



**Board of Supervisors  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** September 26, 2017

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Denise England    PHONE: 559-636-5000				

**SUBJECT:** Formation of the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the County, Sultana Community Services District, and East Orosi Community Services District forming the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance.
2. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.
3. Appoint a member of the Board to serve as the County's representative on the Alliance Board.
4. Appoint a member of the Board to serve as the County's Alternate Representative on the Alliance Board.

**SUMMARY:**  
The goal of the formation of the North Tulare County Regional Water Alliance is to allow the relatively small communities in northern Tulare County to band together to pursue a safe, reliable domestic water supply through means that they could not realistically pursue on their own. Specifically, the initial purpose is to seek State funding for a feasibility study and alternatives analysis to look at the possibility of a large-scale, regional water project, such as, but not limited to, a surface water treatment plant.

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In 2015 your Board approved Resolution No. 2015-0262, authorizing Tulare County Agreement No. 27062, a grant from the California State Water Resources Control Board Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to conduct community outreach and develop a governance structure by which seven communities in northern Tulare County could work together to secure a reliable, safe water source for their domestic water. Community leaders and representatives from special districts met regularly for over a year to discuss the formation of a separate Joint Powers Authority which would apply for State funding for a regional water project, from planning (including feasibility and alternatives analyses) through construction. The County contracted with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for overall facilitation and with Community Water Center for community outreach. Initially involved were Sultana Community Services District (CSD), East Orosi CSD, Cutler Public Utilities District (PUD), Orosi PUD, the County, as current or potential domestic water provider for the communities of Seville, Yettem, and Monson, and interested community stakeholders. A representative from the State Water Resources Control Board was also heavily involved in developing an agreement that would qualify the new Alliance for State funding.

After most of the Joint Powers Agreement was negotiated, there was a split between Cutler PUD and Orosi PUD on one side, and the remaining participants on the other, about certain language in the Agreement. CPUD and OPUD determined that they would no longer participate in the group. After consultation with the State, it was determined that there was still interest from the remaining three parties in going forward, and that there was still a possibility of receiving State funding, for at least an alternatives analysis, if a JPA was formed by the three. The withdrawal of the other two districts opened the powers of the JPA up to pursuing groundwater as well as surface water solutions.

Ultimately, it is hoped that Yettem and Seville will form their own special district for domestic water supply, and Sultana CSD is in the process of expanding to include the community of Monson. Should the newly formed Yettem-Seville district want to participate in the JPA, there is a provision by which the County could assign its seat (and rights and obligations) to that district. The County could stay on as a non-voting member, should the Parties wish.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

The fiscal impact of the JPA formation is anticipated to be minimal. The JPA will seek State funding for technical assistance and planning/feasibility study. There may be incidental administrative costs, but contributions must come back to this Board for approval. If a project is ultimately selected by the JPA, there will be a separate agreement governing cost allocation, and State funding will be sought for the projects, as well, but there may be associated costs.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The goal of the JPA is to improve the Quality of Life for the residents of northern Tulare County who currently have unreliable access to water, especially safe drinking water.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

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Denise England  
Water Resources Program Director

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

Attachment(s) Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF FORMATION )  
OF THE NORTH TULARE ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY REGIONAL WATER ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
ALLIANCE )

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  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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