BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NORTHEASTERN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY GROUNDWATER BANKING AUTHORITY

RESOLUTION R-07-1

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE
EASTERN SAN JOAQUIN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the goal of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority as organized in 2001 is to develop, "...locally supported groundwater banking projects that improve water supply reliability in Northeastern San Joaquin County...and provide benefits to project participants and San Joaquin County as a whole"; and,

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority is to employ a consensus-based approach to collaboratively develop stakeholder-supported projects and programs that mitigate and prevent the impacts of long-term groundwater overdraft; and,

WHEREAS, the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority has prepared the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan pursuant to California Water Code Section 10530 *et. seq.*; and,

WHEREAS, the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority has encouraged and accepted the participation of a wide variety of agencies and interests who overly the common groundwater basin, are within the Regional Integration Area, and those who have a vested interest in regional water issues; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is to define and integrate key water resource strategies and to establish the protocols and course of action for implementation of the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Conjunctive Use Program (ICU Program), a comprehensive prioritized menu of projects and actions that fulfills the Mission of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority have held a duly and regularly noticed Public Hearing on the question of whether to approve this Resolution to Adopt the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority find that the adoption of the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) due to statutory and categorical exemptions consistent with the findings contained in the staff report regarding CEQA attached as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Directors finds that the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt from CEQA and adopts the Eastern San Joaquin Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this July 25, 2007, by the following vote of the Board of Directors of the Northeastern San Joaquin County Groundwater Banking Authority, to wit:

AYES: Vogel, Chapman, Panizza, Prima, Roberts, Steffani, Nomellini, and Ferraro

NOES:

ABSENT: Christensen and Herrick

STEVEN GUTIERREZ, Chairman
Board of Directors of the
Northeastern San Joaquin County
Groundwater Banking Authority

For ATTEST: T.R. FLINN
Secretary of the
Northeastern San Joaquin County
Groundwater Banking Authority

Attachment