



# Resource Management Agency

## COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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**AGENDA DATE:** March 18, 2025 – REVISED

Public Hearing Required	N/A
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	N/A
Published Notice Required	N/A
Advertised Published Notice	N/A
Meet & Confer Required	N/A
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	N/A
Personnel Resolution attached	N/A
Agreement(s) attached	Yes

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Agreement No. 27912

### **REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment to Agreement No. 27912 the Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Porterville, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, and Terra Bella Irrigation District to form the East Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency; and
2. Authorize the Chair to sign the amendment.
3. Direct the Resource Management Agency to provide a copy of the signed agreement to the Clerk of the Board.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) went into effect January 1, 2015. SGMA requires that local water agencies within all medium and high-priority sub-basins form one or more Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSA) to prepare a Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP).

On December 16, 2016, your Board approved Tulare County Agreement No. 27912 a joint powers agreement (JPA) with the City of Porterville, Porterville Irrigation District, Saucelito Irrigation District, Teapot Dome Water District, Vandalia Water District, Terra Bella Irrigation District, and Kern-Tulare Water District to form the Eastern Tule Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

The Tule Subbasin has faced a number of challenges, including being put on Probationary Status by the State Water Resources Control Board in the fall of 2024. In an effort to avoid probationary penalties, several agencies chose to leave the Eastern

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Tule GSA and form standalone GSAs. As such, the JPA needs to be amended to reflect current membership. This is an amendment and restatement of the Joint Powers Agreement.

This restated agreement includes deviations from County contracting protocol that appeared in the original agreement. In addition, this amendment will be signed in counterparts and the other member agencies may sign separately or after the County has signed.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

There is no additional net county cost anticipated with this amendment.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

Organizational Performance: Partnering with other jurisdictions to address common goals improves the quality of efforts and is economically advantageous to all jurisdictions.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

**/s/ Reed Schenke**

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Reed Schenke, P.E.  
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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