

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-06
AUTHORIZATION OF GREATER KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF
VISALIA

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) was signed into law, with an effective date of January 1, 2015, and codified at California Water Code, Section 10720 et seq;

WHEREAS, the Greater Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GKGSA”) is a California groundwater sustainability agency formed to implement SGMA in a portion of the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 Kaweah Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the Mid Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MKGSA) is another GSA within the Kaweah Subbasin which includes the following members: The City of Visalia, The City of Tulare, and the Tulare Irrigation District (TID).

WHEREAS, there are currently grants available through the Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) for specific types of projects to assist in meeting SGMA requirements, however DWR requires that all grant applications be submitted through one designated GSA in basins or subbasins with multiple GSAs.

WHEREAS, the GKGSA has been designated as the GSA that will submitting grant applications on behalf of other GSAs and GSA member agencies within the Kaweah Subbasin to DWR.

WHEREAS, the GKGSA and the City of Visalia, a member of the Mid Kaweah GSA desires to make and submit an application for Implementation grant funding to develop projects that are consistent with overlying Groundwater Sustainability Plans for the region;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Visalia hereby determine and order as follows:

1. To allow GKGSA submit an application on behalf of the City of Visalia as a member of the Mid Kaweah GSA to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (“SGM”) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Round 1 Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68) (Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the California Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, Ch. 240, § 80) and;
2. To allow GKGSA to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the projects included in the application on behalf of City of Visalia Mid Kaweah GSA. The

General Manager of the GKGSA, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any future amendments (if required), submit invoices, and submit any reporting requirements with the California Department of Water Resources.