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RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION MAKING DETERMINATIONS AND APPROVING THE FORMATION OF
THE SAN ANTONIO BASIN WATER DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING A
COTERMINOUS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE

WHEREAS, the above-referenced proposal has been filed with the Executive Officer of the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, at the times and in the manner required by law the Executive Officer has given notice of the Commission's consideration of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Commission heard, discussed and considered all oral and written testimony related to the proposal including, but not limited to, the Executive Officer's report and recommendation, the environmental document or determination, existing Spheres of Influence and applicable General and Specific Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Local Agency Formation Commission finds the proposal to be in the best interests of the affected area and the total organization of local governmental agencies within Santa Barbara County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Barbara County as follows:

1. Find that the formation is categorically exempt from CEQA based on the creation of a government funding mechanism exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4) or alternatively CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "common Sense" exemption.
2. Approve the proposal, known as the Formation of the San Antonio Basin Water District subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The name of the district shall be the San Antonio Basin Water District.
 - b. The District shall be initially composed of a five-member elected Board of Directors, each of whom must be a landowner within the District.

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c. The District shall have those powers and responsibilities set forth in the California Water District Law, Water Code section 34000 et. seq., including Water Code section 35401 that authorizes the District to acquire, plan, construct, maintain, improve, operate, and keep in repair the necessary works for the production, storage, transmission, and distribution of water for irrigation, domestic, industrial, and municipal purposes, and any drainage or reclamation works connected therewith or incidental thereto.

d. The District, if formed, shall cease to exist if the Proposition 218 Proceeding is not conducted and an assessment to fund the District is not approved by June 30, 2020, or Santa Barbara LAFCO otherwise extends such deadline.

e) The District, if formed, shall cease to exist if on or before June 30, 2020, it does not succeed to the rights and responsibilities of the Cachuma Resource Conservation District in the Joint Powers Agreement (“JPA”) entered into with the Los Alamos Community Services District on May 16, 2017, which JPA Agency has been designated as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the San Antonio Basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act, Water Code section 10720 et. seq.

f. Should the new Board of Directors levy any of the “Proceeds of Taxes,” described above, it will establish an Appropriations Limit.

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g. The District shall not exercise jurisdiction over lands within its boundaries that are not within the San Antonio Groundwater Basin, as defined by the California Department of Water Resources in Bulletin 118 (as Basin 3-14).

This resolution was adopted on July 11, 2019 and is effective on the date signed by the Chair.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Dated: _____

Chair
Santa Barbara Local Agency
Formation Commission

ATTEST

Jacquelyne Alexander, Clerk
Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission