

**Resolution No.**

# **STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL**

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## **RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN AMENDMENT**

In August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014, the Governor signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) “to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the authority, technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater (Wat. Code, § 10720, (d)); and

The City of Stockton is a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) and a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (GWA) comprised of 16 local agencies and formed to develop a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) and coordinate sustainable groundwater management in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Subbasin). Water Code section 10723.6(i) of SB 1168 states that “the following agencies created by statute to manage groundwater shall be deemed the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries with powers to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA)”; and

The SGMA requires sustainable groundwater management through the development and implementation of GSPs. The GWA submitted the first Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin GSP to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) on January 29, 2020; and

By letter dated July 6, 2023, DWR approved the amended GSP, as revised in 2022, and included a list of eight “Recommended Corrective Actions” for the GSAs to consider for the first Periodic Evaluation of the GSP as required by SGMA; and

The City coordinated with the GWA and all other GSAs overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to prepare the 2024 Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Amendment to respond to the DWR Recommended Corrective Actions and to prepare the first five-year Periodic Evaluation of the GSP to be submitted to DWR; and

The City acknowledges and has taken action to implement projects to help meet necessary goals and management actions during the 20-year GSP implementation period to achieve and maintain sustainable groundwater conditions in the subbasin by or before 2040; and

The City acknowledges a Program for Dry Domestic Well Mitigation was adopted by the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority on September 11, 2024, with said

resolution being included in Appendix 3-J of the amendments to the GSP; and

The City commits to the development and adoption of a Demand Management Program by December 31, 2027, as described in Chapter 6 of the amendments to the GSP; and

The City coordinated with the GWA and all other GSAs overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to prepare the Subbasin 2025 Periodic Evaluation to be submitted to DWR; and

On July 24, 2024, the GWA noticed the intent to adopt the 2024 GSP Amendment pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4. From October 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024, a public review period welcomed comments on the 2024 GSP Amendment; and

The Water Advisory Group and the Council Water Committee reviewed and recommended the submission of the 2024 GSP Amendment for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to DWR on October 2, 2024 and October 10, 2024, respectively. In addition, a public hearing was publicly noticed in The Record on March 5, 2025, and March 12, 2025; and

Staff recommends that the City Council, acting as the City of Stockton Groundwater Sustainability Agency, adopt the 2024 GSP for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin and authorize the GWA to take actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the GSP Amendment to the DWR; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The 2024 GSP Amendment is hereby approved and adopted, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

2. The GWA, its staff, and its consultants are authorized to take such other actions as may be necessary to submit to DWR the 2024 GSP Amendment and the 2025 Periodic Evaluation, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2.

3. The Municipal Utilities Department is authorized to work in collaboration with other local agencies to implement the projects and programs developed in the 2024 GSP Amendment in compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

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4. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take whatever actions are necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 18, 2025.

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CHRISTINA FUGAZI  
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

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KATHERINE ROLAND, CMC, CPMC  
City Clerk of the City of Stockton