

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

**JOINT VINA GSA AND ROCK CREEK RECLAMATION DISTRICT GSA
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN
FOR THE VINA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN.**

A. WHEREAS, in August 2014, the California Legislature passed, and in September 2014 the Governor signed, legislation creating the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“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

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

C. WHEREAS, SGMA requires a GSA manage groundwater in all basins designated by the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) as a medium or high priority, including the Vina Subbasin (designated basin number 5-021.57); and

D. WHEREAS, the County of Butte, City of Chico, Durham Irrigation District, and Rock Creek Reclamation District each elected to become a GSA for the purposes of sustainably managing groundwater in the Vina Subbasin, within its jurisdictional and GSA boundaries, pursuant to the requirements of SGMA; and

E. WHEREAS, on April 9, 2018, the County of Butte, City of Chico, and Durham Irrigation District GSAs entered into a Joint Powers Agreement to form the new Vina GSA; and

F. WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the Vina GSA entered into a cooperation agreement with the Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA (“RCRD GSA”) to develop a single GSP for the Vina subbasin; and

G. WHEREAS, the GSAs cooperatively developed the draft Vina Subbasin GSP and released the draft GSP for public comment on September 21, 2021; and

H. WHEREAS, the pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4, Vina GSA and RCRD GSA held a noticed public hearing on November 15, 2021 to receive comments on the Draft Vina Subbasin GSP; and.

I. WHEREAS, the GSAs reviewed, considered and responded to comments on the Vina Subbasin GSP at the public hearing; and

H. WHEREAS, on June 28, 2021, the GSAs released the Notice of Intent pursuant to Water Code section 10728.4; and

I. **WHEREAS**, the GSAs released the final Vina Subbasin GSP on December 9, 2021;and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Vina GSA and Board of Trustees of the Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA (collectively "Boards") find as follows:

1. The above Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of the Boards.
2. Boards hereby approve and adopt the Final Vina Subbasin GSP as attached in Exhibit A.
3. Preparation and adoption of the Vina Subbasin GSP through to this Resolution is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Water Code section 10728.6.
4. The Boards authorize Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation on behalf of the Vina GSA and the RCRD GSA to take such other actions, such as making minor typographical corrections and internal consistency edits, as may be reasonably necessary to submit the Final Vina Subbasin GSP to DWR by January 31, 2022, and implement the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Cooper, Kimmelshue, Reynolds, Rohwer, Tuchinsky, Bentz, Lavy, McGowan, Paiva, Payne, Rice, Crain

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Evan Tuchinsky
Vina GSA, Chair



Hal Crain
Rock Creek Reclamation District GSA, Chair

Attest:



Linda Herman, Vina Management Committee

Date: 12/15/21