

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SLOUGHHOUSE RESOURCE CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION No. 2016-002

**Resolution Electing To Be The Groundwater Sustainability Agency For The South American Subbasin
Within The RCD's Territory, But Excluding Those Areas Within The Omochumne-Hartnell Water
District**

WHEREAS, in 2014 the California Legislature enacted, and Governor Brown signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code § 10720 et seq., (SGMA); and,

WHEREAS, SGMA went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs working in coordination, which must be identified by June 30, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, DWR designated the Cosumnes subbasin of the San Joaquin Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-22.16)) as medium-priority and the South American subbasin of the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-21.65) as high-priority; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA encourages local management of groundwater resources and authorizes a local public agency like the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District to become a GSA; and,

WHEREAS, the District is committed to sustainable management of local surface and groundwater resources as required by SGMA, and agrees with the fundamental tenet of SGMA that such efforts are best achieved at the local level by local agencies working in cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 the District adopted Resolution 2015_1111, which confirmed the District's interest in maintaining local control and implementation of SGMA, authorized various investigations and efforts regarding potential election to become a GSA for certain or all areas within the District's boundaries (among other things), and established a SGMA/GSA subcommittee; and,

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the GSA for one or more areas within its jurisdictional boundaries will foster and retain local control and management of groundwater and surface water resources as envisioned by SGMA and the District's mission, and allow the District to work with Sacramento County, Galt Irrigation District, Clay Water District, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, and other local, state and federal agencies, and private residents and landowners within the District; and,

WHEREAS, establishing the District as the GSA for one or more areas within its jurisdictional boundaries will allow the District to work with Sacramento County, Galt Irrigation District, Clay Water District, Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, and other local, state, and federal agencies, and private residents and landowners within the District to resolve groundwater and surface water management issues and other issues that may arise in the implementation of SGMA; and,

WHEREAS, it is presently unclear to the District whether and, if so, which other local agencies may desire to become GSAs within the same or coterminous areas, and that the District's election to become a GSA for these areas will ensure timely compliance with SGMA's deadlines for GSA formation and allow the District to participate in and foster discussions to cooperatively address and resolve any such conflicting GSA claims by other local agencies over the same areas; and,

WHEREAS, the District held a public workshop on January 13, 2016 and then, after publication of notice as required by Water Code section 10723(b) and Government Code section 6066, the District held a public hearing on February 9, 2016 regarding whether to adopt one or more resolutions to elect to become a GSA for portions of the Cosumnes and South American subbasins within its jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, the District wishes to exercise the powers and authorities and fulfill the functions of a GSA under SGMA to effect the District's policy of representing rural residential and agricultural constituents that rely heavily, if not exclusively, on their overlying groundwater rights to satisfy their water needs, and to ensure that groundwater is managed and regulated according to SGMA and other provisions and principles of California water law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District hereby elects to become the GSA for that portion of the South American subbasin of the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin (DWR Basin ID# 5-21.65) that is within the District's jurisdictional boundary and within the watershed of the Cosumnes River, but excluding those areas that are within the territories of the Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, as consistent with and as depicted in the attachment to this resolution; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District authorizes and ratifies any and all prior actions and activities of the members of its board of directors, its SGMA / GSA subcommittee, District staff and consultants relating to SGMA implementation, including GSA formation and groundwater basin boundary adjustments, including compliance with District notices, administrative and legal procedures, expenditure of District funds, any and all discussions, negotiations, or other activities with Omochumne-Hartnell Water District, Sacramento County Water Agency, Sacramento County, the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority, and any other local agency or regional stakeholder representatives. The District deems all such prior actions and activities compliant with all provisions of Public Resources Code § 9000 et seq. and District procedures, policies, and customary operating and business practices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District's Board of Directors supports resolving any competing or overlapping GSA elections within the same area as expeditiously as possible through discussions exploring cooperative management solutions including coordination agreements, memorandums of understanding, or joint powers agreements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District staff and agents, in close coordination with the District's SGMA/GSA subcommittee, are authorized and directed to submit the detailed notification materials

regarding this GSA election to DWR within 30 days in accordance with Water Code section 10723.8,
and to take such other actions as necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District on March 29,
2016, by the following vote

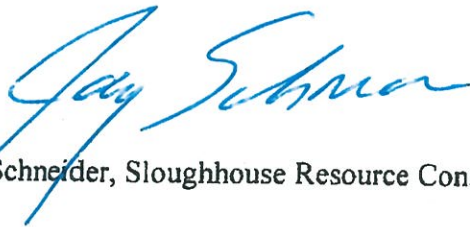
Votes were as follows:

AYES: 3

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 2


ABSTAIN: 0

Signature 

Date 3/29/2016

Jay Schneider, Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District Vice Chairman

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Sloughhouse
Resource Conservation District, and that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the District
held on March 29, 2016, the foregoing Resolution 2016-002 was duly and regularly adopted by the
Board of Directors, and that Resolution 2016-002 has not been rescinded or amended since the date of
its adoption and that it is now in full force and effect.


Acting
~~Amanda Platt~~, Secretary Sloughhouse RCD
Hanspeter Walter