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**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, August 23, 2018, 1p.m.**

**Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room (Room No. 202)  
501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kevin Brown, Vice Chair  
Jim Chambers  
Mike Mobley, Chair  
Glenn Shephard, Treasurer

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

Conner Everts

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bryan Bondy, Executive Director  
Joe Hughes, Legal Counsel  
Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**

Kathy Bremer, resident  
Dan Detmer, UWCD  
Neal Maguire, Ferguson Case Orr Paterson LLP  
Debra Martinez, Ventura Water  
Tony Morgan, DBS&A  
Jennifer Tribo, Ventura Water

**CALL TO ORDER 1:03 p.m.**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Resolution 2018-04 A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Mound Basin**

Board Chair opened the Public Hearing regarding the Agency's establishing a fee pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 et seq., to offset anticipated administrative and operational costs of the GSA, GSP development costs, and other efforts required for compliance with SGMA. The Agency anticipates assessing a groundwater extraction fee on pumpers within the Basin and is seeking feedback from stakeholders.

Chair Mobley stated that Director Everts was not in attendance and asked Executive Director Bondy to go through the PowerPoint presentation, after which time he would take comments from the public.

Mr. Bondy thanked the Chair and provided background information on the formation of the Agency, the need to set a groundwater extraction fee and how that fee will be scaled to meet the scope of work and time frame or schedule of work in developing a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Mound Basin by the deadline established by the Department of Water Resources. Mr. Bondy explained that in addition to the revenue generated by the groundwater extraction assessment, the County of Ventura and the City of Ventura had also agreed to provide a cash advance to the Agency, which would be paid back by the Agency in 2021 and 2022, accordingly. He also stated that there was a third revenue source, the Prop 1 Grant award, but that the way grants pay out, you have to spend the money to complete various sections of the work and then the grant funder reimburses the Agency for a portion of that expense. This is why, as shown in the long term budget spreadsheet, the groundwater extraction fee reduces over time, to the point of \$19 per acre foot by 2021, after the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) is submitted. Mr. Bondy also explained that the amount of staff time required will be greater in the beginning, and administrative costs are expected to drop as most of the work is completed and the Agency transitions to implementing the GSP. He added that after the GSP is submitted, 2022 and 2023 on the spreadsheet, the Board has proposed maintaining a \$25,000 cash reserve.

The Draft Resolution regarding the groundwater extraction fee is in keeping with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and the duties of the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA), including the noticing that is required by SGMA. The groundwater extraction fee will be billed by the Agency on a semi-annual basis, January through June and July through December, and that revenue is not to exceed the costs of GSP development and administrative services required to support that development.

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments at this time.

Director Brown said that he had asked for the removal of the term "or an augmented supply" from the second page of the Resolution, under item 1 during the August 16, 2018 Board of Directors meeting. He continued that Ventura Water would have to have a separate agreement with the GSA regarding storing its indirect potable reuse (IPR) water, so that it would not incur an additional extraction charge for water it had put into the basin.

Neal Maguire said that at last week's meeting, there was no mention on the agenda of a possible modification to the Resolution and that it would be in violation of the Brown Act to do so. He said he wanted to make sure that everyone was paying their fair share for groundwater, and that he wanted to make sure that water that is stored in the basin is charged at the same rate as native groundwater. The GSA's role doesn't differentiate between augmented or native water supply, he said.

Chair Mobley stated that the Resolution had been agendized properly, Mr. Maguire contended that it was listed as a planning discussion and should not have been changed.

Chair Mobley said that water is not treated differently in the form of extraction fees.

Director Brown said that agreements may be researched and the GSA can review injection and extraction. He said typically an administrative fee is charged in association with injection and/or extractions, as is the custom with Fox Canyon, but that Ventura Water wouldn't move forward without an agreement with the GSA in advance. Director Brown stated that stored water should be treated differently. Mr. Maguire said he disagrees with that premise.

Mr. Maguire said that native and augmented supply all require management through the GSA and it is only equitable to charge the City of Ventura for use of the basin for storage.

Director Brown said he disagreed one hundred percent.

Mr. Maguire said the Resolution should be kept as it is.

Director Brown said that Fox Canyon GMA and UWCD have the same type of agreements. Ventura Water would have to have a new agreement with the GSA to put new water into the Basin. He said he would look at rates for IPR storage/extraction with similar cities like San Diego, Monterey and Pismo.

Mr. Maguire said that if there's a shortage, the City cuts back first and that the status quo should be maintained. In three or four years, no one will recall this discussion. The Ag community thinks the City should pay the same for stored water and maintain the status quo.

The GSA's Legal Counsel Joe Hughes said that this is all part of the process in a public hearing. He said that regarding the area of the Mound Basin, and areas that Director Brown has looked at, the ability to "bleed over" into other areas of the aquifer, Fox Canyon and Oxnard's practices. Ventura's IPR may draw water from the Mound basin, but how do you control the inequity?

Mr. Bondy said a study of the basin could be done and the GSA Board could consider adjustments. He said monitoring and modeling could help the Board look at what options are available, and that the City's EIR and project rules should also be considered.

Chair Mobley said these are things that will be learned through the GSP process.

Tony Morgan asked if the cash advances from the County and City as listed in the long term budget spreadsheet are to be repaid with interest.

Director Shephard said that the financial agreements are not in place as yet. Ms. Sofley added that the loan repayments include accrued interest based on the LAIF interest rates for the loan period.

Mr. Morgan said that if the extraction rate is established today, next year it will need to be re-established or does the extraction rate carry over. He said the Resolution mentioned a period of rate.

Chair Mobley said the \$40 per acre foot extraction rate will exist until the Board changes it, as reflected in the long term budget worksheet.

Mr. Morgan asked if the public would have another shot at discussing the rate.

Chair Mobley replied that the rate could change every six months, and that the public will be asked for comment prior to each time the extraction rate changes.

Chair Mobley asked if there were any other comments. None were offered. Chair Mobley asked the Clerk of the Board if any written comments had been received from the public. She replied that no written comments had been received by the Agency.

Chair Mobley moved to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 1:40p.m.

Chair Mobley then asked if the Directors had any comments to make.

Director Shephard asked Legal Counsel if he had reviewed the language in the Resolution. Mr. Hughes responded that he had read the proposed Resolution and that the document was fine. Director Shephard asked if the Resolution was to be amended or adopted. Mr. Hughes said that it could be amended and adopted.

Director Chambers said the changes in rate, which started with a low number and don't reflect the volume of pumping that United provided regarding a 10-year average, are now significantly higher. He said that basing the rate on the charts from United, and averaging over a 10 year period, seemed to be more equitable. The pumping number used seems arbitrary. And that he notices that Ag is responsible for 75 percent and M&I is responsible for 25%, and he'd like the Board to look at that 10 year average comparison of Ag and M&I.

Director Brown said that the rate is based on the same pumping reports as United, and that the City is paying its fair share.

Chair Mobley said that July through December is always higher and that January through June is always lower but that the estimates for the rate are based on historical data. The City is pumping less from the basin now, but the GSA needs revenue and that puts Ag's percentage higher than normal.

Director Brown added that the City was also providing a cash advance to the Agency.

Director Chambers said that at the last discussion, he had asked for clarification on augmented pumping or augmented water, and other types of water resources and asked that regardless of the City's plan, the wording in the Resolution stay as it is.

Director Brown said that he did not agree.

Chair Mobley said that augmented was anything not natural and could come from State Water, recycled water recharge and so on.

Director Chambers said that surface water affects the basin, whether it is part of another supply, shouldn't matter as most of the Ventura River is not in the basin boundary but pressure there slows percolation above.

Mr. Bondy said that these questions will be addressed with the development of the GSP.

Chair Mobley said that the ag community is in favor of leaving the Resolution as it is, with the same fee for natural or native water pumping as for stored water pumping. But why would you pay over and over for the same water? Pay an extraction fee once and a small

administrative fee perhaps. Board needs to study that in depth and examine the benefit and costs associated with injecting or recharging the basin as a form of water storage and bring it back to the board when there is more information.

Director Brown said that the Board doesn't really have a choice, they have to analyze and reach an agreement just like in other basins.

Director Shephard asked Legal Counsel to start off with the language in the Resolution and deal with the City's issue as it comes up.

Mr. Morgan said that Item 1 on Page 2 states that the fee starts today, retroactive of the last six months.

Chair Mobley said the language is not explicit, just back to the January through June usage period for billing, actual usage.

Mr. Bondy said there is a footnote that explains that.

Mr. Morgan said \$40 per acre foot from January through June, but if the fee starts today, does that mean it's retroactive to last year. Is it clear to stakeholders who might just pick up this document with no knowledge of this discussion.

Mr. Hughes clarified that the fee started, and is applied to the pumping period and that the Resolution should be amended in item 2 to read "These groundwater extraction charges shall be billed semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December, beginning with January through June, 2018 billing period" just to put a finer point on it. He instructed Chair Mobley that the motion should be to approve the Resolution as presented with the addition of the language amended in item 2.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04, establishing a Groundwater Extraction Charge of \$40 per acre foot, with the additional language amending item number 2, to reflect the semiannual billing period begins January 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018, Director Chambers; Second, Director Shephard. Roll call vote: three ayes (Chambers, Mobley, Shephard); one no (Brown); one absent (Everts). Motion carries 3/1/1/.

### **3. FY 2018-19 Budget**

#### **Motion**

Chair Mobley asked if there was any public comments or Board questions on the amended FY 2018-19 Budget, none were offered.

Motion to approve the amended FY 2018-19 Budget as presented, Director Brown; Second, Director Shephard. Voice vote: four ayes (Brown, Chambers, Mobley, Shephard); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carries 4/0/1.

### **4. Mound Basin Boundary Modification**

#### **Motion**

Mr. Bondy explained that since the basin boundary modification deadline had been extended, it provided an opportunity for the Agency to make a minor scientific modification of the northern basin boundary, based on the most recent geologic mapping of the aquifer. He reported that there are no known wells in the area and that he did not believe there

would be any impact to well owners by making this change. He said that when the deadline was extended, he advised the Board to make this minor change and then all of the basin boundary modifications would be addressed at the same time.

Chair Mobley asked if there were any public comments or additional questions from the Board. None were offered.

Motion to approve the proposed boundary modifications and submit the boundary modifications as presented to the Department of Water Resources, Director Brown; Second, Director Chambers. Voice vote: four ayes (Brown, Chambers, Mobley, Shephard); none opposed; one absent (Everts). Motion carries 4/0/1.

**ADJOURNED 2:10p.m.**

The Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m. to the next **Regular Board Meeting** on Thursday, **September 20, 2018** or call of the Chair.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Special Meeting and Public Hearing of August 23, 2018.

ATTEST:



Kevin Brown, Board Secretary

ATTEST:



Kris Sofley, Clerk of the Board



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GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

## Special Meeting and Public Hearing regarding Establishing Groundwater Extraction Rate



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Mound Basin GSA PUBLIC HEARING  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("Agency") Board of Directors ("Directors") will hold a **SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room (Room No. 202) 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001**

3. **FY 2018-19 Budget**  
**Motion**  
Board will consider approving the amended FY 2018-19 Budget as presented.

4. **Mound Basin Boundary Modification**  
**Motion**  
Board will receive a presentation from staff concerning the proposed boundary modifications, receive comments from the public, and provide direction to staff.

**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING**  
Thursday, August 23, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Materials, which are non-exempt public records and are provided to the Board of Directors to be used in consideration of the above agenda items, including any documents provided subsequent to the publishing of this agenda, are available for inspection at GMSA's offices at 106 North 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Paula during normal business hours.

The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no qualified individual with a disability shall be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, the District's services, programs or activities because of any disability. If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, or if you require agenda materials in an alternative format, please contact the Mound Basin Clerk of the Board at (805) 525-4431 or the City of Ventura at (805) 654-7800. Notification of at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the Agency to make appropriate arrangements.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's ("Agency") is designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency ("GSA") pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA") for the Mound Groundwater Basin ("Basin"). As such, the Agency is required to develop a Groundwater Sustainability Plan ("GSP") no later than January 31, 2022.

Board Chair will open the Public Hearing regarding the Agency's establishing a fee pursuant to Water Code Section 10730 et seq., to offset anticipated administrative and operational costs of the GSA, GSP development costs, and other efforts required for compliance with SGMA. The Agency anticipates assessing a groundwater extraction fee on pumps within the Basin and is seeking feedback from stakeholders.

**Public comment will be accepted at this time.**

Any interested person may present written testimony, oral testimony, or both at the Public Hearing. Written comments may be filed at any time prior to the conclusion of the Public Hearing and comments should be addressed to the attention of the Chairman at the following address: Mound Basin GSA, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, CA, 93001.

Any challenge to the decision of the Board of Directors on this matter may be limited to raising those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Directors at, or prior, to the Public Hearing.

**Chair will close the Public Hearing**

**Resolution 2018-04** A Resolution of the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Determining and Establishing Groundwater Extraction Charges against All Persons Operating Groundwater Extraction Facilities within the Mound Basin

**Motion**  
Board will consider adopting **Resolution 2018-04**, establishing a Groundwater Extraction Charge.

Approved:   
Board Chair Michael W. Mobley

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 9am (attest) Kris Sofey  
At: <https://www.moundbasinsga.org>

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 9am (attest) Kris Sofey  
At: <https://www.facebook.com/moundbasinsga/>

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 9am (attest) Kris Sofey  
At: United Water Conservation District, 106 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Paula CA 93080

Posted: (date) August 22, 2018 (time) 1pm (attest) Kris Sofey  
At: Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street, Ventura, California 93001



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**Mound Basin GSA Estimated Budget**

	FY2017-18		FY2018-19		FY2019-20		FY2020-21		FY2021-22		FY2022-23		FY2023-24		Total
	CY2017	CY2018	CY2019	CY2020	CY2021	CY2022	CY2023	CY2024	CY2025	CY2026	CY2027	CY2028	CY2029		
	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec	Jan-Jun	Jul-Dec		
<b>Revenue</b>															
GW Extractions, AF/6 months (1)			1,850	3,250	1,850	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750	3,500	2,750
GW Extractions Fee, 5/AF (1)			\$40	\$40	\$40	\$30	\$30	\$28	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19	\$19
Revenue (2)			\$74,000	\$130,000	\$64,750	\$105,000	\$82,500	\$98,000	\$52,250	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$66,500	\$52,250
County of Ventura Loan			\$50,000												\$50,000
City of Ventura Loan			\$55,000												\$55,000
Grant Reimbursements				\$9,540	\$92,221	\$87,331	\$35,250	\$98,498	\$126,383	\$49,770	\$60,444	\$49,770	\$60,444	\$66,500	\$52,250
<b>Total Revenue</b>			\$179,000	\$139,540	\$156,971	\$192,331	\$117,750	\$196,498	\$178,633	\$116,270	\$112,694	\$66,500	\$52,250	\$1,508,435	
<b>Expenses</b>															
GSA Administration (2)			\$3,500	\$12,877	\$68,378	\$70,087	\$71,839	\$71,839	\$73,635	\$55,687	\$37,738	\$37,738	\$38,681	\$38,681	\$680,463
Develop Numerical Groundwater Flow Model - UWCD															\$0
Geophysical Study - UWCD															\$0
Mound Basin Study - Ventura															\$0
Water Quality & Isotope Study					\$45,330										\$45,330
Construct One Multi-Level Monitoring Well															\$0
SGWP Grant Application			\$16,585												\$16,585
Basin Boundary Modification (3)				\$5,000											\$5,000
Organizational Activities				\$11,900											\$11,900
GSP Chapter 2: Plan Area and Basin Setting (3)					\$52,200	\$52,200									\$104,400
GSP Chapter 3: Sustainable Management Criteria						\$38,333	\$38,333	\$38,333							\$115,000
GSP Chapter 4: Projects and Management Actions								\$50,900	\$50,900						\$101,800
GSP Chapter 5: Plan Implementation								\$23,125	\$23,125						\$46,250
GSP Introduction, Executive Summary, References & Appendices								\$19,850	\$19,850						\$19,850
GSP Reviews and Approvals and Final Document Preparation								\$50,000	\$50,000	\$15,600					\$115,600
Project Administration (Grant Management) (4)															\$0
County of Ventura Loan Repayment										\$50,000					\$50,000
City of Ventura Loan Repayment										\$27,500	\$27,500				\$55,000
Annual Review										\$8,000	\$8,000				\$16,000
Annual Report to DWR										\$65,000	\$65,000				\$130,000
Budget Reserve			\$25,000												\$25,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>			\$20,085	\$12,877	\$118,278	\$165,008	\$160,620	\$108,420	\$184,197	\$215,714	\$173,635	\$98,287	\$118,238	\$37,738	\$80,681
6 Month Balance			(\$20,085)	(\$12,877)	(\$18,278)	(\$26,368)	(\$3,650)	\$83,910	(\$66,447)	(\$19,217)	\$4,997	\$17,483	(\$25,544)	\$28,762	(\$28,431)
Running Balance			(\$20,085)	(\$32,962)	\$35,761	\$9,393	\$5,743	\$89,654	\$23,207	\$3,990	\$8,987	\$26,471	\$926	\$29,688	\$1,257
<b>Revenue Balance</b>			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

Notes:  
 (1) Groundwater extraction fee revenue for a given semi-annual period is received during the subsequent semi-annual period. Extraction volumes shown are for the prior semi-annual period.  
 (2) Admin costs assumed to increase by 2.5% each year. Costs in 2022 and 2023 ramp down to an assumed 50% level of effort compared to pre-GSP activities (less frequent meetings, etc. are assumed).  
 (3) Costs reduced by in-kind labor contribution to be provided by UWCD. \$50,000 of total in-kind labor is assumed.  
 (4) Project Administration (Grant Management) costs are included in GSA Administration.

**MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET  
 July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019  
 Draft Proposed Budget (8/23/18)**

**REVENUES**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	REVENUES	BUDGET 2018/2019	Comments
1	Contributions from Member Agencies	\$105,000	\$50k from the City, \$50k from the County, both are loans
2	Revenue from Groundwater Extraction Fee	\$204,000	twice per year billing
4	Reimbursement from DWR Grant	\$0	Estimated based on GSP tasks for FY 18-19, depends on cost-share spent by Agency.
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$318,540</b>	

**OPERATING EXPENSES**

ACCOUNT NUMBER	OPERATING EXPENSE	BUDGET 2018/2019	Comments
<b>Administrative Costs</b>			
1	Executive Director/Project Manager	\$50,000	
2	Clerk of the Board	\$20,000	Provided by United Water Conservation District via contract
3	Accounting Services	\$10,000	Provided by United Water Conservation District via contract
<b>Total Administrative Costs:</b>		<b>\$80,000</b>	
<b>Professional Services:</b>			
4	Website Development	\$2,000	County of Ventura Information Technology Services
5	Website maintenance	\$400	County of Ventura Information Technology Services
6	Audit	\$7,000	business
7	Public Outreach/216 publications	\$1,500	
8	Liability Insurance	\$1,855	Insure Cal Quote
9	Routine Legal Counsel	\$32,400	\$70/mo - Agenda review and attend meetings as necessary - One per month for July 2018 - June 2019.
10	Special Legal Services	\$10,000	
11	Annual Report	\$1,000	
12	DWR filing fees/etc.	\$500	
<b>Total Professional Services Cost:</b>		<b>\$66,755</b>	
<b>GSP Activities:</b>			
13	Water Quality and Isotope Study	\$45,330	
14	Basin Boundary Modification	\$5,000	Cost assumes \$5,000 of UWCD in-kind labor.
15	Organizational Activities	\$11,900	
16	GSP Chapter 2: Plan Area and Basin Setting	\$52,200	Cost assumes \$22,500 of UWCD in-kind labor.
17	Project Administration (Grant Management)	\$0	Costs are included in administration.
18	Funding for Reserves	\$25,000	
<b>Total GSP Activities:</b>		<b>\$138,430</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$276,185</b>	
Expenses deferred from FY2017-18		\$32,962	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES EXCEEDING EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$9,393</b>	

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MOUND BASIN  
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY  
DETERMINING AND ESTABLISHING  
GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION CHARGES AGAINST ALL PERSONS  
OPERATING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FACILITIES WITHIN  
THE MOUND BASIN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) are authorized to collect Regulatory Fees (Water Code Section 10730) and Extraction Fees (Water Code Section 10730.2); and

**WHEREAS**, SGMA gives a GSA the authority to impose fees to fund the cost of preparing its Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), including the preparation and amendment of a sustainability plan, investigation of groundwater conditions, compliance assistance, enforcement and program administration; and

**WHEREAS**, the type of fees that can be imposed to fund the cost of preparing a GSP include permit fees, fees on groundwater extraction, and fees on other regulated activity; and

**WHEREAS**, any action to impose such fees must be taken by ordinance or resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the GSA complied with all applicable notice requirements by noticing a public meeting concerning these fees as follows:

1. By publication pursuant to Government Code Section 6066 in the Ventura County Star on August 2, 2018 and August 9, 2018;
2. By posting on the website of the GSA at [www.moundbasinesa.org](http://www.moundbasinesa.org), on the Facebook page of the GSA at <https://www.facebook.com/moundbasinesa/>, and on the website of the City of Ventura at <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1180/Mound-Basin-GSA>;
3. By mailing to any interested party who filed a written request with the GSA for mailed notice of the public fee meeting;
4. The Notice included:
  - The time and place of the meeting;
  - A general explanation of the fee under consideration; and
  - A statement that the data required under SGMA is publicly available.

5. At least 20 days prior to the public meeting, the GSA made the data upon which the fee is based, the GSA's 2018-19 budget, available to the public.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency that groundwater extraction charges should be levied as follows:

1. A groundwater extraction charge of \$40 per acre foot shall be levied on all groundwater extracted from within the GSA boundary, regardless of whether that groundwater is derived from the native or an augmented supply. The GSA does hereby ratify and affirm its levy and assessment of this groundwater extraction charges in compliance with law against all persons operating groundwater producing facilities within the GSA boundary commencing August 24, 2018.

2. These groundwater extraction charges shall be billed semiannually with billing periods covering January through June and July through December.

3. The Board of Directors of Mound Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, makes the following findings, based upon the testimony and evidence (including exhibits) presented at said meetings and public hearing:

- (a) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges will not exceed the funds required to provide for the Plan and related administrative services.
- (b) Revenues derived from the groundwater extraction charges shall not be used for any purpose other than that for which the groundwater charges are imposed.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018.

Michael Mobley Board Chair

ATTEST:

Bryan Bosdy  
Executive Director

