

**OMOCHUMNE-HARTNELL WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_**

**Formally Initiating a Basin Boundary Modification Request**

**WHEREAS**, the 2014 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) sets out groundwater management requirements on the basis of a basin’s classification as High, Medium, Low, or Very Low Priority by the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”); and

**WHEREAS**, a “basin” for purposes of SGMA is a groundwater basin or subbasin as identified and defined in DWR’s Bulletin 118; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR may from time to time modify the basin boundaries defined in Bulletin 118, pursuant to Water Code § 10722 and following; and

**WHEREAS**, DWR began accepting local agencies’ initial requests to modify basin boundary lines in January 2016, and will continue accepting these requests until March 31, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, OHWD is a local agency whose jurisdictional area includes portions of both the Sacramento Valley South American Subbasin (Basin No. 5-21.65) and San Joaquin Valley Cosumnes Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.16); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2016, OHWD submitted an Initial Notification of a potential Basin Boundary Modification Request to DWR; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2016, Sloughouse Resource Conservation District submitted an Initial Notification of a potential Basin Boundary Modification Request to DWR for an area that included the lands outlined in OHWD’s January 27 Initial Notification;

**WHEREAS**, DWR’s Groundwater Basin Boundary regulations direct that, “to the greatest extent practicable,” requesting agencies combine all boundary modification requests that affect the same basin or subbasin and coordinate with other affected agencies and affected systems, as necessary, to present the information as a single request; and

**WHEREAS**, SRCD and OHWD have coordinated to prepare a combined Basin Boundary Modification Request for the boundary change identified on Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2016, OHWD and SRCD jointly hosted an informational meeting on the proposed Basin Boundary Modification Request to provide information and to receive feedback from local agencies and members of the public interested in the proposed change; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes have also been discussed numerous public meetings of the Board of Directors of both OHWD and SRCD, and in informal conversations with numerous other local agencies and stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies, cities and the County of Sacramento, as may be appropriate, to manage the groundwater within these sub-basins in a sustainable fashion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that the proposed change will promote the sustainable management of groundwater in this region; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed change is an “[o]rganizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment,” and is therefore not a “project” subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA Guidelines § 15378(b)(5)), or is otherwise exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Omochumne-Hartnell Water District as follows:

1. The District hereby directs staff, in coordination with consultants retained by the District and SRCD, to arrange for the submittal of the combined Basin Boundary Modification Request for the proposed modification depicted in Exhibit A.

2. District staff are directed to continue coordinating with representatives of SRCD, District consultants, DWR staff, and interested parties to solicit and respond to comments on this Basin Boundary Modification Request. District staff are further directed to pursue this outreach in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

**ADOPTED**, this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2016.

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President

March \_\_, 2016

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. \_\_\_\_ adopted by the Board of Directors of Omochumne-Hartnell Water District at its Regular Meeting held March \_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Recording Secretary