

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 313822

DATE OF FINAL PASSAGE DEC 17 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO DETERMINING THAT THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH WOODARD & CURRAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SAN PASQUAL VALLEY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IS STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PURSUANT TO CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(b)(1).

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California Legislature and the Governor passed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), which provides a new framework for best management of groundwater resources in California achieved through the formation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and through the subsequent preparation and implementation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for medium and high priority groundwater basins; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2019, Council approved the original Agreement with Woodard & Curran to assist with the development of the GSP in accordance with the California Code of Regulations and in compliance with all SGMA and DWR requirements and the GSP has been completed after a two-year process and the GSP is required to be submitted to DWR by January 31, 2022, followed by implementation of the GSP for SGMA compliance; and

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature, through the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177, has determined that CEQA does not apply to various types of projects listed therein; and

WHEREAS, CEQA section 21084 states that the CEQA Guidelines shall list those classes of Projects which have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which shall be exempt from CEQA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to that authority, CEQA Guidelines sections 15260-15285 list the statutory exemptions promulgated by the California State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department has established that the Project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(1); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego has considered the potential environmental effects of the Project, and

WHEREAS, on DEC 14 2021, the City Council held a duly noticed public meeting and considered the written record for the Project as well as any public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of San Diego, using its independent judgment, has determined that the First Amendment activities will not have a significant effect on the environment because Water Code Section 10728.6 states that Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code does not apply to the preparation and adoption of Groundwater Sustainability Plans pursuant to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the action to authorize execution of the First Amendment to the Agreement with Woodard & Curran is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(1) pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.6 which states that Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code does not apply to the preparation and adoption of

Groundwater Sustainability Plans pursuant to the implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the action to authorize execution of the First Amendment to the Agreement with Woodard & Curran for professional consulting services for the development of the San Pasqual Valley Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to file a Notice of Exemption regarding the Project with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the County of San Diego.

APPROVED: MARA W. ELLIOTT, City Attorney

By /s/ Raymond C. Palmucci
Raymond C. Palmucci
Deputy City Attorney

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I certify that the foregoing Resolution was passed by the Council of the City of San Diego, at this meeting of DEC 14 2021

ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk

By Connie Patterson
Deputy City Clerk

Approved: 12/17/21
(date)

Todd Gloria
TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Vetoed: _____
(date)

TODD GLORIA, Mayor

Passed by the Council of The City of San Diego on DEC 14 2021, by the following vote:

Councilmembers	Yeas	Nays	Not Present	Recused
Joe LaCava	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Campbell	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stephen Whitburn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monica Montgomery Steppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marni von Wilpert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chris Cate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raul A. Campillo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vivian Moreno	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sean Elo-Rivera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of final passage DEC 17 2021.

(Please note: When a resolution is approved by the Mayor, the date of final passage is the date the approved resolution was returned to the Office of the City Clerk.)

AUTHENTICATED BY:

TODD GLORIA
Mayor of The City of San Diego, California.

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ELIZABETH S. MALAND
City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

By Connie Patterson Deputy

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