BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-19-01

RESOLUTION REINSTATING WOODBRIDGE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO THE EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority is a Joint Powers Authority pursuant to the State of California statute, which is a public entity separate and apart from the Members; and

WHEREAS, Woodbridge Irrigation District ("WID") is a local agency which elected to establish itself as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") in 2016 in response to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 WID elected to join the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority ("ESJGWA") for the purposes of developing and implementing a legally sufficient Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") for the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the WID Board of Directors elected to rescind WID's status as a GSA under SGMA and to subsequently withdraw WID's membership in the ESJGWA; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2018, WID provided a formal written ninety day notice to unilaterally withdraw its membership in the ESJGWA in accordance with Article 6.4 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, dated February 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, WID's withdrawal from the ESJGWA became effective on March 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2019, WID provided written notification to the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR") that the WID Board of Directors had elected to withdraw its status as a GSA pursuant to Water Code section 10723.8; and

WHEREAS, at the August 8, 2019 WID Board of Directors meeting, the WID Board took an action to continue as a GSA; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2019, WID provided written notification to DWR of WID's decision to continue functioning as a GSA in accordance with WID's original filing with DWR dated January 21, 2016 as the January 15, 2019 letter to DWR purporting to withdraw as a GSA was sent in error as that action was not expressly authorized by the resolution adopted by the WID Board of Directors and referenced in the January 2019 letter; and

WHEREAS, DWR acknowledged WID's August 8, 2019 letter and reinstated WID as a GSA; and

WHEREAS, WID would like to reinstate its membership in the ESJGWA; and

WHEREAS, prior to WID's withdrawal from the ESJGWA it had fully paid its funding liability and did not receive a refund of any funds paid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with Article 6.1 of the ESJGWA Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, the Board of Directors does hereby recognize and reinstate Woodbridge Irrigation District as a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of October, 2019, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority, to wit:

MOTION: Mike Henry, David Fletcher (2nd)

AYES: David Breitenbucher, Robert Holmes, Tom Flinn, Eric Thorburn, John Herrick, Dante Nomellini, Reid Roberts, Charlie Swimley, Mel Lytle, Walt Ward, Melvin Panizza, Chuck Winn

NOES: None

ABSENT: John Freeman

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: KRIS BALAJI Secretary of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority CHUCK WINN, Chairman Board of Directors of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority