

RESOLUTION 16-309**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MISSION HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
DECIDING TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY PURSUANT TO THE
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
FOR THE WESTERN MANAGEMENT AREA OF THE
SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

WHEREAS, the California legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code § 10720 et seq.) as amended, which became effective January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), sustainable groundwater management is intended to occur pursuant to Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) that are created and adopted by local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 describes the Santa Ynez River Valley Groundwater Basin (Basin) in three portions: western, central, and eastern; the western portion consists of the Lompoc Plain, Lompoc Terrace, and Lompoc Uplands; the central portion is the Buellton Uplands, and the eastern portion is the Santa Ynez Uplands; for purposes of administering its groundwater usage program and other water management functions, the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District (SYRWCD) also generally recognizes these hydrogeologic units; for the purpose of implementing SGMA, each portion of the Basin as described by DWR is designated as a corresponding groundwater "Management Area" as defined by the Act, this Resolution concerns the western portion of the Basin, known as the "Western Management Area"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code §10723(a), a Local Agency or combination of Local Agencies, as defined in California Water Code §10721(n), may decide to become or form a GSA; and

WHEREAS, Mission Hills Community Services District (MHCS D) overlies a portion of the Western Management Area, has a water supply, manages water and has land-use responsibilities, and is therefore a "Local Agency" as defined by California Water Code §10721(n); and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD is a California Water Conservation District formed and operating pursuant to and in accordance with Division 21 of the California Water Code (commencing with Water Code §74000) and overlies over 99 percent of the Western Management Area, manages water and has water management powers and is therefore a “Local Agency” as defined within California Water Code 10721(n); and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Water Agency (County Water Agency) overlies the Western Management Area including the less than 1 percent of the total area not overlain by the SYRWCD. The County Water Agency is therefore a “Local Agency” as defined by the California Water Code 10721(n); and

WHEREAS, SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, Mission Hills Community Services District (MHCS D), and VVCSD, collectively include all of the lands within the Western Management Area of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, MHCS D desires to form a GSA in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD, and which may include at a later time other Local Agencies and other legally authorized entities; and

WHEREAS, MHCS D in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD held a public hearing on November 17, 2016; pursuant to California Water Code §10723(b), after publication of notice of such hearing pursuant to California Government Code §6066; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearings, SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, MHCS D, and VVCSD considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of MHCS D to form a GSA in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District declares and directs:

1. That the foregoing is true and correct.
2. That MHCS D herein decides to form a GSA in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD known as the Western Management Area GSA, and which shall have all the powers granted to a GSA pursuant to SGMA.
3. That the portion of the groundwater basin that the GSA hereby created shall manage shall be that portion of the Basin as depicted in the notification provided to the DWR as the Western Management Area, pursuant to California Water Code 10723.8, and which boundary may be modified from time to time.

4. That the GSA hereby created shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing GSPs as required by California Water Code §10723.2.
5. That the GSA hereby created shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents, as required by California Water Code §10723.4.
6. That the MHCS D Board President or General Manager shall be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement or other legal agreement(s) with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD, and cause notice to be given to DWR of the decision of the MHCS D in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, City of Lompoc, and VVCSD to create the above referenced GSA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Mission Hills Community Services District this 21st day of December, 2016, upon motion by Director Fasold, seconded by Director MacKenzie and as approved by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors:	Dietrich, Fasold, Heavin, MacKenzie, Nix
NOES:		none
ABSENT:		none
ABSTAIN:		none

Walt Fasold, Temporary President

ATTEST:

Casey Fowler
Secretary to the Board of Directors