



**Resolution 2023-01**  
of the  
**Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency**  
**PROCLAIMING**  
**The Agency's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA) manages and protects both confined and unconfined aquifers within all or portions of four groundwater basins underlying the southern portion of Ventura County; and

**WHEREAS**, FCGMA is an independent special district, separate from the County of Ventura or any city government or water district, which was created by the California Legislature in 1982 to oversee Ventura County's vital groundwater resources beginning on January 1, 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCGMA was created in response to overuse of local groundwater. This condition was first recognized in the 1940s by the observance of seawater intrusion and declining groundwater levels in wells, coupled with increasingly poor quality of water drawn from wells in the southern part of the Oxnard Plain; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCGMA boundary covers 183 square miles, and all lands lying above the deep Fox Canyon Aquifer accounting for more than half of the water needs for over 700,000 residents in the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Camarillo, and Moorpark, plus the unincorporated communities of Saticoy, El Rio, Somis, Moorpark Home Acres, Nyeland Acres, Point Mugu and Montalvo, and supporting irrigation of approximately 50,000 acres of premier agricultural land; and

**WHEREAS**, FCGMA's Ordinance No. 1 was adopted 1983 requiring all wells within the Agency to register and begin reporting groundwater extractions; and

**WHEREAS**, FCGMA developed a Groundwater Management Plan in 1987 (and updated it in 2007) allowing consistent management of all groundwater aquifers within the FCGMA boundary; and

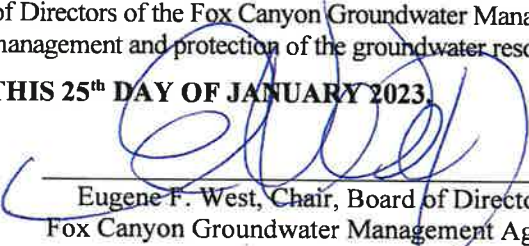
**WHEREAS**, in 2015, FCGMA elected by Resolution No. 2015-01 to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portions of the Arroyo Santa Rosa Valley, Las Posas Valley, Oxnard, and Pleasant Valley basins within the boundaries of the FCGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, FCGMA adopted Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the Oxnard, Pleasant Valley, and Las Posas Valley basins, in December 2019 and all three plans were approved by California Department of Water Resources; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the Ventura County Board of Supervisors, United Water Conservation District Board of Directors, City Councils of the five cities, directors of the water districts and mutual water companies, and farmer representatives have generously given their time to serve on the Agency Board of Directors over these past 40 years; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency hereby proclaims January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 as the Agency's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognizing sustained superior management and protection of the groundwater resources in southern Ventura County.

**PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2023.**

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