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RESOLUTION 24-XXX

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (GSA) AND THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES APPROVING AMENDMENT NO 2 TO THE PASO ROBLES BASIN MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

WHEREAS, In 2014, the California State Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) which required local management of groundwater resources in California through the formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) and through preparation and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs); and

WHEREAS, The City of Paso Robles and four other local agencies (County of San Luis Obispo, the Shandon-San Juan Water District, Estrella-El Pomar-Creston Water District, and the San Miguel Community Services District) within the Paso Groundwater Subbasin (Basin), voted to form a GSA within their respective jurisdiction, such that the service areas of the GSAs collectively cover the entire Basin; and

WHEREAS, Consistent with the options identified in Water Code Section 10727, the Paso Basin GSAs entered into the MOA for the purpose of preparing a single GSP for the Basin and establishing the Paso Basin Cooperative Committee (PBCC) to conduct activities related to GSP development and SGMA implementation; and

WHEREAS, On June 21, 2022, the Paso Robles GSA Board adopted a revised Groundwater Sustainability Plan that was submitted to DWR on July 19, 2022 to comply with SGMA requirements. The GSP includes management actions, projects and activities to achieve sustainable use of groundwater; and

WHEREAS, The MOA anticipates the PBCC will retain the services of consultants for conducting GSP-related activities and Section 6.2 identifies the City of Paso Robles as the contracting agent on behalf of the PBCC; and

WHEREAS, To provide flexibility for contracting with consultants and lessen administrative burden on City staff, PBCC staff have proposed amending the MOA to allow the County of San Luis Obispo to also act as a contracting agent, along with the City of Paso Robles, on behalf of the PBCC; and

WHEREAS, The MOA requires unanimous written consent by all Parties to amendments to the MOA . Approval from a Party is valid only after the Party's governing body approves the amendment in a public meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PASO ROBLES GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All of the above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The GSA finds that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to State Guidelines Section State CEQA Guidelines, §§ 15060,

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subd. (c)(2)-(3), 15378, because it can be seen with certainty the activity will not result in a physical change in the environment.

Section 3. The City of Paso Robles GSA Board and City Council hereby approve and authorizes the City Manager to sign Amendment No. 2 to the MOA.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect on the date it is approved by the City Council and the Paso Robles GSA Board.

APPROVED this 16st day of January, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

John R. Hamon, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Melissa Boyer, City Clerk