

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MISSION SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A ROUND 2 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MISSION CREEK SUBBASIN

WHEREAS, Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, authorized the California Legislature to appropriate funds to implement projects consistent with goals of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or Alternative to a GSP in California; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021 (through Senate Bill 170) provided \$180 million in General Funds for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation projects. Of the \$180 million in General Funds, \$171 million was available for grant awards after program administration costs; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mission Creek Subbasin of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin (No. 7-021.02); and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District and Desert Water Agency, who are the GSAs for the Mission Creek Subbasin, and Mission Springs Water District comprise the Management Committee for the Mission Creek Subbasin pursuant to the 2004 Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, the Management Committee Agencies submitted an Alternative to a GSP (Alternative Plan) for the Mission Creek Subbasin to DWR in accordance with Water Code section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, DWR determined that the Alternative Plan satisfied the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and approved the Alternative Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Management Committee Agencies have jointly developed a Mission Creek Subbasin Alternative Plan Update for the Mission Creek Subbasin submitted to DWR on December 30, 2021, in compliance with the requirements of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Round 2 SGMA Implementation solicitation opened October 4, 2022, for eligible applicants located within high and medium priority groundwater basins. The solicitation will close on November 30, 2022, at 5 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Management Committee Agencies will prepare an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant to support the implementation of high-priority water management projects in the Mission Creek Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District will serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the Management Committee Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Springs Water District Board of Directors is the decision-making body for the Mission Springs Water District; and

WHEREAS, grant application procedures established by DWR require applicants to provide a copy of a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to file an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant.

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

Section 1. That an application be made by the Coachella Valley Water District, on behalf of Mission Springs Water District, to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022.

Section 2. That the Coachella Valley Water District has the authority to enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources, on behalf of Mission Springs Water District, to receive a grant for the Mission Creek Subbasin SGMA Implementation Projects.

Section 3. The Coachella Valley Water District is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources, on behalf of Mission Springs Water District.

ADOPTED this ____ day of November 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Russ Martin
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