BYLAWS

OF THE

TRI-VALLEY GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

UPDATED [DATE]

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PREAMBLE

These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to Section 402 of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act [Water Code Appendix, Section 128-402].

ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS

- 1.1 The name of the district is the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District. Hereinafter, the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District may be referred to as the "District".
- 1.2 The District's address is P.O. Box 936, Benton, California, 93512.
- 1.3 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE II. DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 This The District's purpose is set forth in the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District Act, chapter Chapter 128 of the California Water Code Appendix.
- 2.2 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP AND STAFFING

- 3.1 Members of the Board of Directors shall constitute the membership of the District.
- 3.2 The District may hire staff to fill any position it establishes for the general administration of the District's responsibilities. Alternatively, the County of Mono will provide staff resources so long as a member of the Board of Supervisors serves as an ex officio member of the Board of Directors of the District.
- 3.3 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 4.1 The Board of Directors of the District shall consist of seven (7) members as set forth in California Water Code Appendix section 128-401(a), including any successor or update thereto. In the event of vacancy, the Board of Directors of the District shall appoint a new member according to California Water Code Appendix section 128-401(e).
- 4.2 The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a Chairperson, Vice chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer
- 4.32. General Powers. The Board of Directors shall constitute the governing body of the District. The Chairperson shall sign all Warrants, Resolutions or other documents after approval of the Directors. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson, or in his or her absence, the Secretary, shall perform these duties. The Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the Vice-chairperson shall convene all meetings. In the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson, the Secretary shall convene the meeting.
- 4.3 A quorum of the Board of Directors of the District shall be four of the voting members of the Board, as provided in California Water Code Appendix section 128-401(b). Four affirmative votes of the Board of Directors of the District shall be required to take action.
- 4.4 The Board of Directors of the District shall annually appoint a Chairperson, Vicechairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer at or before its November meeting for the following calendar year.
- 4.5 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE V. COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

- Members of the Board of Directors of the District shall serve without compensation;
 however, members may be compensated for travel and related expenses as the Board of Directors may from time to time approve.
- 5.2 Officers of the District shall receive compensation as specified by the Board of Directors in a written agreement and/or a reimbursement policy.
- 5.3 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE VI. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- The Board of Directors of the District may appoint an advisory committee pursuant to

 California Water Code Appendix section 128-403. The advisory committee, if appointed, shall appoint annually a Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Secretary/Treasurer. The advisory committee, if appointed, shall meet as directed by the Board of Directors and/or according to a schedule set by the advisory committee.
- 6.2 The advisory board, if appointed, shall be responsible for advising the Board of Directors on matters within the District's purview, commenting on projects and/or other matters that may affect the District, holding hearings, and/or commenting on or initiating rules and regulations affecting the District.
- 6.3 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE VII. BUDGET AND FINANCES

- 7.1 [ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET]
- 7.2 [COUNTY AS FISCAL AGENT]
- 7.3 [RESERVE POLICY]
- 7.4 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE VIII. RECORDS

- 8.1 The District may adopt a records retention policy that may provide criteria and procedures for the retention and/or destruction of District records.
- 8.2 The District will maintain the original and/or copies of the Act and these Bylaws as amended to date, which will be open to inspection by the District and its Members at all reasonable times during office hours. Any Member may inspect any record of the District, including, but not limited to, the accounting books and records of the

- proceedings of the Board of Directors and any advisory committees formed by the Board of Directors of the Board, at any reasonable time during office hours. For purposes of this section, the right of inspection includes the right to copy.
- 8.3 District records shall be open to inspection by the public to the extent provided by law.
- 8.4 The District may create and host a website where District records and information may be made available to and accessed by the public.
- 8.5 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE IX. PURCHASING POLICY

- 9.1 The District may adopt a purchasing policy that complies with the requirements applicable to California special districts.
- 9.2 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

- 10.1 These Bylaws may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- 10.2 [RESERVED]

ARTICLE XI. DEFINITIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

- 11.1 Unless specifically defined in these Bylaws, all defined terms shall have the same meaning as provided in the Act. If any provision of these Bylaws conflicts with any defined term or provision of the Act, then the Act's definitions and provisions shall prevail and control, and these Bylaws shall be amended to eliminate such conflict.
- 11.2 Unless the context or reference to the Act requires otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the California Civil Code will govern the interpretation of these Bylaws.
- 11.3 [RESERVED]

