEHAMA COUNTY
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ELECTING TO BE
THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF
THE ROSEWOOD, BOWMAN, SOUTH BATTLE CREEK, RED BLUFF, BEND,
ANTELOPE, DYE CREEK, LOS MOLINOS, CORNING, VINA, AND COLUSA
SUBBASINS LOCATED WITHIN TEHAMA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Legislature has adopted, and the Governor has signed into law, Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739, known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 enables the State Water Resources Control Board to intervene in groundwater basins unless a local public agency or combination of local public agencies form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency or Agencies (GSA) by June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction over water management and land use is essential to sustainably manage groundwater and to the vitality of Tehama County's economy, communities and environment, and

WHEREAS, any local public agency that has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin may elect to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for that basin; and

WHEREAS, the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is a local public agency organized and existing under the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act (Statutes 1957, Chapter 1280; Water Code Appx., ch. 82); and

WHEREAS, under Section 3, subdivision (q) of said Act, the District is responsible for undertaking "any and every lawful act necessary to be done that sufficient water may be available for any present or future beneficial use or uses of lands or inhabitants within the district, including, but not limited to, the acquisition, storage, and distribution for irrigation, domestic, fire protection, municipal, commercial, industrial, recreational, and all other beneficial uses"; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3, subdivision (r) of said Act, the District is further authorized "to prevent interference with or diminution of, or to declare the rights in natural flow of any stream or surface or subterranean supply of waters used or useful for any purpose of the district or of common benefit to the lands within the district or to its inhabitants," and "to prevent unlawful exportation of water from the district," and "to prevent contamination, pollution, or otherwise rendering unfit for beneficial use, the surface or subsurface water used or useful in the district"; and

WHEREAS, the boundary and territory of the District are coextensive with the exterior boundaries of the County of Tehama; and

WHEREAS, the District overlies all those portions of the Rosewood, Bowman, South Battle Creek, Red Bluff, Bend, Antelope, Dye Creek, Los Molinos, Corning, Vina, and Colusa subbasins located within Tehama County; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.2 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 requires that a GSA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans; and

WHEREAS, Section 10723.8 of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 requires that a local agency electing to be a GSA notify the Department of Water Resources of its election and its intent to undertake sustainable groundwater management within a basin; and

WHEREAS, the District held a public hearing on this date after publication of notice pursuant to Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the public interest of the people of Tehama County for the District to become the groundwater sustainability agency for all those portions of the Rosewood, Bowman, South Battle Creek, Red Bluff, Bend, Antelope, Dye Creek, Los Molinos, Corning, Vina, and Colusa subbasins located within Tehama County; and

WHEREAS, the District and other local public agencies have a long history of coordination and cooperation on water management; and

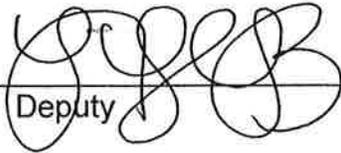
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other local agencies to manage the aforementioned groundwater basins in a sustainable fashion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District hereby elects to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for all those portions of the Rosewood (5-06.02), Bowman (5-06.01), South Battle Creek (5-06.06), Red Bluff (5-21.50), Bend (5-21.53), Antelope (5-21.54), Dye Creek (5-21.55), Los Molinos (5-21.56), Corning (5-21.51), Vina (5-21.57), and Colusa (5-21.52) subbasins located within Tehama County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed boundaries of the basins that the District intends to manage under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 shall be the entirety of the boundaries for the aforementioned subbasins, as set forth in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (updated in 2003), that lie within the County of Tehama; provided that the Executive Director is authorized and directed to evaluate whether basin boundaries should be adjusted in a manner that will improve the likelihood of achieving sustainable groundwater management, and communicate the results of that evaluation to the Board of Directors and the Department of Water Resources; and

DATED: This 3rd day of November, 2015.

JENNIFER A. VISE, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Directors of the Tehama County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, State of California.

By  _____
Deputy