

RESOLUTION NO. 21-062

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LASSEN, ACTING AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR ALL THOSE PORTIONS OF THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN LOCATED WITHIN LASSEN COUNTY, TO ADOPT THE BIG VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP), IN COORDINATION WITH THE MODOC COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, AND TO DIRECT STAFF TO SUBMIT THE GSP TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES.

WHEREAS, in September of 2014, the Governor signed into law a legislative package, consisting of three bills, collectively known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which requires local agencies with land use and/or water management or water supply authority to do certain things in order for medium and high priority groundwater basins, as designated by the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to reach sustainability; and

WHEREAS, SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Big Valley 5-004 Groundwater Basin (BVGB) has been erroneously designated a medium priority basin by the DWR; and

WHEREAS, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors and the Modoc County Board of Supervisors adopted resolutions (17-013 and 2017-09 respectively) declaring themselves to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the portion of the BVGB within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, GSAs are required to develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) for all medium and high priority basins, and said GSP for the BVGB is to be submitted to the DWR by January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, The Big Valley Groundwater Basin Advisory Committee (BVAC) was formed to advise both the Lassen and Modoc County GSAs on the preparation of a GSP for the basin and held approximately fifteen public meetings to review and propose draft text for a GSP and to receive and consider public comment from local stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, A Draft GSP was assembled by staff and consultants with BVAC guidance and the BVAC adopted Resolution No. BVAC-2021-1 on October 20, 2021, recommending that the GSAs receive the Draft GSP, conduct at least one public hearing to consider adoption of said GSP, provide direction to staff to make any edits or corrections the GSAs may identify, and adopt and submit the final GSP to the DWR by January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Draft GSP was released for a 30-day public comment period, starting October 28, 2021, and ending November 28, 2021, and all comments were considered and incorporated as appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors, acting as the Lassen County Groundwater Sustainability Agency, hereby adopts the Big Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan with any edits or corrections identified by the GSAs during the December 15, 2021, public hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen directs staff to make said edits or corrections and submit the final GSP to the DWR by January 31, 2022.

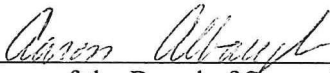
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lassen, State of California, on the 15th day of December, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Albaugh, Gallagher, and Bridges.

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Supervisors Hemphill, and Hammond.



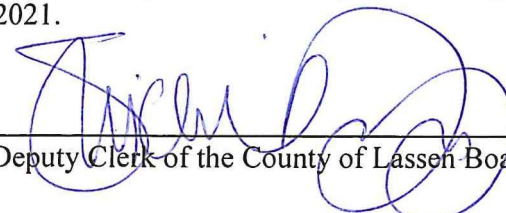
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
County of Lassen, State of California

Attest:
JULIE BUSTAMANTE
Clerk of the Board

By: 

MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board

I, MICHELE YDERRAGA, Deputy Clerk of the Board of the Board of Supervisors, County of Lassen, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the said Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of December, 2021.



Deputy Clerk of the County of Lassen Board of Supervisors

