



**County Administrative  
Office  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** January 28, 2020- **REVISED**

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: 559-636-5005				

**SUBJECT:** Tule Sub-basin Coordination Agreement

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify and approve a Coordination Agreement with the Eastern Tule, Tri County Water Authority, Pixley Irrigation District, Lower Tule Irrigation District, Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District, and Alpaugh Groundwater Sustainability Agencies for the coordination of Groundwater Sustainability Plans in the Tule Sub-basin effective when all parties sign the agreement.
2. Ratify the Chairman's signature on the agreement.

**SUMMARY:**

On September 16, 2014 the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (SGMA) was signed into law and authorized local agencies to manage groundwater in a sustainable fashion. SGMA requires all high and medium priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA). Within Tulare County, the Kings (5-022.08), Kaweah (5-022.11), and Tule (5-02.13) Sub-basins have been characterized by DWR as high-priority and critically over-drafted. Local agencies worked diligently to become GSAs and successfully covered most of the high-priority sub-basins in Tulare County. Water Code Section 10724 provides for counties to become GSAs for any unmanaged area.

On June 6, 2017 your Board adopted Resolution No. 2017-0394 electing for Tulare County to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the uncovered areas, including lands in the Tule Sub-basin. Your Board approved MOUs with the Lower Tule Irrigation District, Tri County Water Authority, and Delano Earlimart Irrigation

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District GSAs to cover the Tulare County GSA land in their respective Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP).

The GSAs in the Tule Sub-basin must coordinate the implementation of their GSPs, which requires a Coordination Agreement. Initially, it was envisioned the Tulare County GSA would be represented in the Coordination Agreement by the aforementioned GSAs with which the County has an MOU. However, last week it became apparent that the DWR will require all GSAs in the Tule Sub-basin to sign off on the Coordination Agreement. Thus, requiring the County to be signatory. This is required to comply with SGMA.

Further, the SGMA Portal will not allow the GSAs in the Tule Sub-basin to submit their GSPs for review until a fully executed Coordination Agreement is first uploaded. The uploads to the Portal are taking between 24 and 48 hours to complete. All GSPs must be uploaded to DWR by January 31, 2020. If the GSAs fail to do so, the whole sub-basin can be deemed non-compliant, triggering probationary status, and bringing on State intervention. As such, it was necessary for the Chairman to sign the agreement prior to Board approval so that all of the GSAs have ample time to upload their GSPs.


**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There are no costs to the County to sign the agreement.

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

The County's Strategic Plan includes an initiative to provide for the safety and security of the public, which includes the goal of providing an adequate and safe water supply.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**



Denise England  
Water Resources Director

cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s) Coordination Agreement

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

IN THE MATTER OF TULE SUB-BASIN )  
COORDINATION AGREEMENT ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 ) Agreement No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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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: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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