

RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

**RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE SOQUEL-APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
INITIATING A BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION REQUEST**

WHEREAS, groundwater located in the Soquel-Aptos area of Santa Cruz County is a vital resource to meet the water supply needs for the customers of City of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, and Central Water District (hereafter “Municipal Water Agencies”); and

WHEREAS, private water suppliers and many private well owners also depend on this local groundwater resource; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Water Agencies, in addition to the County of Santa Cruz (hereafter “Partner Agencies”) have come together under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement that was most recently amended on August 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan was adopted in 2007 that identified a boundary commonly known as the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Area (“Soquel Aptos Groundwater Basin”); and

WHEREAS, current groundwater management of the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Basin includes all or part of four basins identified in DWR’s Bulletin Number 118, including the following basins (designated by the name of the basin and number assigned to it in DWR-Bulletin No. 118): Soquel Valley (3-1), West Santa Cruz Terrace (3-26), Santa Cruz Purisima Formation (3-21), and Pajaro Valley Basin (3-2); and

WHEREAS, each of the Partner Agencies is a local agency as defined by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”), duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California with the ability to exercise powers related to groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires formation of a local groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”) by June 30, 2017 and adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan (“GSP”) by January 31, 2020, for all medium- and high-priority basins identified as being subject to critical conditions of overdraft; and

WHEREAS, SGMA defines a basin’s boundaries shall be defined as identified in the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin No. 118; and

WHEREAS, SGMA establishes a process for local agencies to request that DWR revise the boundaries of a basin, including establishment of a new subbasins; and

WHEREAS, the Partner Agencies have common interest in defining a groundwater basin that comprehensively represents a management area based on scientific and jurisdictional modifications to DWR Bulletin No. 118;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee that the Committee hereby initiates the basin boundary modification request and directs the Soquel Creek Water District Interim General Manager or his designee to work with other designees of the partner agencies of the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Committee and the Department of Water Resources representatives to modify the existing Bulletin-118 boundaries as allowed by Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations to create a new consolidated basin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the members of the SOQUEL-APTOS GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE this 12th day of November 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Bruce Jaffe, Tom LaHue, John Benich, Bob Postle, Zach Friend, John Leopold, Cynthia Mathews, Micah Posner, Jon Kennedy, Jim Kerr, Curt Abramson

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVE:



Bruce Jaffe, Chair
Soquel Aptos Groundwater Management Committee

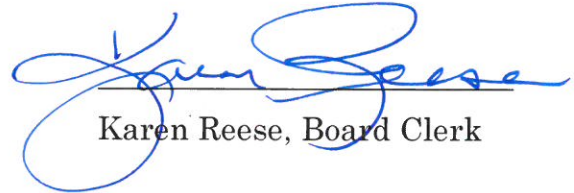
ATTEST:



Ron Duncan, Interim General Manager
Soquel Creek Water District

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Clerk of the Board, acting on behalf of the Soquel Creek Water District, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a convened meeting of the Soquel – Aptos Groundwater Management Committee held on November 12, 2015.



Karen Reese, Board Clerk