

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE ON THE GREATER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY REGIONAL WATER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

In 2002, the Regional Water Management Planning Act was passed by the Legislature; and

Various bond acts approved by California voters have provided over \$1.5 billion in State funding to support and advance integrated, multi-benefit regional projects; and

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) is a collaborative effort to identify and implement water management solutions on a regional scale that increase regional self-reliance, reduce conflict, and manage water supplies to concurrently achieve social, environmental, and economic objectives; and

The City of Stockton has participated in IRWM planning since the beginning of the Statewide program and was a member of the 11-member Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Basin Authority (GBA), which developed and adopted IRWM Plans for the region in 2007 and 2014; and

The GBA was formed as a Joint Powers Authority in 2001 and employed a consensus-based approach in its goal to develop “locally supported conjunctive use projects that improve water supply reliability in San Joaquin County”; and

Based on extensive stakeholder input, the Department of Water Resources compiled in recent years, the key needs of IRWM regions include wider participation by Disadvantaged Communities and underrepresented communities (including Tribes) and greater recognition and support by federal, state and local agencies; and

Thus, a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form an organization to allow for greater participation in the region has been proposed; and

The purpose of the MOU is to form the “Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee” or “Coordinating Committee”) with a proposed membership of those that wish to participate in Integrated Regional Water Management Planning in the region; now, therefore,

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

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding to participate on the Greater San Joaquin County Regional Water Coordinating Committee, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this reference.

2. Authorize Municipal Utilities Department (MUD) to work with the Regional Water Coordinating Committee and its member agencies to achieve Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and project funding objectives.

3. The City Manager or his designee 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 24, 2020.

MICHAEL D. TUBBS
Mayor of the City of Stockton

ATTEST:

ELIZA R. GARZA, CMC
City Clerk of the City of Stockton