



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 5, 2021

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

FROM: PATRICIA M. BARAJAS, CITY CLERK

TITLE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE SALINAS VALLEY BASIN
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (SVBGSA) JPA

RECOMMENDATION MOTION:

A motion to approve a Resolution ratifying the appointment of Councilmember Anthony Rocha to serve as the City's primary representative and Councilmember Carla González as the alternate on the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) Board of Directors JPA; and approve appointment of Marc Bloom as the CPUC-regulated water company alternate Board member.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

On August 18, 2020 the City Council adopted a resolution appointing Councilmember McShane as the primary representative and former Mayor Pro Tem Cromeenes as the alternate. Following the November 3, 2020 Municipal Election and per Salinas Municipal Code Chapter 2 Article 1, Mayor Kimbley Craig recommends appointment of Councilmember Anthony Rocha to serve as the primary City representative and Councilmember Carla González to serve as the alternate.

On December 7, 2020, Brenda Granillo, representative from California Water Service Company serving as the CPUC-regulated water company alternate Board member requested the City appoint Marc Bloom as her successor effective January 15, 2021. Board Member Granillo notified the City she is unable to continue to serve on the Board due to an extended leave of absence. Tom Adcock, of ALCO shall continue to serve as the CPUC-regulated water company primary Board member.

DISCUSSION:

In 2014, the California legislature adopted, and then-Governor Brown signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the "Sustainable Groundwater Management Act" (SGMA). The stated purpose of SGMA 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. SGMA also required the designation of a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and the implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources.

In accordance with the JPA Agreement and the governance model that was approved by the City Council on December 13, 2016, the City of Salinas has the responsibility for appointing a representative seat and an alternate to represent the City on the JPA Board. Following the November 3, 2020 Municipal Election and change in Councilmember seats, the City Council needs to take action to appoint a successor representative and successor alternate. Additionally, 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.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is not subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) [CEQA Guidelines Section 15378 and Section 15060(c)(2), (3)].

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

The City Council's approval of the proposed Resolution supports the City Council's goal of Operational Efficiencies.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

The City Council's approval of the proposed Resolution would not have an impact on the City's General Fund, Measure E, or Measure G.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION

The activities of the GSA generally do not involve the City's departments to a great extent; however, from time-to-time issues come up which require the attention and the coordination of the Administration Department, City Attorney's Office, and Public Works Department.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution