



# CITY OF HAYWARD

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**DATE:** November 16, 2021

**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

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council adopts the attached resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to execute a third amendment to 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 across the state. Hayward and 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, 2018, 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. Council subsequently approved two amendments to the Agreement in January 2019 and October 2020 respectively to: 1) refine the scope of work and budget; and 2) incorporate additional needed tasks to improve the quality and quantity of data and to acquire and develop a data management system to organize data and make it readily available to the public.

A third amendment is recommended to: 1) allocate responsibilities for new groundwater monitoring wells that will be drilled to better characterize the groundwater basin and improve the agencies' ability to define the hydrogeologic transition zone between the East Bay Plain Subbasin and the adjacent Niles Cole Subbasin; and 2) appoint a Plan Manager to serve as a contact with the State Department of Water Resources (DWR).

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I	Staff Report
Attachment II	Resolution