RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOUND BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY APPROVING THE FIRST GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PERIODIC EVALUATION REPORT

WHEREAS, the California Legislature passed a statewide framework for sustainable groundwater management, known has the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (California Water Code section 10720 *et seq.*), pursuant to Senate Bill 1168, Senate Bill 1319, and Assembly Bill 1739, which was approved by the Governor and Chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect on January 1, 2015; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Mound Subbasin (Subbasin) has been designated by DWR as a high-priority subbasin of the Santa Clara River Basin (DWR Bulletin 118 Groundwater Basin: 4-004.03); and,

WHEREAS, the City of San Buenaventura, the County of Ventura, and the United Water Conservation District elected on June 22, 2017 to become a GSA for the Subbasin; and,

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that all basins designated as high- or medium-priority basins and not subject to critical conditions of overdraft be managed by a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) by January 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Mound Basin GSA submitted a GSP for its boundaries in accordance with Water Code section 10727.2, including all the components required by SGMA on December 31, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, DWR gave notice on October 26, 2023, of its approval of the GSP; and,

WHEREAS, Water Code § 10728.2 requires Mound Basin GSA periodically evaluate the GSP, assess changing conditions in the basin that may warrant modification of the GSP or management objectives, and adjust components in the GSP, as appropriate. The evaluation shall focus on determining whether the actions under the GSP are meeting the plan's management objectives and whether those objectives are meeting the sustainability goal in the basin; and,

WHEREAS, DWR's GSP Emergency Regulations §356.4 clarifies that a periodic evaluation of the GSP be performed and documented in the form of a written assessment at least every five years; and,

WHEREAS, Mound Basin GSA has completed an evaluation of the GSP and prepared a written assessment in accordance with its Stakeholder Engagement Plan, including a formal public comment period on the written assessment and a public hearing held on September 28, 2026, for the purpose of receiving public comment and considering approval of the written assessment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Mound Basin GSA as follows:

1. The foregoing is true and correct.

2. The GSP Periodic Evaluation, in the form presented this day to the Board of Directors and subject to any final non-substantive edits that may be made at the Executive Director's discretion prior to submittal to DWR, is hereby approved and adopted.

3. The Executive Director is authorized and directed to provide notification of this approval and adoption to DWR, including a copy of this Resolution, the approved GSP Periodic Evaluation, and any additional information required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of September 2026.

AYES: 4 (Chambers, Ehret, Everts, Keeling)

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Tribo)

ABSENT: 0

Catherine P. Keeling
Board Chair

ATTEST:

Jennifer L. Tribo
Vice Chair/Secretary

ACTING ON BEHALF OF
Matthew Ehret
Treasurer