

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
AN AMENDMENT TO THE)
GROUNDWATER RESOURCES)
SECTION OF THE)
CONSERVATION ELEMENT)
OF THE SANTA BARBARA)
COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)
_____)

RESOLUTION NO. 94- 527

CASE NO. 94-GP-14

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. On April 2, 1979, by Resolution No. 79-189, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara adopted the Conservation Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan.
- B. On February 13, 1984 the Board of Supervisors formally initiated an update of the Conservation Element's Water Resources chapter specifically with regard to groundwater, in partial settlement of the *Friends of Open Space* lawsuit (Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No. 145082).
- C. From February 1984 through May 1987, in consultation with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and various water purveyors throughout the County, the Resource Management Department drafted text and maps as a proposed amendment to the Conservation Element, and released a Public Draft of said text and maps in May 1987.
- D. From July 1987 through May 1989, many public workshops and hearings were held by the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to determine appropriate goals and policies "to ensure that the Conservation Element contains as comprehensive and consistent a set of groundwater policies as is possible," pursuant to the lawsuit settlement previously cited, and on May 23, 1993 the Board of Supervisors initiated a specific project for environmental review.
- E. A Program Environmental Impact Report (91-EIR-15) and subsequent Addenda were prepared to analyze the possible environmental impacts of the initiated project, as well as numerous alternative policy statements representing a wide range of options.
- F. From June to December 1993, the County Planning Commission held a workshop and public hearings in developing its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, and approved such recommendations on December 1, 1993.

- G. From January to May 1994, the Board of Supervisors held public hearings to consider the Planning Commission and staff recommendations, along with substantial public testimony, and adopted the Groundwater Resources Section as an amendment to the Conservation Element on May 24, 1994.
- H. On September 27, 1994 the Board of Supervisors agreed to consider specific amendments to the adopted Groundwater Resources Section, in connection with the partial settlement of the *Friends of Open Space* lawsuit and more recent related litigation (Santa Barbara County Superior Court, Case No.s 145082 and 202738). A public hearing to consider such amendments was scheduled for October 25, 1994.
- I. The specific changes to the Groundwater Resources Section now considered by the Board of Supervisors are within the scope of alternatives previously reviewed by the Planning Commission during their hearings in 1993, and therefore no further report from the Planning Commission is necessary pursuant to Section 65356 of the Government Code. Furthermore, the specific amendments now considered for adoption more closely follow the previous recommendations of the Planning Commission, made on December 1, 1993, than do the contents of the Groundwater Resources Section adopted on May 24, 1994. Since the previous recommendations of the Planning Commission also were endorsed and recommended for approval by the Santa Barbara Water Purveyors Agency, the substantive changes now proposed also have been "developed in coordination with" the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and "all district and city agencies which have developed, served, controlled or conserved water for any purpose" within Santa Barbara County pursuant to Section 65302.(d) of the Government Code.
- J. This Board has held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by Section 65355 of the Government Code, on the proposed amendments, at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from those in attendance.
- K. The Board of Supervisors now deems it to be in the interest of the orderly development of the County and important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the County's residents to amend the Groundwater Resources Section of the Conservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan, as fully described in the attached Exhibit 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 65356 of the Government Code, the above described changes are hereby adopted as an amendment to the Conservation Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan.

3. The Chair and the Clerk of this Board are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify all maps, documents and other materials in accordance with this Resolution to reflect the above described action by the Board.
4. Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 65357, the Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to send endorsed copies of said text and maps to the planning agency of each city within this County.

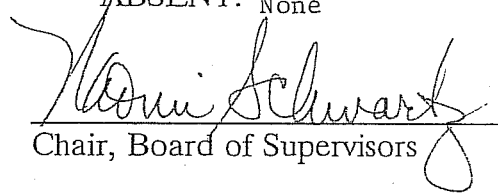
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 8th day of November 1994, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Schwartz, Rogers, Wallace,

NOES: Supervisors Staffel, Stoker

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None



Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

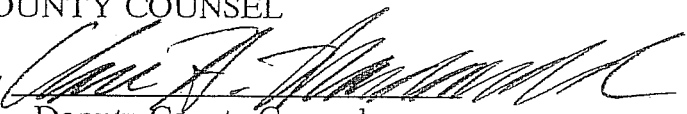
ZANDRA CHOLMONDELEY
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By 

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

STEPHEN SHANE STARK
COUNTY COUNSEL

By 

Deputy County Counsel