

RESOLUTION R2025-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANTECA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE 2024 AMENDED EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN, RESCINDING RESOLUTION R2024-223, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE AND INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2015 (“SGMA”) “to provide local groundwater sustainability agencies with the Authority and technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater” (Wat. Code, § 10720, (d)); and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires sustainable management of high priority groundwater basins through the development of groundwater sustainability plans (“GSPs”), which can be a single plan developed by one or more groundwater sustainability agencies (“GSAs”) or multiple coordinated plans within a basin or subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10727); and

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca elected to become the City of Manteca Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“City of Manteca GSA”), within its city boundaries, in December 2016; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca GSA is a member of the Eastern San Joaquin Groundwater Authority (“Authority”) formed for the purpose developing a GSP and coordinating sustainable groundwater management in the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin (Wat. Code, § 10723.6(i)); and

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca GSA coordinated with the Authority and all other GSAs overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to draft a single GSP for its members; and

WHEREAS, the final 2020 GSP, having been adopted by all GSA members of the Authority (including the City of Manteca GSA), was submitted to the Department of Resources (“DWR”) on January 29, 2020 in compliance with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, DWR completed its two-year review and by letter dated January 28, 2022, determined the GSP to be incomplete, and identified deficiencies that required addressing within 180 days of the determination and submitted to DWR by July 27, 2022; and

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WHEREAS, the 2022 Revised GSP and its Appendices were adopted by all GSA members of the Authority (including the City of Manteca GSA) and submitted to DWR on July 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 2, 2023, DWR approved the 2022 Revised GSP and included a list of eight Recommended Corrective Actions that should be considered for the first Periodic Evaluation due January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Manteca GSA coordinated with the Authority and all other GSAs overlying the Eastern San Joaquin Subbasin to prepare a 2024 Amended GSP to address the Recommended Corrective Actions and prepare the first Periodic Evaluation to be submitted to DWR by January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2024, on behalf of all of its member GSAs (including the City of Manteca GSA), the Authority noticed the intent to adopt an amended GSP pursuant to California Water Code Section 10728.4, noting that each of the GSAs intend to hold separate noticed public hearings to consider adoption of the amended GSP no earlier than ninety (90) days from the date of the Notice of Intent; and

WHEREAS, from October 1 through October 31, 2024, a public review period was held to solicit comments on the 2024 Amended GSP; and

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2024 the Authority adopted the 2024 Amended GSP and the First Periodic Evaluation. Following adoption by the Authority, each GSA was instructed to adopt both of these documents prior to submittal to DWR; and

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2024, the City of Manteca City Council adopted the 2024 Amended GSP as a Consent Item via Resolution R2024-223, based on direction from Authority staff; and

WHEREAS, in February 2025, Authority staff informed all GSA member agencies, including City staff, that a public hearing was required to be held by each GSA member agency prior to approving the 2024 Amended GSP. Following this information, a 10-day public hearing notice was issued and announced in the local newspaper on April 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2024 Amended GSP, will provide the sustainability goals, projects and management actions to meet the sustainability goals within the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Authority, on behalf of its members, submitted the 2024 Amended GSP to DWR in January 2025; and

WHEREAS, a separate agenda item has been prepared to hold a public hearing for the adoption of the First Periodic Evaluation; and

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WHEREAS, the First Periodic Evaluation provides a more thorough assessment of how the GSP is performing and describes how implementation of the GSP is meeting the sustainability goal for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all information related to this matter, as presented at the public meetings of the City Council identified herein, including any supporting reports by City Staff, and any information provided during public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Manteca as follows:

1. The City Council hereby finds that the facts set forth in the recitals to this Resolution are true and correct and establishes the factual basis for the City Council's adoption of this Resolution.
2. The City Council hereby adopts the 2024 Amended GSP.
3. The City Council hereby rescinds Resolution R2024-223.
4. The City Council hereby authorizes the Authority, its staff, and its consultants to take such other actions as may be reasonably necessary to submit the 2024 Amended GSP to DWR.
5. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or designee to take all appropriate actions necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the Resolution.
6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Manteca at a public meeting of said City Council held on the 15th day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MAYOR: _____
GARY SINGH
Mayor

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ATTEST: _____
CASSANDRA CANDINI-TILTON
City Clerk