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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Amend the Groundwater Sustainability Plan
Advisory Committee Bylaws to extend the deadline for recommending a Groundwater
Sustainability Plan

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Planning Building and Environmental Services requests adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (GSPAC) to extend the deadline for recommending the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) from November 1, 2021, to November 19, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Adoption of the proposed resolution will amend the Bylaws of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan Advisory Committee (GSPAC) extend the deadline for recommending the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) to the GSA Board of Directors from November 1, 2021, to November 19, 2021. The additional time is needed by the GSPAC to complete their work due to delays over the past year associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, two separate wildfires, and the drought. The deadline for the GSA to submit the adopted GSP to the California Department of Water Resources is January 31, 2022.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California

Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At its June 9th 2020 regular meeting, the Board created the Groundwater Sustainability Advisory Committee (GSPAC) for the purpose of reviewing and advising on the preparation of a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP). The Board adopted bylaws for the GSPAC and appointed 25 individuals to fill various categories set forth in the June 9th staff report and listed in the bylaws.

At the October 6, 2020 regular meeting, the Board adopted Resolution 2020-06 to amend the GSPAC bylaws to clarify the composition of the committee membership and the categories for appointments.

Section II of the existing bylaws state that: “Working with staff, consultants, and a facilitator in a public forum, the GSPAC shall submit a recommended GSP to the Napa County Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Board of Directors for consideration no later than November 1, 2021.” Additional time is needed by the GSPAC to complete their work due to delays over the past year associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, two separate wildfires, and the drought. Staff recommends that the deadline be extended from November 1 to November 19, 2021.

The draft GSP is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the GSA Board on December 7 and 14, 2021.

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