

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MAYOR OF SALINAS AND ALTERNATE AND A CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (CPUC) REGULATED WATER COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE TO SERVE AS BOARD MEMBERS ON THE SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (“SVBGSA”)

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017, and an adopted GSP by no later than January 31, 2020, if a high or medium priority basin in critical overdraft, and no later than January 31, 2022, if a high or medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has supported the formation of a GSA by entering into a joint powers agreement as authorized by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas in accordance with the JPA has responsibility for appointing a representative seat and an alternate to represent the City on the JPA Board; and

WHEREAS, the agreement also designates the City of Salinas as the appointing authority for the CPUC regulated water company representative and alternate to serve on the JPA Board.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas appointed Mayor Joe Gunter to serve on the JPA Board and Councilmember Kimbley Craig to serve as alternate in an interim capacity; and

WHEREAS, the eligible CPUC regulated water companies, have requested that the City Council appoint a representative from California Water Service Company as CPUC water company representative and Alisal Water Corporation as the alternate in an interim capacity; and

WHEREAS, the interim appointments will expire on October 1, 2017 and the positions need to be reappointed on a permanent basis; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas desires is to permanently appoint Mayor Joe Gunter to serve on the JPA Board and Councilmember Kimbley Craig to serve as the permanent alternate; and

WHEREAS, the eligible CPUC regulated water companies, have requested that the City Council make a permanent appointment to a representative from California Water Service Company as CPUC water company representative and Alisal Water Corporation as the permanent alternate;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City Council of Salinas to make these appointments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Salinas that the Mayor of Salinas be appointed to the SVBGSA JPA Board to represent the City of Salinas with Councilmember Kimbley Craig to serve as alternate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council also appoints a representative from California Water Service Company as CPUC water company representative to the SVBGSA JPA Board, and Alisal Water Corporation as the alternate.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of August 2017 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk