



**Coachella Valley Water District
Board of Directors**

Resolution No: 2022-55

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COACHELLA VALLEY
WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A
ROUND 2 SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INDIO SUBBASIN, ACCEPT
THE GRANT FUNDS THAT ARE AWARDED, AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO
DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS TO PROJECT SPONSORS**

WHEREAS, Proposition 68, the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, authorized the California Legislature to appropriate funds to implement projects consistent with goals of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) or Alternative to a GSP in California; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Act of 2021 (through Senate Bill 170) provided \$180 million in General Funds for SGMA Implementation projects. Of the \$180 million in General Funds, \$171 million was available for grant awards after program administration costs; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires all medium- and high-priority groundwater basins, as designated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118, to be managed by a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) or multiple GSAs; and

WHEREAS, the Indio Subbasin of the Coachella Valley Groundwater Basin has been designated by DWR as a medium-priority basin (No. 7-021.01); and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District elected on October 13, 2015, to become a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Indio Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Water District, Desert Water Agency, Coachella Water Authority, and Indio Water Authority are the GSAs for the Indio Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 5, 2016, was entered into among the following entities (Partners): the City of Coachella, acting through, and on behalf of, the Coachella Water Authority (CWA); the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD); the Desert Water Agency (DWA); and the City of Indio, acting through, and on behalf of, the Indio Water Authority (IWA). The purpose of the MOU is to develop a common understanding among the Partners regarding the governance structures applicable to implementation of SGMA in the Indio Subbasin; and



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WHEREAS, on December 29, 2016, the Partners collaboratively submitted an Alternative to a GSP (Alternative Plan) for the Indio Subbasin to DWR in accordance with Water Code section 10733.6; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2019, DWR determined that the Alternative Plan satisfied the objectives of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and approved the Alternative Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Indio Subbasin GSAs have jointly developed an Indio Subbasin Water Management Plan Update: SGMA Alternative Plan (Alternative Plan Update) for the Indio Subbasin submitted to DWR on December 29, 2021, in compliance with the requirements of SGMA; and

WHEREAS, the Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant solicitation opened October 4, 2022, for eligible applicants located within high and medium priority groundwater basins. The solicitation will close on November 30, 2022, at 5 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Indio Subbasin GSAs will prepare an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant to support the implementation of high-priority water management projects in the Indio Subbasin; and

WHEREAS, Coachella Valley Water District will serve as the grant applicant on behalf of the Indio Subbasin GSAs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District is the decision-making body for the Coachella Valley Water District; and

WHEREAS, grant application procedures established by DWR require applicants to provide a copy of a resolution adopted by the applicant's governing body designating an authorized representative to file an application for a Round 2 SGMA Implementation Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District that an application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a grant under the 2021 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program SGMA Implementation Grant pursuant to the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68)



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(Pub. Resource Code, § 80000 et seq.) and the Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022. Be it further resolved that the Coachella Valley Water District has the authority and shall enter into a funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources to receive a grant for the Indio Subbasin SGMA Implementation Projects. The General Manager of the Coachella Valley Water District, 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.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Coachella Valley Water District during a regular meeting on this 8th day of November 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Sylvia M. Bermudez, MMC
Clerk of the Board
Coachella Valley Water District