

BEFORE
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF MADERA
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of) Resolution No.: _____
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GUNNER RANCH WEST) A RESOLUTION APPROVING
GROUNDWATER BALANCE PLAN) GUNNER RANCH WEST
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WHEREAS, on July 21, 2014, the County of Madera adopted the Gunner Ranch West Specific Plan (the “Specific Plan”), and in adopting the Specific Plan, also adopted a Condition of Approval 1-7, requiring the development of a Groundwater Plan accounting for a 1:1 water balance in accordance with prescribed terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of a Settlement Agreement dated October 22, 2015, The County established additional requirements for the compliances required under the terms of Condition of Approval 1-7, commonly referred to as the “Enhanced Groundwater Condition”;

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2017, the Madera County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) adopted Resolution 2017-015, electing the County of Madera to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“GSA”) pursuant to California’s Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) for areas of the Madera Subbasin (Basin No. 5-22.06) not otherwise covered by a public agency with land use or water authority, including the area covered by the Specific Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2018, the engineering firm of AECOM submitted to the County, on behalf of Gunner Ranch West, an initial draft of the Groundwater Plan required pursuant to the terms of Condition of Approval 1-7, and in accordance with the terms of

the Enhanced Groundwater Condition (the “Draft Plan”);

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2018 the County finalized circulation the Draft Plan to all members of the Technical Review Group identified in the Enhanced Groundwater Condition, which initiated a 120-day period of review by the Technical Review Group of the Draft Plan;

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2018, the County received the final comments issued by members of the Technical Review Group to the Draft Plan;

WHEREAS, on December 10, 2018, the County received an updated version of the Draft Plan from AECOM (the “Groundwater Plan”) which addressed certain of the comments issued by members of the Technical Review Group and incorporated other clarifying items and corrections, as well as a document that provided substantive responses to each of the comments issued by members of the Technical Review Group to the Draft Plan (the “Response to Comments”);

WHEREAS, the County Engineer evaluated the Groundwater Plan and the Response to Comments and, on April 22, 2019, confirmed the satisfactory status of such materials, and forwarded such materials to the members of the Technical Review Group (and made such materials available to members of the public) no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the consideration and adoption of this Resolution by the Board (following a hearing on such matters).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Madera, State of California, that:

1. Subject to paragraph 2, the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Groundwater Plan prepared pursuant to the requirements of Condition of Approval 1-7

for the Gunner Ranch West Specific Plan, and in accordance with the terms of the Enhanced Groundwater Condition.

2. In the event the Board, acting as the Board of Directors for the Madera GSA for the Madera Subbasin (which includes the Specific Plan) adopts a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP), the Groundwater Plan approved herein shall be revised within 12 months of the adoption of the GSP to eliminate any inconsistency between the Groundwater Plan and the GSP and conform the Groundwater Plan to the provisions of the adopted GSP.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted this _____ day of _____,
2019, by the following vote:

Supervisor Frazier voted: _____

Supervisor Rogers voted: _____

Supervisor Poythress voted: _____

Supervisor Rodriguez voted: _____

Supervisor Wheeler voted: _____

Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Legal Form:
COUNTY COUNSEL

By _____