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Resolution 2025-02 Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency HONORING

Arne Erik Anselm

WHEREAS, during a crucial period of transition for the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency, Arne Anselm assumed the mantle of Interim Executive Officer in March 2024. Though "interim," Mr. Anselm stepped wholly into the role, applying an active strategic approach to Agency management that will help our sustainability goals become a reality in future years; Mr. Anselm's thoughtful, observant, approachable demeanor and hands-on approach helped him lead the Agency into a refreshed collaborative mindset that prioritized not only hiring and training a great team, incrementally solving the Agency's short-staffing issues, but also reshaping Agency management for future incumbents: in collaboration with our Board of Directors, Mr. Anselm worked to redefine the Executive Officer role as a full-time, dedicated position answering directly to our Board; and

WHEREAS, as Interim Executive Officer, Mr. Anselm helped reset the foundation for bridging strong relationships with stakeholders and member agencies. Mr. Anselm listened to feedback and actively applied it at all levels of the Agency, from greater transparency in reporting to overseeing the Agency's first monitoring wells, coincidentally our first infrastructure; from harnessing the advisory power of our Board's Committees to reshaping the budget process and encouraging the development of fiscal policies to engaging the Agency's resources in encouraging stakeholder projects that contribute to our sustainability goals;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Mr. Anselm first joined Agency staff to helm the Water Market Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) pilot program, which involved high degrees of stakeholder outreach and education, and he led and coordinated grant funding for the initiative; historically, in his capacity as Deputy Director of Ventura County Public Works Agency, Watershed Protection Division, Mr. Anselm has helped provide staff services for the Agency and has contributed to the Agency in untold ways over the years. His positive outlook and reliable sound judgement are highly valued by staff and stakeholders alike; as he worked with the Agency Mr. Anselm also led the Ventura County-wide Stormwater Quality Management Program through two municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit adoptions, representing the interests of the ten cities, the County and WPD in front of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board;

WHEREAS, Mr. Anselm is an exemplary leader, and our community has benefitted greatly from his public service; Mr. Anselm's collaborative approach and insightful expertise will have a lasting impact on the sustainable management of Ventura County's water resources, and upon his retirement from the Agency and the County on April 25, 2025, he will be missed by the Board of Directors, Agency staff, and the many colleagues he worked with; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency honors and thanks Arne Anselm for his dedication and for his invaluable years of service to the Agency, and wishes him a well-deserved, happy retirement.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2025 BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Eugene West, Chair

Tony Trembley, Director

Michael Craviotto, Director