

RESOLUTION NO. 6211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY
ADJUSTMENT REQUEST TO COMPLY WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2014

WHEREAS, the State of California has passed and enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA);

WHEREAS, SGMA compliance falls under the purview of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR);

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol is subject to the requirements of SGMA under the auspices of DWR;

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol boundaries encompass portions of two of the groundwater basins subject to SGMA, namely the Wilson Grove Formation and the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin;

WHEREAS, the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin was categorized as “medium risk” thus subject to SGMA;

WHEREAS, the Wilson Grove Formation was first categorized as “very low risk” thus NOT initially subject to SGMA;

WHEREAS, the Wilson Grove Formation was recently given a draft re-prioritized ranking as “medium risk” and will become subject to SGMA in the very near future;

WHEREAS, there is clear scientific evidence that Wilson Grove Formation and Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin are hydrologically linked, with groundwater recharge occurring between the two;

WHEREAS, as a multiple-jurisdictional effort the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin GSA was formed in June 2017 to comply with SGMA;

WHEREAS, no framework or current effort exists to begin compliance efforts under SGMA for the Wilson Grove Formation;

WHEREAS, the City has the desire to achieve SGMA compliance as soon as possible;

WHEREAS, although the City did not initially seek Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin GSA membership, City staff did participate in efforts establishing the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin GSA and does hold a seat with the GSA Technical Advisory Committee;

WHEREAS, the City Council has conducted a Public Hearing to consider applying for a

Jurisdictional Boundary Adjustment under SGMA;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves the City applying to the California Department of Water Resources for a Jurisdictional Boundary Adjustment in order to participate with the Santa Rosa Plain Sub-Basin GSA for SGMA compliance.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 18th day of September, 2018.

VOTE:

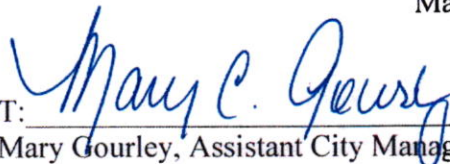
AYES: Councilmembers Glass, Gurney, Vice Mayor Hinton and Mayor Slayter

NOES: Councilmember Carnacchi

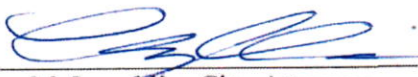
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED: 
Mayor Patrick Slayter

ATTEST: 
Mary Gourley, Assistant City Manager / City Clerk, MMC

Approved as to Form:


Larry McLaughlin, City Attorney