

RESOLUTION 2016-03

RESOLUTION OF THE CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR THE CHINO GROUNDWATER BASIN UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Watermaster (“Watermaster”) was appointed on January 27, 1978, pursuant to the stipulated judgment in San Bernardino Superior Court Case No. WCV51010 (formerly Case No. SCV164327) entitled *Chino Basin Municipal Water District V. City of Chino, et al.* (“Chino Basin Judgment”); and

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin Judgment established a Physical Solution for the management of the Chino Basin and defined the boundaries of the Chino Basin (the “Adjudicated Basin Boundary”) for the purpose of allocation and management of the groundwater supplies therein; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the California Legislature passed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”), which was signed into law by the Governor and went into effect on January 1, 2015, with the goals of providing for the sustainable management of California’s groundwater basins and managing groundwater basins through the actions of local government agencies to the greatest extent feasible while minimizing state intervention; and

WHEREAS, the SGMA exempts adjudicated groundwater basins from certain requirements relating to establishment of groundwater sustainability agencies and promulgation of groundwater sustainability plans; and, as an adjudicated basin, the Chino Basin is expressly exempted from those certain requirements of the SGMA to the extent of the Adjudicated Basin Boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) has issued Bulletin 118, which delineates boundaries for California’s 515 alluvial groundwater basins and sub-basins, and was last updated in 2003; and for the purpose of implementation of the SGMA, the initial boundaries of the groundwater basins and sub-basins subject to the SGMA’s management provisions are those delineated by Bulletin 118; and

WHEREAS, the Chino Basin, as its boundaries are defined in Bulletin 118 (“Bulletin 118 Basin Boundary”) does not precisely align with the Adjudicated Basin Boundary, which has the potential to create confusion and conflicting groundwater management schemes in different areas of the Chino Basin, as well as areas not subject to sustainable groundwater management required by the SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the DWR has promulgated regulations that allow local agencies with a service area or portion of a service area within or adjacent to a groundwater basin or sub-basin to request a modification of the boundaries of the basin or sub-basin; and

WHEREAS, portions of Western Municipal Water District's, Inland Empire Utilities Agency's, and Three Valleys Municipal Water District's ("Requesting Districts") service areas overlie portions of the Chino Basin, these Districts are eligible to submit a request to the DWR for modification of the Bulletin 118 Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the entity charged with the implementation of the Chino Basin Judgment's Physical Solution, the Watermaster is not a local agency eligible to request a basin boundary modification; and

WHEREAS, Watermaster has requested that the Requesting Districts serve as requesting agencies in order to request a modification of the Bulletin 118 Basin Boundary;

WHEREAS, the Requesting Districts have issued an Initial Notification of their intent to request modification of Chino Basin Boundaries for Jurisdictional and Scientific reasons; and

WHEREAS, the requested Jurisdictional Modifications will define the area of the Chino Basin and its borders with adjacent adjudicated basins, aligning the Bulletin 118 Basin Boundary with the Adjudicated Basin Boundary; and

WHEREAS, the requested Scientific modifications address small portions of DWR Bulletin 118 basin that lie along the perimeter of the Chino Basin but are not within the Adjudicated Basin Boundary; and

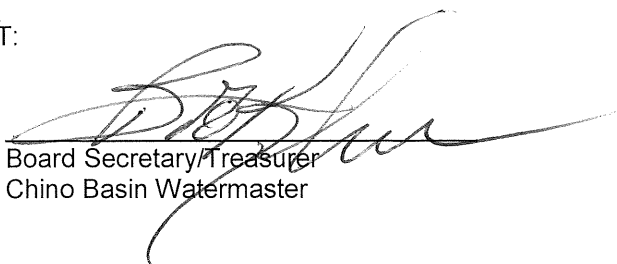
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Board of Directors that:

Chino Basin Watermaster supports the Basin Boundary Modification Request for Chino Basin Boundaries, as submitted by the Requesting Districts.

ADOPTED by the Watermaster Board on this 24th day of March 2016.

By: 
Chair, Watermaster Board

ATTEST:

By: 
Board Secretary/Treasurer
Chino Basin Watermaster

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO)

I, BOB KUHN, Secretary/Treasurer of the Chino Basin Watermaster, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution being No. 2016-03, was adopted at a regular meeting of the Chino Basin Watermaster Board by the following vote:

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

CHINO BASIN WATERMASTER



Watermaster Secretary/Treasurer

Date: 3/28/2016