

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FOR A GROUNDWATER BASIN BOUNDARY MODIFICATION FOR THE FOOTHILL GROUNDWATER BASIN

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2015, Senate Bills 1168 and 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739 known collectively as the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) took effect;

WHEREAS, SGMA required the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop emergency regulations describing the process by which local agencies may request changes to groundwater basin boundaries as shown in the DWR's Bulletin 118;

WHEREAS, the Basin Boundary Emergency Regulation was adopted on October 21, 2015, and went into effect on November 16, 2015;

WHEREAS, DWR has provided a 90-day window beginning January 1, 2016 for Requesting Agencies to apply for groundwater basin modifications;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara (City) overlies a large portion of the Foothill Groundwater Basin, and the City draws water supplied from the Foothill Groundwater Basin, especially in times of drought and emergency;

WHEREAS, the City has a longstanding partnership with the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) in studying, analyzing, and modeling the Foothill Groundwater Basin; and has established a scientific basis for groundwater basin boundaries that are well documented;

WHEREAS, the Foothill Groundwater Basin boundaries as described in USGS technical reports and recognized by the City are not in agreement with the boundaries described in the DWR's Bulletin 118;

WHEREAS, accurate basin boundaries are necessary for coordinated and effective groundwater management;

WHEREAS, the City is an appropriate Requesting Agency for the Foothill Groundwater Basin boundary modifications, given that 1) the City is the designated monitoring entity for the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring program for the Foothill Groundwater Basin, 2) formalizing the City's groundwater management role is consistent with the City's 2011 Long Term Water Supply Plan, and 3) the City will supply all of the supporting information as required by Water Code Section 10722.2 and the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, a Resolution by the Requesting Agency authorizing a request for basin boundary modification is required by the DWR.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Santa Barbara is the Requesting Agency for a Basin Boundary Modification for the Foothill Groundwater Basin and formally initiates a boundary modification request.

SECTION 2. The Public Works Director, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit a Basin Boundary Modification request to the DWR and is designated as the Revision Request Manager.