

OMOCHUMNE-HARTNELL WATER DISTRICT

RESOLUTION ____

Electing to Become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency

WHEREAS the Legislature recently adopted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014, which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion; and

WHEREAS, in order to use the authority granted in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency; and

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act calls on local agencies to cooperate to manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the District overlies the Sacramento Valley South American sub-basin and the San Joaquin Valley Cosumnes sub-basin, both unadjudicated sub-basins where it is appropriate for the District to be a groundwater sustainability agency; 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 District provided notice, pursuant to Government Code section 6066, of its intention to hold a hearing on the question of whether it should be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the District has provided informal notice of its interest in serving as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for its boundaries by means of communications with neighboring water agencies, landowners, cities and Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2016, the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the basin underlying its boundaries.

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

1. The District hereby elects to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for those portions of the Sacramento Valley South American sub-basin and the San Joaquin Valley Cosumnes sub-basin underlying its boundaries.

2. District staff are hereby directed to provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.

3. District staff are hereby directed to coordinate with neighboring Groundwater Sustainability Agencies that may be established in order to begin the process of developing the groundwater sustainability plans for the basins. District staff are further directed to develop those plans in consultation and close coordination with other local agencies, as contemplated by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

ADOPTED, this ____ day of March 2016.

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.

Recording Secretary