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**DATE:** October 6, 2020

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

## **SUBJECT**

Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Cooperating Agreement with East Bay Municipal Utility District to Prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Bay Plain Subbasin

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to amend the Cooperating Agreement between the City of Hayward and the East Bay Municipal Utility District to jointly prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the East Bay Plain Subbasin.

## SUMMARY

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law in 2014 to provide for comprehensive and sustainable management of groundwater resources within the State. Hayward (City) and the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) are the Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) for the portions of the East Bay Plain Groundwater Subbasin that underlie their respective service areas, and as such are jointly responsible for the long-term sustainable management of the Subbasin. On June 5, Council authorized execution of a Cooperating Agreement with EBMUD, under which the parties agree to work collaboratively and share the costs to prepare a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) in accordance with SGMA. The Cooperating Agreement was amended in March 2019 to refine the scope of work and budget based on the actual consultant work plan and budget. A second amendment is recommended to incorporate additional needed tasks to improve the quality and quantity of data on which the GSP will be based, and to acquire and develop a data management system (DMS), incorporating the Basin's groundwater information, that will be accessible to the public. If approved, the additional work will increase Hayward's share of the total cost to prepare the GSP to a range of \$453,000 to \$528,000.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment I	Staff Report
Attachment II	Resolution