

VANDENBERG VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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Resolution 204-16

December 6, 2016

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, Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) 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 (MHCSD), and VVCSD, collectively include all of the lands within the Western Management Area of the Basin; and

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

WHEREAS, VVCSD in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, city of Lompoc, and MHCSD held a public hearing on November 17, 2016; and VVCSD held a separate public hearing on December 6, 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, and MHCSD, and VVCSD considered oral and written comments to the extent provided by the public; and

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

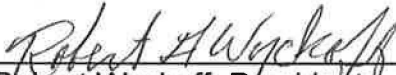
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District declares and directs:

1. That the foregoing is true and correct.
2. That VVCSD herein decides to form a GSA in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, city of Lompoc, and MHCSD 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 VVCS D Board President shall be authorized to execute a Memorandum of Agreement or other legal agreement(s) with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, city of Lompoc, and MHCSD, and cause notice to be given to DWR of the decision of the VVCS D in conjunction with the SYRWCD, County Water Agency, city of Lompoc, and MHCSD to create the above referenced GSA.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Vandenberg Village Community Services District this 6th day of December, 2016, upon motion by Director Blair, seconded by Director Wyckoff, and as approved by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Blair, Brooks, Bumpass, Fox and Wyckoff
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Robert Wyckoff, President
Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Stephanie Garner
Secretary to the Board of Directors