

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03**

**RESOLUTION OF DISTRICT ELECTION TO BECOME A GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER  
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014**

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has enacted, and the Governor has signed into law, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“the Act”), which authorizes local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable manner in accordance with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, in order to exercise the authority granted in the Act, a local agency or combination of local agencies must elect to become a groundwater sustainability agency (“GSA”);

WHEREAS, the District is a local agency, as the Act defines that term;

WHEREAS, where more than one local agency overlies a groundwater basin, the Act requires local agencies to cooperatively manage the groundwater basin in a sustainable manner;

WHEREAS, the District overlies an unadjudicated basin, the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin (designated Basin Number 5-21.52 in the California Department of Water Resources' CASGEM groundwater basin system) (“the Basin”), and the District has the authority to act as a GSA;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the District to work cooperatively with other water agencies and the County of Glenn (“the County”), as may be appropriate, to manage the Basin in a sustainable fashion in accordance with the Act;

WHEREAS, notice of a hearing on the District's election to become a GSA for the Basin has been published within Glenn County in the Sacramento Valley Mirror in the manner provided in the Act;

WHEREAS, courtesy copies of the notice of hearing were also mailed to the Glenn County Board of Supervisors, Glide Water District, Kanawha Water District, Orland Unit Water Users Association, City of Orland City Council, Tehama Colusa Canal Authority, and Glenn Colusa Irrigation District; and

WHEREAS, on this day the District held a public hearing to consider whether it should elect to become a GSA, and the Board determined after receiving public comment at the hearing that the District should exercise its authority under the Act to be a GSA for the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District as follows:

1. The District hereby elects to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency within the Colusa Sub-Basin of the Sacramento Valley Basin.
2. Within thirty days of the date of this Resolution, the General Manager is directed to provide notice of this election to the California Department of Water Resources in the manner required by law.
3. One of the elements of the notice to the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) is the boundaries of the area of the basin or the portion of the basin that the District intends to manage based upon a review of the map of alternatives presented to the Board of Directors, and in view of the purposes of the Act and the goals of the District as a GSA, the area delineated on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Exhibit A as the map of the “GSA Boundary” shall comprise the portion of the Basin that the District intends to manage in accordance with the Act. The General Manager also will provide DWR with a list of other groundwater sustainability agencies that have been formed to date within the Basin.
4. The General Manager shall begin discussions with the City of Orland, the County of Glenn, and other local agencies and districts, in order to pursue the process of developing a groundwater sustainability plan or plans for the Basin. The General Manager is further directed to develop a plan for the District, or a joint plan with other GSAs with which the District might cooperate or join in consultation and close coordination, as contemplated by the Act.
5. Because DWR has not yet developed and had approved its regulations required by the Act for the formation and operation of GSAs, the Board finds that the District is unable at this time to provide DWR with the following: (1) a copy of the bylaws, ordinances, or new authorities adopted by the GSA; and (2) a list of interested parties developed pursuant to Section 10723.2 and an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of the GSA and the development

and implementation of the GSA's groundwater sustainability plan. The General Manager is directed to develop this information and provide it to DWR at the appropriate time after DWR's regulations for GSAs are approved.

6. The General Manager is directed to report back to the Board at least quarterly on the progress toward developing the groundwater sustainability plan. The Board of Directors wishes to move forward aggressively to complete the development of these plans as quickly as may be feasible and to ensure that the Basin is managed in a sustainable fashion at the earliest possible date.

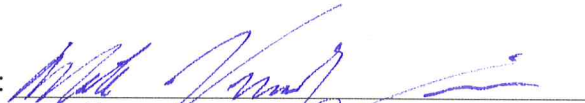
PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District on June 16, 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: *Mike Vereschagin, Ernest Pieper, James Jones*

NOES:

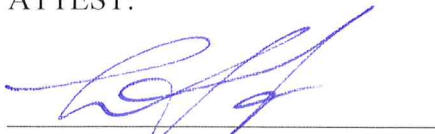
ABSENT: *Charles Schonauer, John Erickson*

By:



Mike Vereschagin  
President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:



Emil Cavagnolo  
General Manager/Secretary