

RESOLUTION NO. 20-06

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY WATER
AUTHORITY WATER METER POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2014, the California Legislature passed comprehensive groundwater legislation contained in Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739. Collectively, those bills, as subsequently amended, enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”). SGMA became effective on January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, Tri-County Water Authority (“TCWA”) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) adopted a groundwater sustainability plan (“GSP”) for the Tule and Tulare Lake Subbasins (collectively, “Subbasins”) of the San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Basin consistent with SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the TCWA’s GSP requires the metering all production wells in its service area to record and report pumping data to the TCWA starting in July of 2020; and

WHEREAS, SGMA grants TCWA authority as a GSA to require any owner or operator of a groundwater extraction facility to install a water-measuring device, including calibration of such device, and to report water extraction information to the GSA (Water Code §10725.8); and

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board (“SWRCB”) may intervene should the SWRCB determines that the TCWA’s GSP is not being implemented in a manner that will likely achieve the sustainability goal of the GSP (Water Code §10735.2(a)(5)(A)(i)); and

WHEREAS, to be consistent with SGMA and its GSP and to avoid SWRCB intervention, the TCWA prepared a draft Water Meter Policy and Procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Water Meter Policy and Procedure is a foundational component of the GSP and collection and reporting of these data are integral to enable proactive and adaptive management of groundwater resources to redress undesirable results; and

WHEREAS, the TCWA sought public input of the Water Meter Policy and Procedures through a public hearing on September 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the TCWA GSA Board of Directors finds that the proposed Water Meter Policy and Procedures is consistent with SGMA and its GSP to further the sustainability goal for the Subbasins within its jurisdictional area.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on the 3rd day of September, 2020, the TCWA GSA Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Water Meter Policy and Procedures. A copy of the adopted Water Meter Policy and Procedures is attached hereto.

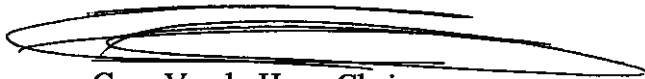
Approved this day, the 3rd of September, 2020

AYES: 4, Cory VanderHam, Mark Grewal, Steve Jackson, Wade Magden

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0



Cory VanderHam, Chairman
Board of Director

ATTEST:



Deanna Jackson
Executive Director

Date: 9-3-20