

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE CABAZON WATER DISTRICT  
TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO FORM A  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR A PORTION OF THE SAN  
GORGONIO PASS  
SUB-BASIN AND TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) was signed into law on September 16, 2014 and went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA provides for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at the local level through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin (Basin) is identified by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 as Subbasin No. 7-21.04 of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin, and is designated by DWR as medium priority, and therefore, except as provided by SGMA, the Basin is subject to the requirements of SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies as defined by SGMA to form a GSA pursuant to a joint powers agreement, a memorandum of agreement, or other legal agreement, and SGMA also authorizes a water corporation regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission or a mutual water company to participate in a GSA through a memorandum of agreement or other legal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cabazon Water District, City of Banning, Banning Heights Mutual Water Company, San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency, Mission Springs Water District, and Desert Water Agency have prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, for a cooperative process to form and coordinate multiple GSAs for the Basin, and to carry out the policy, purposes, and requirements of SGMA in the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, among other things, the MOA establishes the San Gorgonio Pass GSA (SGP-GSA) for a portion of the Basin, as further set forth and depicted in the MOA, the members of which SGP-GSA are the Cabazon Water District, the City of Banning, the Banning Heights Mutual Water Company, and the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the MOA further establishes that efforts of the SGP-GSA will be coordinated with the efforts of the Desert Water Agency GSA (DWA-GSA) that already has been established for a portion of the Basin, and the efforts of the Verbenia Area GSA (Verbenia-GSA) that is being established for another portion of the Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties to the MOA mutually desire and intend that the SGP-GSA, the DWA-GSA, and the Verbenia-GSA will cooperate and coordinate in subsequently preparing and implementing one or more GSPs for sustainable management of the Basin in accordance with SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cabazon Water District is committed to the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the Basin in accordance with SGMA; and


**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA, Cabazon Water District held a public hearing on this date after publications of notice pursuant to California Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to SGMA Section 10728.6 and Public Resources Code Section 21065, neither this Resolution, nor the MOA, nor the preparation or adoption of a GSP constitutes a project or approval of a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or the State CEQA Guidelines,

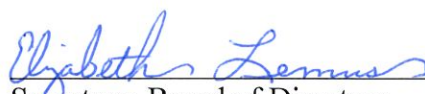
**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CABAZON WATER DISTRICT THAT:

1. Cabazon Water District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement to Form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a Portion of the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin and to Coordinate with Other Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (MOA), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
2. Pursuant to the MOA and as authorized by SGMA, Cabazon Water District elects to jointly form and participate as a member of the San Gorgonio Pass Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SGP-GSA) for a portion of the Basin as further set forth and depicted in the MOA.
3. The General Manager of Cabazon Water District is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate with the other members of the SGP-GSA to submit a copy of this Resolution and other applicable information to the California Department of Water Resources regarding the formation of the SGP-GSA.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cabazon Water District held this 21 st day of March, 2017.

  
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Robert Lynk, Chair, Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary, Board of Directors  
Cabazon Water District