County Administration Office

COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: March 8, 2016- **REVISED**

Public Hearing Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Published Notice Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	☒	N/A	☐
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	☐	N/A	☒
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	☒	N/A	☐

CONTACT PERSON: Denise England PHONE: (559) 636-5005

SUBJECT: Eastern Tule Sub-basin Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Memorandum of Understanding

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with City of Porterville, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Teapot Dome Water District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, Vandalia Water District, and the County of Tulare to form the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.

SUMMARY:

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect January 1, 2015. SGMA requires that local water agencies within all medium and high-priority sub-basins form one or more Groundwater Management Agencies (GSA) to prepare a Groundwater Sustainablity Plan (GSP). GSA's must be formed by June 30, 2017 and GSPs must be adopted by June 30, 2020. The Tule Sub-basin, as defined in Bulletin 118 is one such Sub-basin. The interested parties in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) desire to partner to form a GSA to cover the eastern Tule Sub-basin. To that end, an MOU has been initiated to work on a governance structure, GSP components, and data gap analysis for the Eastern Tule Sub-basin.

Since early 2015 the MOU Interested Parties have been meeting to discuss implementation of SGMA. Staff has been attending the group's meetings on behalf of the County.

The MOU requires that all interested parties share in the cost of establishing a coordination agreement. While the costs are unknown, it is estimated that the County's share will be less than $10,000 for Fiscal Year 2016. The County applied for a grant opportunity through the Department of Water Resources to have some of the work proposed by the MOU participants paid for by the State. A draft award has been published and it appears the County will receive the grant funding. If awarded, that agreement will be brought back for Board approval at a later date.

The boundary of the proposed GSA covers the white area within the Tule Sub-basin. The white area is the County's responsibility to implement SGMA and partnering with other agencies creates a better economies of scale.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be costs associated with participation in the MOU to carryout SGMA. The initial cost is estimated to be $10,000 which is included in the adopted budget.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Organizational Performance: Partnering with other jurisdictions to address common goals improves the quality of efforts and is economically advantageous to all jurisdictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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Denise England
Water Resources Program Manager

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Tule Sub-basin SGMA MOU

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF TULE SUB-BASIN SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING	))))	**Resolution No. _____** **Agreement No. _____**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____ _____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA
INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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