

RESOLUTION 16-08

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO RESCIND RESOLUTION 16-05 AND TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF WILLIAMS AS THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE PORTION OF THE COLUSA GROUNDWATER SUBBASIN UNDERLYING THE CITY OF WILLIAMS' SPHERE OF INFLUENCE BOUNDARIES 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 provides that the State Water Resources Control Board shall intervene in the management of a groundwater basin when a local public agency or combination of local public agencies fails to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the basin by June 30, 2017 (California Water Code section 10735); and

WHEREAS, retaining local jurisdiction over water management and land use overlying a groundwater basin is essential to the sustainable management of groundwater as a critical public health resource and to the vitality of the City of Williams' economy, community and environment; 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, any local public agency that has water supply, water management or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin may decide to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency over that basin (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 Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williams' Sphere of Influence designates the City's potential ultimate physical boundaries where services may be extended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williams has decided to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency over that portion of the Colusa Groundwater Subbasin coterminous with and underlying the Sphere of Influence 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 area of the Colusa Groundwater Subbasin coterminous with and underlying the City of Williams' Sphere of Influence boundaries, together in cooperation with other Colusa Groundwater Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Williams is committed to long-term 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 publication 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 Subbasin coterminous with the City of Williams' Sphere of Influence boundaries, with the powers and the duties set forth in California Water Code sections 10720 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 and Groundwater Sustainability Agency formation to the California Department of Water Resources.
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.
7. That Resolution 16-05 is hereby rescinded.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Williams, held on the 15th day of June, 2016, by the following vote:

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



ATTEST:

Mariana Pineda
Mariana Pineda, City Clerk