

RESOLUTION NO. 3360-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA ROSA PLAIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY, AND APPROVING A JOINT
EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT FOR EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR**

WHEREAS, the comprehensive groundwater legislation collectively enacted and referred to as the “Sustainability Groundwater Management Act” at California Water Code Section 10720 *et. seq.* (“SGMA”) initially became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) or an alternative plan for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, each GSA Member is a local agency, as defined by SGMA, within the Santa Rosa Plain Groundwater Subbasin (“Basin”) which is designated basin number 1-55.01 in Department of Water Resources Bulletin No. 118 and which is designated as a medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017 and an adopted GSP by no later than January 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies to form a GSA by entering into a joint exercise of powers agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Members are authorized by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) (“Act”) to create the GSA for the purpose of jointly exercising those powers granted by the Act and any additional powers which are common among them; and

WHEREAS, the Members, individually and collectively, have the goal of cost effective sustainable groundwater management that considers the interests and concerns of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, understanding that each Member will contribute to the costs of the operation of the GSA until such time that the GSA is self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote efficiency and sharing of resources, the Members, individually and collectively, encourage coordination between GSAs in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor desires to enter into a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with the other Members, substantially in the form attached to the accompanying agenda report, in

order to establish a Joint Powers Authority as the Basin GSA and undertake the management of groundwater resources pursuant to SGMA; and

WHEREAS, Agreement will require elected official participation on the Santa Rosa Basin Board of Directors, and the appointment by the Town Council of a Director and an Alternate Director.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town Council of the Town of Windsor does hereby approve the formation of the Santa Rosa Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, approves the Santa Rosa Plain Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement substantially in the form attached to the accompanying agenda report, and authorizes the Mayor to execute said Agreement.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2017, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS MILLAN, OKREPKIE AND MAYOR FUDGE
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBER SALMON AND VICE MAYOR FOPPOLI
ABSENT:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE



DEBORA FUDGE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK