

EXHIBIT 2-A

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY
PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH MPWMD AS
GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY FOR THE CARMEL VALLEY
ALLUVIAL AQUIFER**

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2014 the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law and adopted into the California Water Code, commencing with Section 10720; and

WHEREAS, the legislative intent of SGMA is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins, to enhance local management of groundwater, to establish minimum standards for sustainable groundwater management, and to provide local groundwater agencies with the authority and the technical and financial assistance necessary to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Sections 10725 and 10726 detail additional new powers and authorities granted to Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to implement sustainable groundwater management in the basins under their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 10723(c)(1)(I) specifically identifies the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) as one of several agencies created by statute to manage groundwater that shall be deemed the exclusive local agencies within their respective statutory boundaries with powers to become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for basins within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the District's boundaries wholly overlies the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer (also referred to as the Carmel Valley Basin by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 118); and

WHEREAS, the Carmel Valley Basin is deemed to be a "high-priority" basin by DWR and therefore requiring a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP); and

WHEREAS, Establishing the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency will enable the District to prepare and implement a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Carmel Valley Basin, or in the alternative to best work with DWR and the State Water Resources Control Board to resolve groundwater and surface water issues related to the Carmel Valley Basin; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to its legislatively created mandate to manage the surface water and groundwater resources in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, adoption of this Resolution does not constitute a "project" under California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15738(b)(5) including organizational and

administrative activities of government because there would be no direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, prior to adopting a resolution of intent to establish the District as a GSA, Water Code Section 10723 requires the local agency to hold a public hearing, after publication of notice pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066, on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a GSA; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code 6066, notices of a public hearing on whether or not to adopt a resolution to establish a GSA were published on September 7, 2015 and September 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2015 this District held a public hearing regarding the adoption of a resolution to establish the District as GSA for the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer (also referred to as the Carmel Valley Basin);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District:

1. Hereby establishes the District as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer; and
2. Hereby authorizes the General Manager or his designee to provide a copy of this resolution and a Notice of Intent to the California Department of Water Resources within 30 days and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Water Code Section 10723.8(a); and
3. All the recitals in this Resolution are true and correct and the District so finds, determines, and represents.

On motion of Director _____, and second by Director _____, the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this ____ day of September, 2015 by the following votes:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the ____ day of September, 2015.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this ____ day of September, 2015.

David J. Stoldt
Secretary to the Board