

**Resolution 2019-05**  
**of the**  
**Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency**

**ADOPTION OF THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLANS FOR THE LAS  
POSAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN, THE OXNARD SUB-BASIN OF THE  
SANTA CLARA RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN AND THE PLEASANT  
VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency Act (California Water Code Appendix Chapter 121), the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) has been granted certain powers for the purposes of groundwater management within its boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) deems FCGMA the exclusive groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) for the groundwater basins within FCGMA's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that all groundwater basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) be managed by a GSA under a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP); and

**WHEREAS**, the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, the Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin and the Oxnard Sub-Basin of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin (collectively, "the Basins") are located within the boundaries of FCGMA and have been designated by DWR as high-priority groundwater basins; and

**WHEREAS**, FCGMA has developed GSPs for each of the Basins in compliance with SGMA and the regulations adopted by DWR for evaluating GSPs; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA provides GSAs with authority to implement projects that increase local water supplies as more fully described in Water Code section 10726.2; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSPs describe projects that will help achieve the sustainability goal for the Basins and without which FCGMA will be required to impose significantly greater limits on the use of groundwater in the Basins to prevent undesirable results and ensure that the Basins are operated within their sustainable yields; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA requires that FCGMA consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater and how the GSPs may affect those interests and existing land use designations and water uses; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the GSPs without the projects and other activities authorized under Water Code section 10726.2 would cause adverse impacts to beneficial uses and users of groundwater and land uses and property interests affected by groundwater production; and

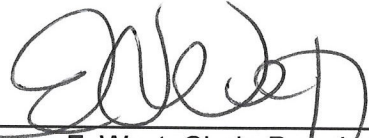
**WHEREAS**, FCGMA conducted a public hearing to consider adoption of the GSPs after providing notice to each city within the boundaries of the FCGMA and to the County of Ventura at least 90 days prior to the public hearing and posting notice of the proposed adoption of the GSPs on its website; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of the GSPs is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Water Code section 10728.6 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 and categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15306, 15307, and 15308.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the FCGMA Board of Directors hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Las Posas Valley Groundwater Basin, Oxnard Sub-Basin and Pleasant Valley Groundwater Basin are adopted; and
2. Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency is unable to sustainably manage the Basins without the authority to engage in the activities described in Water Code Section 10726.2; and
3. The adoption of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans is determined to be both statutorily and categorically exempt from CEQA; and
4. The Executive Officer is directed to submit a copy of the Groundwater Sustainability Plans to DWR for review in accordance with the provisions of SGMA.

On motion by Director Mobley, seconded by Director Craven, the foregoing Resolution 2019-05 was passed and adopted on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019.

By:   
Eugene F. West, Chair, Board of Directors  
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-05, duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency held on December 13, 2019.

By: Jamie Malos  
Jamie Malos, Acting Assistant Clerk of the Board