

RESOLUTION 16-05

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF WILLIAMS AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR ITS PORTION OF THE COLUSA GROUNDWATER BASIN COTERMINOUS WITH THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMS AND WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE WILLIAMS GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 went into effect on January 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 enables the State Water Resources Control Board to intervene in groundwater basins unless a local public agency or combination of local public agencies for a Groundwater Sustainability Agency or agencies (GSA) by June 30, 2017 (California Water Code section 10735), and

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction over the water management and land use is essential to sustainably manage groundwater as a critical public health resource and to the vitality of the City of Williams' economy, community and environment, and

WHEREAS, any local public agency that has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities within a sub-basin may elect to be a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (California Water Code sections 10721 and 10723), and,

WHEREAS, the City of Williams is the local agency with exclusive drinking water supply, water quality and water production responsibilities within and for the City of Williams, and

WHEREAS, the exclusive source of this water supply is groundwater from the Colusa Groundwater Basin; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10723(a) authorizes any local agency overlying a groundwater basin to establish itself as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for that basin or portions thereof, and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10721(j) defines a Groundwater Sustainability Agency as one or more local agencies that implement the provisions of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed boundaries of the Colusa Groundwater Basin that the City intends to manage as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency are set forth in Attachment A and are described as the City Limits of the City of Williams, and

WHEREAS, establishing the City of Williams as a Groundwater Sustainability Agency will enable the City of Williams to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Colusa Groundwater Basin coterminous with and underlying the City of Williams City Limits, together with other Colusa Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, and

WHEREAS, the City of Williams is committed to sustainable management of its groundwater resources, and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a “project” under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) including organizational and administrative activities of government because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and,

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on this date after publications of notice pursuant to California Government Code section 6066 to consider adoption of this Resolution.

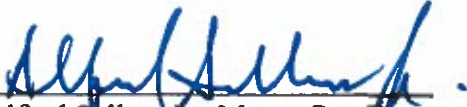
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City Council of the City of Williams hereby declares and elects that it be and is established as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the portion of Colusa County that overlies the Colusa Groundwater Basin Groundwater coterminous with the City of Williams City Limits, with the powers and the duties set forth at California Water Code sections 10725 et seq.,
2. That this Groundwater Sustainability agency shall be known as the Williams Groundwater Sustainability Agency and will use its existing legislative body for governance purposes.
3. That the City Clerk shall submit a notice of this Resolution to the State Water Resources Control Board.
4. That the Williams Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall consider the interests of all beneficial uses and users of groundwater, as well as those responsible for implementing groundwater sustainability plans and will develop an outreach program for all stakeholders.
5. That the Williams Groundwater Sustainability Agency shall establish and maintain a list of persons interested in receiving notices regarding plan preparation, meeting announcements, and availability of draft plans, maps, and other relevant documents. Any person may request, in writing to be placed on the list of interested persons.
6. That such notification of interested persons shall include an explanation of how their interests will be considered in the development and operation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly introduced, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Williams, held on the 16th of March 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member Sellers Jr., Boes, Jauregui, Bergson
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Council Member Troughton Jr.




Alfred Sellers Jr., Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Mariana Pineda, City Clerk