

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS OF MISSION
SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT TO ADOPT THE SAN GORGONIO PASS
SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IN
COMPLIANCE WITH THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER
MANAGEMENT ACT**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code Section 10720 et seq.), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all high and medium-priority basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118 to be managed by one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs); and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin (Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 7-021.04); and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency (Agency) and the Mission Springs Water District (District) (participating by Memorandum of Agreement) formed the Verbenia GSA and chose, on May 16, 2017, to become the Verbenia Groundwater Sustainability Agency, along with two other GSA: the San Gorgonio Pass GSA and the Desert Water Agency GSA; and

WHEREAS, the District has appointed Arden Wallum to serve as the District representative to the Verbenia GSA; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires, pursuant to Water Code Sections 10720.7 and 10727, that a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or multiple GSP's be developed and implemented by January 31, 2022 for each medium-priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass GSA, in concert with the Verbenia GSA and the Desert Water Agency GSA, has prepared a GSP for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin in accordance with Water Code Section 10727.2, as required by SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has had the opportunity to review the most current version of the GSP; and

WHEREAS, the San Gorgonio Pass GSA, the Verbenia GSA, and the Desert

Water Agency GSA gave notice on September 17, 2021, pursuant to Water Code Section 10728.4, to the County of Riverside and the City of Banning regarding its intent to adopt a GSP;

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors desires to authorize its Representative to vote to formally approve the final GSP as part of an upcoming meeting of the GSA expected to take place on or about January 11, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Mission Springs Water District as follows:

1. The forgoing is true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The Mission Springs Water District does hereby recommend approval and adoption of the Final Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin, as presented or with minor, non-substantive revisions to the GSP approved by its Representative between today's date and the date the GSP is submitted to DWR.
3. The Mission Springs Water District does hereby authorize its Representative to vote to formally approve the Final San Gorgonio Pass Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan on behalf of the District at the upcoming meeting of the GSA expected to take place on or about January 11, 2022.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2021, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noes:
Abstain:
Absent:

Nancy Wright,
President of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Arden Wallum
Secretary of Mission Springs Water District
and its Board of Directors