

MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

January 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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## AGENDA

### **Roll Call**

1. Public Comment
2. Correspondence (if any)
  - a. January 5, 2021 Public Records Act Request from Alisa Ellsworth, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife [Exhibit A]
3. Welcome New Mono County Supervisor for District 2, Rhonda Duggan
4. Brief Report of Director Activities
5. Continued Discussion of Revising District Advisory Board
6. Discussion of January 14, 2021 Owens Valley Groundwater Authority (OVGA) Meeting
7. District Regaining Groundwater Sustainability Agency Status
  - a. Discuss publication and posting of Notice of Hearing for groundwater sustainability decision (newspapers, dates, durations, physical locations)
  - b. Discuss process and next steps – public hearing; adoption of resolution; send statutorily required materials to Department of Water Resources (DWR); discuss with DWR and negotiation with OVGA; request Mono County withdraw from OVGA
8. PUBLIC HEARING – District Decision to be Groundwater Sustainability Agency [Water Code § 10723]
  - a. Board Discussion
  - b. Discussion of Interested Parties, Water Users, and Other Local Agencies Regulating Groundwater and How District Will Engage With Them
  - c. Public Comment
  - d. Possible Adoption of “Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Deciding to Become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for All Portions of the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin Within the Statutory Boundaries of the District” [Exhibit B]
9. Schedule February 2021 meeting
10. Public Comment

### **Adjournment**

# EXHIBIT A

**From:** [Ellsworth, Alisa@Wildlife](mailto:Ellsworth,Alisa@Wildlife)  
**To:** [Jason Canger](#)  
**Subject:** Tri Valley Groundwater Management District PRA  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 5:43:10 PM  
**Attachments:** [TVGM\\_Hammil.pdf](#)  
[TVGM\\_Chalfant.pdf](#)  
[Chalfant\\_Hammil\\_DWRWells.xlsx](#)

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Jason,

This is a request under the California Public Records Act. I, Alisa Ellsworth, as a representative of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), would like to formally request all available well data for the Tri Valley Groundwater Management District service area within Hammil and Chalfant Valleys from Marble Creek at Highway 6 in the north and Highway 6 at the Mono County line in the south. The two attached maps (TVGM\_Hammil.pdf and TVGM\_Chalfant.pdf) and table (Chalfant\_Hammil\_DWRWells.xlsx) shows locations publicly available from the California Department of Water Resources Well Completion Report database and CDFW is seeking additional information on these or any additional wells within the area described in this email and on the attached maps that includes the following:

- 1) well construction information,
- 2) ground water level monitoring data,
- 3) pump test data, and
- 4) specific well locations -addresses/coordinates (the DWR location information is poor)

CDFW understands that there may be costs associated with preparing this information and requests to have the invoice be prepared for: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Feel free to contact me via email or my phone number below with any questions.

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Well_ID	Y_Cord	X_Cord	Well_Dept	Water_Level	Yield_GPM	Year	Location
231826	37.46375	-118.349	610	125	675	1985	Chalfant
452808	37.47262	-118.366	256	35	400	1996	Chalfant
54928	37.49476	-118.344	250	55	0	1980	Chalfant
452991	37.51814	-118.381	195	65	75	2000	Chalfant
806917	37.51873	-118.381	220	64	100	2003	Chalfant
85739	37.51902	-118.377	220	60	0	1979	Chalfant
796506	37.51961	-118.38	180	48	25	2002	Chalfant
796533	37.5198	-118.381	215	62	0	2003	Chalfant
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796534	37.52239	-118.38	220	57	40	2003	Chalfant
4216	37.52481	-118.363	335	41	125	2018	Chalfant
139419	37.52583	-118.367	80	25	0	1979	Chalfant
452939	37.52599	-118.378	155	48	35	1997	Chalfant
146286	37.52641	-118.365	100	22	0	1978	Chalfant
931741	37.52793	-118.363	212	46	150	2007	Chalfant
4185	37.52853	-118.367	210	54	70	2018	Chalfant
904281	37.5324	-118.365	200	47	55	2005	Chalfant
231290	37.533	-118.365	115	35	60	1982	Chalfant
931753	37.53526	-118.363	215	54	180	2006	Chalfant
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4713	37.63668	-118.401	580	146	1600	2019	Hammil
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425681	37.66	-118.4	615	104	2500	2000	Hammil
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221155	37.66205	-118.398	698	166	2200	2014	Hammil
256603	37.66633	-118.416	178	100	70	1986	Hammil
221155	37.66697	-118.406	698	166	2200	2014	Hammil

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396201	37.66702	-118.418	360	123	150	1994 Hammil
434208	37.66709	-118.417	0	0	0	1995 Hammil
396381	37.66798	-118.403	260	114	100	1993 Hammil
904285	37.66837	-118.417	310	105	0	2006 Hammil
1091095	37.66911	-118.408	260	112	15	2007 Hammil
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434205	37.66926	-118.415	350	113	500	1995 Hammil
8013	37.6694	-118.411	395	175	100	2020 Hammil
700784	37.6694	-118.407	400	117	100	1999 Hammil
422745	37.66942	-118.417	400	126	1000	1997 Hammil
396382	37.66947	-118.407	260	130	100	1993 Hammil
904285	37.67181	-118.416	315	110	0	2006 Hammil
8437	37.67329	-118.399	300	137	0	1955 Hammil
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8438	37.67329	-118.399	307	0	0	0 Hammil
700778	37.67446	-118.412	300	117	100	1999 Hammil
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231839	37.67478	-118.409	215	100	0	1983 Hammil
139403	37.67484	-118.417	200	70	0	1978 Hammil
146267	37.67542	-118.416	150	84	0	1978 Hammil
317449	37.67547	-118.41	320	100	200	1990 Hammil
770233	37.67554	-118.411	350	125	150	2000 Hammil
912032	37.67556	-118.413	425	130	150	2005 Hammil
770246	37.67609	-118.416	340	125	150	2000 Hammil
796536	37.67652	-118.405	300	123	40	2003 Hammil
26789	37.67689	-118.416	710	165	1250	2015 Hammil
796531	37.67724	-118.407	315	140	50	2003 Hammil
700776	37.67976	-118.411	360	117	50	1999 Hammil
350073	37.67997	-118.408	240	115	80	1992 Hammil
904257	37.68003	-118.405	335	0	90	2005 Hammil
503238	37.68006	-118.413	597	40	0	1999 Hammil
770244	37.68007	-118.407	365	127	200	2001 Hammil
396379	37.6847	-118.409	260	121	35	1993 Hammil
775622	37.68634	-118.408	358	143	0	2002 Hammil
64525	37.68788	-118.399	500	0	0	1970 Hammil
106110	37.6879	-118.417	506	0	0	1976 Hammil
231287	37.68832	-118.399	250	130	0	1982 Hammil
904257	37.68858	-118.399	335	20	90	2005 Hammil
770238	37.69033	-118.412	300	145	200	2000 Hammil
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60694	37.69342	-118.406	440	135	500	1981 Hammil
422743	37.69426	-118.405	640	110	2800	1997 Hammil
60693	37.6948	-118.406	280	135	300	1980 Hammil
496977	37.69488	-118.407	390	163	1500	1995 Hammil
317490	37.6957	-118.418	330	140	65	1991 Hammil
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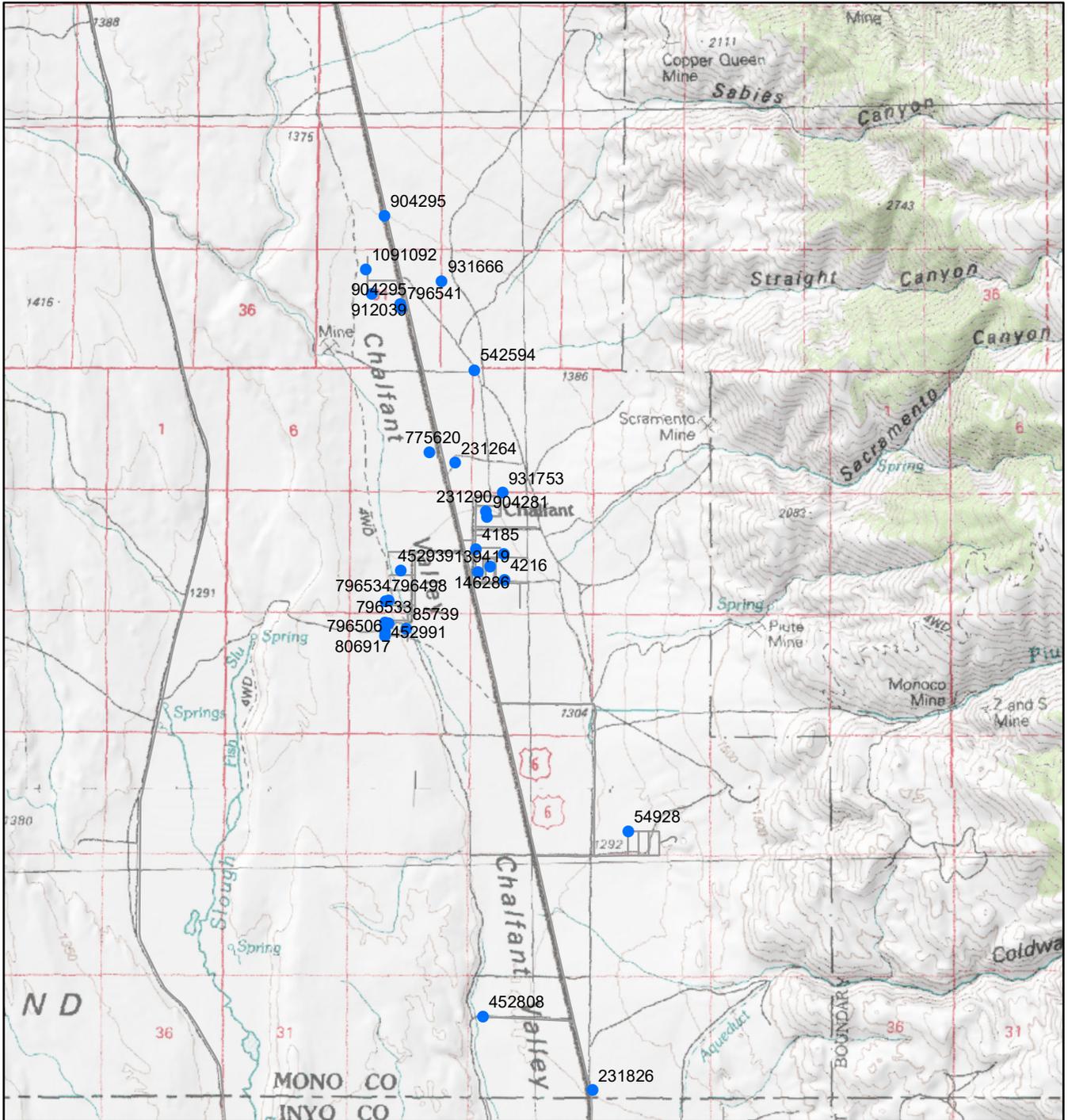
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231291	37.71291	-118.43	305	145	60	1982 Hammil
1207	37.74386	-118.452	200	10	0	1998 Hammil

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Mono County/ Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Data Request

Map 1. Chalfant Valley



● Well Completion Report Locations (DWR)

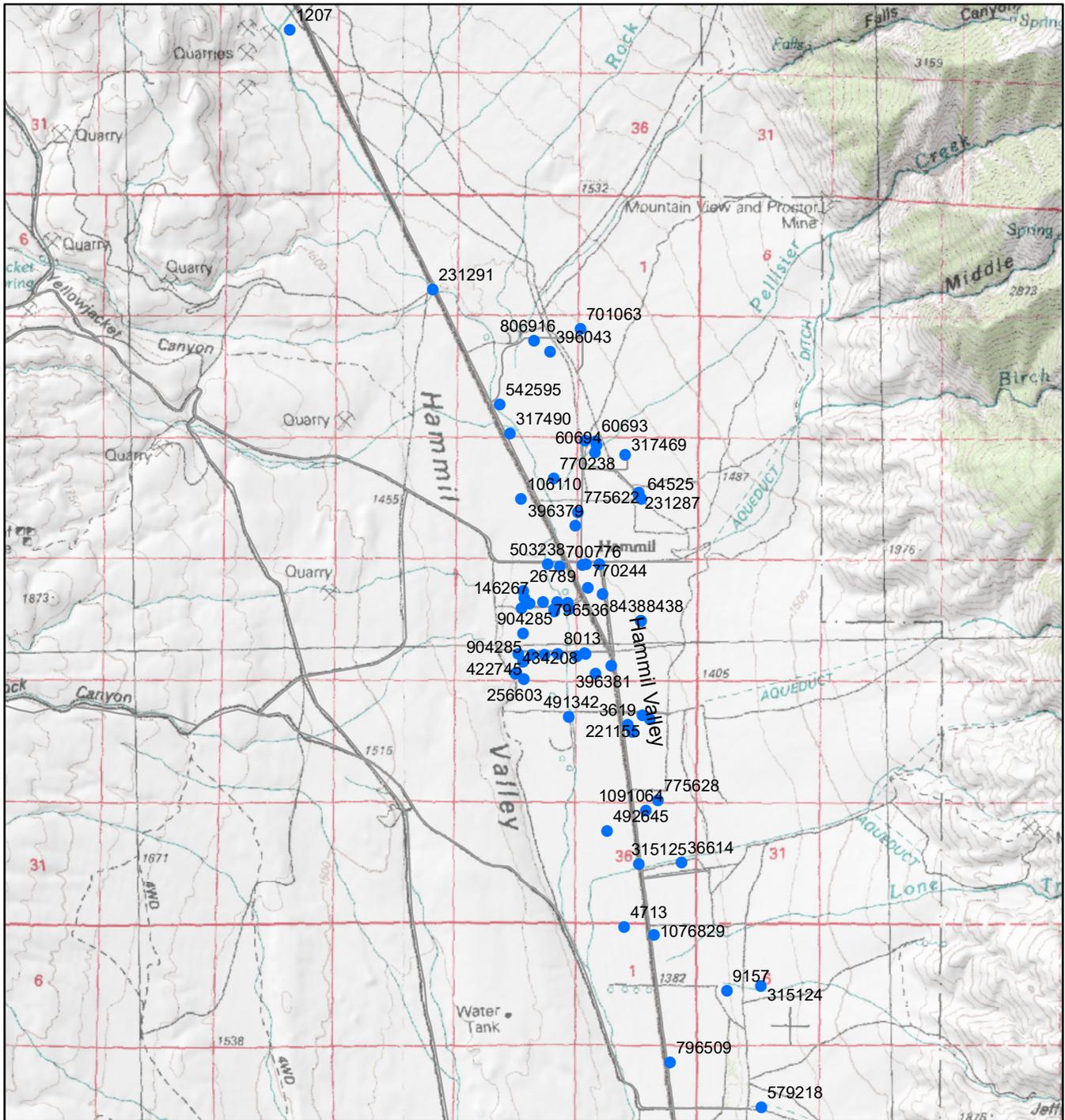
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Mono County/ Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Data Request

Map 2. Hammil Valley



● Well Completion Report Locations (DWR)

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# EXHIBIT B

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE MONO COUNTY TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT DECIDING TO BECOME THE GROUNDWATER  
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR ALL PORTIONS OF THE  
OWENS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN  
WITHIN THE STATUTORY BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT**

**WHEREAS**, the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District (the “District”) is a special district created by legislation approved by the State of California and charged with managing groundwater resources within the Benton, Hammil, and Chalfant Valleys of Mono County (see California Water Code Appendix Chapter 128); and

**WHEREAS**, the TVGMD’s jurisdiction overlies a portion of the groundwater basin delineated in Department of Water Resources’ (DWR) Bulletin 118 as the Owens Valley Groundwater Basin (the “Basin”) and designated as a low-priority basin by (“DWR”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 (“SGMA”) was enacted by the California Legislature through Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 and Assembly Bill 1739 and took effect on January 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA provides for the management of groundwater basins designated by DWR as high-priority and medium-priority basins by the State Water Resources Control Board (“State Water Board”) in the event that no local agency decides to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) for such a basin by June 30, 2017 and a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (“GSP”) is not adopted by the GSA for such a basin by January 30, 2022 (for high-priority and medium-priority basins); and

**WHEREAS**, subdivision (a) of Water Code section 10723 authorizes any local agency or combination of local agencies overlying a groundwater basin to elect to become a GSA for that basin under SGMA; and

**WHEREAS**, subdivision (c)(1)(H) of section 10723 provides that the District is the exclusive local agency within its statutory boundaries and, therefore, shall serve as the GSA within its boundaries, unless it notifies the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) otherwise; and

**WHEREAS**, after noticing public hearings to receive input on its election to serve as the GSA for the portion of the Basin within its jurisdiction and holding and/or participating in such meetings throughout the region at which the requirements of SGMA, and the potential for the TVGMD to serve as the GSA within its boundaries, were discussed and public and stakeholder input was provided, on March 15, 2017, the Board of Directors of the District elected to become the GSA within the portion of the Basin within its jurisdiction and affirmed its commitment to work collaboratively with other local agencies within the Basin to sustainably manage groundwater resources in a manner that preserves local control and minimizes adverse impacts to local groundwater users;

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1           **WHEREAS**, based on the Basin’s then-designation by DWR as a medium-priority  
2 basin; the concern that the State Water Board might determine the Basin to be “probationary”  
3 and impose its management and regulation on groundwater use within the Basin; and the  
4 belief that DWR would be more likely to award a GSP preparation grant to a single GSA than  
5 multiple GSA, (i) on or about August 1, 2017, the District decided to join the Owens Valley  
6 Groundwater Authority (OVGA) Joint Powers Agreement to create a single GSA for the Basin  
7 and (ii) thereafter, on April 18, 2018, the District withdrew its “exclusive” GSA status and  
8 directed staff to notify DWR of its withdraw that status; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in June or July 2018, DWR recognized the OVGA as the exclusive GSA  
10 for the Basin; and

11           **WHEREAS**, in October 2017, the OVGA applied for a GSP preparation grant and in  
12 September 2018 was awarded a grant for approximately \$725,000.00 for the preparation of a  
13 GSP for the Basin; and

14           **WHEREAS**, in February 2019, DWR re-designated the Basin a low-priority basin  
15 thereby eliminating the SGMA requirement that a single GSA (or multiple GSAs) be formed  
16 for the preparation of a GSP (or coordinated GSPs) for the sustainable management of  
17 groundwater within the Basin; and

18           **WHEREAS**, between March 2019 and August 2019, more than half of the original  
19 local public agency members of the OVGA, including the District, requested and were  
20 granted permission to withdraw from the OVGA joint powers agreement following DWR’s re-  
21 designation of the Basin as a low-priority basin; and

22           **WHEREAS**, several local public agency members, including the County of Mono, and  
23 other entities and organization since added to the OVGA board of directors as “interested  
24 parties” have remained members of the OVGA and continue to prepare a GSP for the Basin;  
25 and

26           **WHEREAS**, the District does not feel it necessary to prepare and/or implement a GSP  
27 while the Basin is designated a low-priority and is concerned about regulation of groundwater  
28 in that portion of the Basin within the District’s jurisdiction by an agency controlled primarily  
by non-Mono County and non-District members and interests; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2020; October 7, 2020; October 28, 2020; November  
18, 2020; and December 16, 2020, the District noticed public hearings where it discussed  
and received public comment/input on the option of it deciding to act and serve as the GSA  
for that portion of the Basin within the District’s statutory boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, having considered all comments and input received, the District Board of  
Directors wishes to formalize its decision to become the GSA for that portion of the Basin  
within its statutory boundaries and also affirm its commitment to work collaboratively with  
other local agencies within the Basin to sustainably manage groundwater resources in a  
manner that preserves local control and minimizes adverse impacts to local groundwater  
users.

## EXHIBIT B

1           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Mono County  
2 Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District that, in accordance with California Water Code  
3 section 10723(c)(1)(H), the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District  
4 hereby declares its decision to serve as the GSA for those portions of the Owens Valley  
5 Groundwater Basin which are within its statutory boundaries.

6           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that within thirty days of adoption of this resolution, staff  
7 is directed to file with the Department of Water Resources such documentation (including a  
8 notice of the District's decision to serve as the GSA pursuant to Water Code section 10723(d),  
9 the information set forth in section 10723.8, and a copy of this resolution) as is necessary to  
10 inform the Department of Water Resources of the District's decision.

11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District remains committed to working with its  
12 partner local agencies and other local agencies to achieve sustainable groundwater  
13 management for the Basin in a manner that preserves local control and minimizes adverse  
14 impacts to current groundwater users.

15           **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 27th day of January, 2021, by the  
16 following vote, to wit:

17           **AYES:**

18           **NOES:**

19           **ABSENT:**

20           **ABSTAIN:**

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Carol Ann Mitchell, Chair  
Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater  
Management District