



Resolution 2016-03

A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Supporting a Basin Boundary Modification Request for Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin

WHEREAS, groundwater located in the Mid-County area of Santa Cruz County is a vital resource to meet the water supply needs for residents, visitors, and businesses of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Cruz, Soquel Creek Water District, Central Water District, and the County of Santa Cruz (Partner Agencies) have come together to improve management of groundwater in the Mid-County area under a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement forming the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Committee (SAGMC), that was most recently amended on August 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, an AB3030 Groundwater Management Plan was adopted in 2007 that identified a boundary commonly known as the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Area; and

WHEREAS, the SAGMC took action on November 12, 2015, to rename the area previously known as the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Area as the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin (SCMGB); and

WHEREAS, current groundwater management of the SCMGB includes all or part of four basins identified in DWR's Bulletin Number 118, including the following basins (designated by the name of the basin and number assigned to it in DWR-Bulletin No. 118): Soquel Valley (3-1), West Santa Cruz Terrace (3-26), Santa Cruz Purisima Formation (3-21), and Pajaro Valley Basin (3-2); and

WHEREAS, each of the Partner Agencies is a local agency as defined by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA), duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of California with the ability to exercise powers related to groundwater management; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires formation of a local groundwater sustainability agency (GSA) by June 30, 2017 and adoption of a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2020, for all medium- and high-priority basins identified as being subject to critical conditions of overdraft; and

WHEREAS, SGMA defines a basin's boundaries shall be defined as identified in the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin No. 118; and

WHEREAS, SGMA establishes a process for local agencies to request that DWR revise the boundaries of a basin, including establishment of a new sub-basins; and

WHEREAS, the Partner Agencies have common interest in defining a groundwater basin that comprehensively represents a management area based on scientific and jurisdictional modifications to DWR Bulletin No. 118; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) is an interested party because it manages that portion of the Pajaro Valley Basin (3-02) underlying its statutory boundaries, and on August 19, 2015, the PVWMA Board of Directors elected that PVWMA become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) under SGMA for that portion of the Pajaro Valley Basin (3-02) underlying its statutory boundaries;

WHEREAS, with the Basin Boundary Modification, that portion of the Pajaro Valley Basin not managed by PVWMA will become part of the proposed Santa Cruz-Mid County Basin, and the Pajaro Valley Basin boundary will be congruous with PVWMA's statutory boundary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency hereby:

Supports the Basin Boundary Modification request submitted by the Soquel-Aptos Groundwater Management Committee to the Department of Water Resources to modify the existing Bulletin No. 118 boundaries as allowed by Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations to create a new consolidated basin, the Santa Cruz Mid-County Groundwater Basin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, the 16th day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

- AYES:** Imazio, Newell, Persoff, Lynn, Cavanaugh, Faurot
- NOES:** None
- ABSENT:** Zamora
- ABSTAIN:** None


Rosemarie Imazio, Chair

Attest:



Laura R. Taay, Board Secretary