

SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09

RESOLUTION CONSIDERING AND RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPT STATUS OF THE ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTAL PURSUANT TO SECTION 15307 AND 15308 (ACTIONS FOR PROTECTION OF A NATURAL RESOURCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT) OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE ALTERNATIVE SUBMITTAL FOR THE SOUTH AMERICAN SUBBASIN TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) authorizes local agencies to submit an alternative to a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for evaluation and assessment of its satisfaction of SGMA objectives; and

WHEREAS, such an alternative plan must be initially submitted to DWR no later than January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, DWR enacted GSP regulations that include guidance on the content and evaluation standard for alternatives; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) has significant interest and investment in using its over ten (10) years of groundwater management toward SGMA compliance, demonstrating the basin has operated within its sustainable yield over a period of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, staff has developed a stamped report prepared by California registered and licensed professional engineer and geologist demonstrating the basin has operated within its sustainable yield over a period of ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, all aspects of the project were reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Act) and the project was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the Act because the project consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural resource and the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the SCGA Board of Directors:

1. Considers and recognizes the exempt status of the Alternative Submittal pursuant to Section 15307 and 15308 (actions for protection of a natural resource and protection of the environment) of the California Environmental Review Act (CEQA) Guidelines

as further articulated in the Notice of Exemption (PLER Control No. 2016-00099); and

2. Approves submission of the Alternative Submittal for the South American subbasin to the California Department of Water Resources pursuant to California Water Code 10733.6; and
3. Delegates authority to SCGA staff to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

ON A MOTION by Director Schubert, and seconded by Director Werder, the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of SCGA this 14th day of December, 2016, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors, Fragio, Eising, Quynn, Ewart, Williams, Nelson, Mitchell, Werder, Thompson, Ocenosak, Schubert

NOES: Directors, *Lowry

ABSENT: Directors, None

ABSTAIN: Directors, None

RECUSAL: Directors, None

(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5))





 Chair of the Board of Directors
 of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority,
 a duly formed Joint Powers Authority

ATTEST: S. Studer
 Deputy Clerk of the Board of Directors of
 the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority

*Pursuant to November 6, 2012, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting Item No. 37 Resolution No. 2012-0796, Ron Lowry's appointment expired November 6, 2016, and was not an active member of Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority at the time of the vote.