

**Resolution 2005-09**  
**of the**  
**Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EL RIO GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION  
ELIMINATION PROJECT AS A HIGH PRIORITY GROUNDWATER QUALITY AND QUANTITY  
PROTECTION PROJECT OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE TO VENTURA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority of Water Code Appendix, section 121-102, *et seq.*, the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as the Agency) has been granted certain powers for purposes of groundwater management within the boundaries of the Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 4, Chapter 1, Article 4, Section 3924, which became effective on May 11, 2001, prohibits new septic systems and discharges from existing systems into the Oxnard Forebay area after January 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, based on its unique geologic and hydrological characteristics, the Oxnard Plain Forebay Groundwater Basin plays a critical role in recharging both the Upper and Lower Aquifer Systems found on the Oxnard Plain, which supply the majority of groundwater used for beneficial agricultural, municipal, and industrial uses for the entire southwestern portion of Ventura County; and

**WHEREAS**, the El Rio-Nyeland and Strickland Acres unincorporated communities are the major populated areas overlaying the Oxnard Plain Forebay area, and are subject to the terms and conditions of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Order prohibiting septic tank discharges into the Oxnard Plain Forebay area beginning January 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency's Board of Directors expressed its support for Director Flynn's efforts to seek direct federal financial assistance for the El Rio Groundwater Contamination Elimination Project (ERGCEP) during its December 9, 2003 meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the ERGCEP has been identified as a high priority groundwater quality and quantity protection project of regional significance by a broad coalition of local agencies and water suppliers dependent on the groundwater basins found under the Oxnard Plain; and

**WHEREAS**, written support for the ERGCEP has been provided by the Calleguas Municipal Water District (CMWD); the County of Ventura; the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency (FCGMA); the United Water Conservation District (UWCD); and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (VCWPD); and

**WHEREAS**, elected and staff representatives from the County of Ventura, Ventura County Watershed Protection District and other local water supply agencies have made a concerted effort to obtain Federal and State funding for this project, including the coordinated ongoing advocacy of the ERGCEP; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency's Board of Directors wishes to re-affirm, memorialize and enhance its previous written support for the ERGCEP by adopting this formal resolution which strongly endorses any and all reasonable efforts to secure maximum Federal and State grant funding available for the ERGCEP.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, THE FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESOLVES:

1. That the Agency's Board of Directors re-affirms its strong support for the expeditious completion of the ERGCEP as a high priority groundwater quality and quantity protection project of regional significance to Ventura County.
2. That the Agency's staff be given policy direction to provide groundwater quality and quantity technical information and staff support required to facilitate efforts by representatives of the County of Ventura seeking maximum Federal and State grant funding available for the ERGCEP.

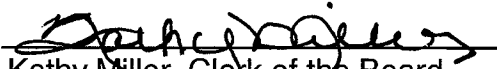
On motion of Director Craven, seconded by Director Flynn, the foregoing resolution was unanimously passed and adopted by the Board of Directors on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2005.



Lynn Maulhardt, Chair, Board of Directors  
Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency

ATTEST: I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2005-09.

by:

  
Kathy Miller, Clerk of the Board