

## HERITAGE RANCH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** SGMA Committee (Cousineau, Barker)  
Scott Duffield, General Manager

**DATE:** May 17, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Request to approve the Technical Report Paso Robles Area Subbasin No. 3-004.06 Basin Boundary Modification Application, and set a Public Hearing for June 21, 2018, to consider submitting a Basin Boundary Modification to DWR pursuant to 23 California Code of Regulations Section 344.2.

#### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board of Directors:

1. Approve the Technical Report Paso Robles Area Subbasin No. 3-004.06 Basin Boundary Modification Application, and
2. Set a Public Hearing for June 21, 2018, to consider submitting a Basin Boundary Modification to DWR pursuant to 23 California Code of Regulations Section 344.2.

#### **Background**

The State Legislature signed the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) into law effective January 1, 2015.

The SGMA established a process for local agencies to request the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to revise boundaries of existing groundwater basins or subbasins. The District submitted a Basin Boundary Modification Request (BBMR) during the first opportunity in 2016; it was denied by DWR.

The Board's direction was to further develop a scientific justification for removal of District land from the Paso Basin, gather support from the Paso Robles Groundwater Basin Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) group, and submit a BBMR at the next available date.

On January 18, 2018, your Board approved a contract with GSI Water Solutions to assist with BBMR tasks, and on April 19, 2018 your Board directed staff to submit an initial notification to DWR of our intent to request a basin boundary modification.

## **Discussion**

DWR established a process for local agencies to request revisions to the boundaries of a basin via adoption of the Basin Boundary Emergency Regulations (23 CCR Section 340 et seq.), and associated BBMR application requirements. The regulations detail the required processes that a local agency must follow prior to submitting a BBMR.

A summary of the BBMR process and status is shown below.

	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>BBMR Milestone</b>
✓	April 19, 2018	Board meeting to approve preparation and submittal of an initial notification
✓	By April 29, 2018	Staff prepares and submits the initial notification of intent to DWR
	May 17, 2018	Public meeting to provide informational updates and receive public input
	June 21, 2018	Board holds a public hearing to consider formal approval by resolution to submit BBMR
	By June 30, 2018	Submit BBMR to DWR

Pursuant to the Board's direction, our consultant GSI Water Solutions Inc., prepared the Technical Report for the Paso Robles Area Basin No. 3-004.06 Basin Boundary Modification Application (Report). The Report provides a scientific basis for the proposed basin boundary modification, as required by DWR. The report and other required information must be uploaded to the DWR BBMR system by June 30, 2018.

The SGMA Committee (Cousineau, Barker) and the Manager reviewed the Report and recommend approval of the recommended action.

## **Fiscal Implications**

There are no direct fiscal implications associated with this item. The cost for the BBMR work is in the current FY 2017/18 budget.

## **Results**

Approval of the recommended action will allow the District to continue to move forward with a Basin Boundary Modification Request to potentially remove the District from the requirements of SGMA. There is no guarantee that DWR will approve our request but this proposal will vet out the process and provide the District with the best opportunity. If our request is approved by DWR and the District is removed from the requirements of SGMA, it will allow the District to concentrate on other very important priorities and initiatives.

Attachments: Technical Report Paso Robles Area Subbasin No. 3-004.06 Basin Boundary Modification Application

File: BBMR