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RESOLUTION – Supporting Southeast Asian Small Farmers – Councilmember Brandau

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

November 9, 2017

Ms. Heather Shannon  
Division of Integrated Water Management  
California Department of Water Resources  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 93236-0001  
[SGWP@water.ca.gov](mailto:SGWP@water.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT: Fresno City Council Support for ABIRC SGWM Planning Grant Application**

Dear Ms. Shannon,

On behalf of the Fresno City Council, I am pleased to offer our support for the application submitted by the Asian Business Institute Resource Center (ABIRC) for the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program. Attached you will find the resolution passed by our council during our meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The Fresno City Council is also an independent supporter of Fresno Economic Opportunity Commission's application.

ABIRC's "Southeast Asian Groundwater and Sustainability Advocacy and Outreach Program" aims to work with underserved, disadvantaged Southeast Asian small farmers, so they may better understand the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and its impact to their economic and financial future. Their program also looks to collect relevant data in order to assist and inform policy decisions. Lastly, the project aims to get participation from these Southeast Asian small farmers with the SGMA goals of groundwater basin sustainability. The Fresno City Council is confident in ABIRC's ability to achieve the outcomes and objectives outlined in the application.

We hope that you will give ABIRC's application for the Ground Water Sustainability Planning Grant Program your most favorable consideration. Should you have any questions about our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Clint Oliver  
Fresno City Council President

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ASIAN  
BUSINESS INSTITUTE RESOURCE CENTER  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER PLANNING GRANT  
PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) was signed into law in 2014, establishing a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the purpose of halting groundwater basin overdraft; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs) to be developed for medium- and high-priority groundwater basins identified within the Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 report; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County overlies five groundwater sub-basins; Kings, Madera, Delta-Mendota, Westside, and Pleasant Valley, all of which except Pleasant Valley are designated as high-priority basins and subject to a condition of critical overdraft, and that these basins must have their GSPs in place by 2020 and achieved their sustainability goals by 2040; and

WHEREAS, The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1) authorized the issuance of \$7.12 billion in general obligation bonds through the State of California to finance water quality, supply, and infrastructure improvement program. \$100 million has been made available in the Sustainable Groundwater Planning (SGWP) Grant Program through Proposition 1 for competitive grants projects that develop and implement groundwater plans and projects in accordance with groundwater planning requirements; and

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution No.

WHEREAS, the Asian Business Institute and Resource Center (ABIRC), a Fresno-based non-profit that provides assistance to Minority Business Enterprises, wishes to submit an application to the SGWP Grant Program for the purpose of creating a "Southeast Asian Groundwater and Sustainability Advocacy and Outreach Program" to reach out to Southeast Asian small farmers to educate them about the impacts of SGMA on their businesses, and to collect data for the better implementation of groundwater management policy.

WHEREAS, ABIRC has requested letters of support to accompany their application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council supports the application of the Asian Business Institute Resource Center for the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant Program.
2. The Council directs the Council President to sign and mail a letter of support (Exhibit A) and include a copy of this resolution.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Date