

**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD  
WATER DISTRICT RESCINDING THE ACTION OF GFWD RESOLUTION NO.  
2024-04 AND SUPERSEDING THE ACTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS OF  
GFWD RESOLUTIONS 2019-05 AMENDED (ERRATA CORRECTED) AND  
2019-08 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND FOR THE FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, Gravelly Ford Water District (GFWD) Board of Directors by Resolution No. 2024-03 Amended (Errata Corrected) authorized a landowner vote for a proposed Proposition “218” Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election that will collect funds for (1) Water Purchases, (2) Operations and Maintenance of District Facilities, (3) District’s local share of Grant Funded Improvement Projects and various related SGMA matters; and

**WHEREAS**, GFWD Resolution No. 2024-06 adopted July 15, 2024 certified that the 2024 Prop “218” Assessment/Prop 26 Election was approved by the Board of Directors by a majority of the Ballots cast; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWD Resolution No. 2024-03 Amended (Errata Corrected) provided that upon approval of the Prop “218” Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election by a vote of landowners within the Gravelly Ford Water District and Gravelly Ford GSA, the Prop “218” Tax Assessments/Prop 26 authorized by GFWD the Amended (Errata Corrected) Resolution No. 2019-05 and approved by Resolution No. 2019-08 will be terminated; and

**WHEREAS**, the GFWD Resolution No. 2024-04 authorized adoption of a special Benefit Assessment Rate for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2024-2025 based on the authorizations of the GFWD Amended (Errata Corrected) Resolution No. 2019-05 and Resolution No. 2019-08; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the GFWD and GFWD GSA adopted a Special Benefit Assessment Rate for expenses and various related District activities and SGMA expenses for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2024-2025 authorized by GFWD Resolution No. 2024-07 adopted July 15, 2024 ; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District that the Board and Gravelly Ford GSA does declare the actions and authorizations of the Prop "218" Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election as approved by the attached GFWD Resolution No. 2019-05 Amended (Errata Corrected) and Resolution No. 2019-08 and Resolution No. 2024-04 are hereby terminated for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and for the future; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Secretary is directed to furnish and deliver a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the Madera County Tax Collector and the Madera County Controller; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2024-08 shall be effective immediately.

The foregoing Resolution 2024-08 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of July 15, 2024 upon the motion of Director P Stewart, seconded by Director N Davis upon the following vote:

AYES: Directors P Stewart, N Davis, D Kirk, M Naito  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: S Kirk  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Seth Kirk, President

  
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Diane Kirk, Secretary



**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY** The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-08 adopted July 15, 2024.

  
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Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD  
WATER DISTRICT ESTABLISHING SPECIAL BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

**WHEREAS**, Gravelly Ford Water District (District) is required to comply with California State Groundwater Management Act for a Groundwater Sustainability Agency with a Groundwater Sustainability Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 12, 2019, the District's Board of Directors approved the adoption of Resolution 2019-05 authorizing the Engineering Firm's preparation of the Preliminary Report for a Proposition "218" Election to cover extraordinary expenses required to comply with the above referenced mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2019, the District's Board of Directors approved the adoption of Amended (Errata Corrected) Resolution 2019-05 for wording correction; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2019, the Board of Directors approved and accepted the Engineer's Report for the proposed assessments for implementation for the GSP "218" Election; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 28, 2019, the Board of Directors voted to set the 45 day Public Review Period to begin November 1, 2019, and to have two neutral parties count the ballots for the "218" Election; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2019, the Board of Directors approved the adoption of Resolution 2019-08 certifying the voting results approving the Proposition "218" Election; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors wishes to adopt a rate in accordance with the approved Engineer's Report Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2024-2025 as shown on Exhibit A;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District that the Board does hereby authorize the adoption of a Special Benefit Assessment Rate for expenses for various related SGMA related matters for the Fiscal Property Tax Year 2024-2025 in amount of \$29.52 per acre and;

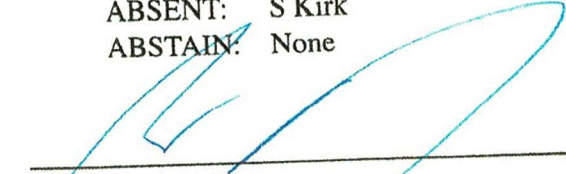
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Rates to be levied on parcels subject to the Special Benefit Assessment for Fiscal Property Tax Year 2024-2025 shall conform to the requirements of AB 2476 and;


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Secretary is directed to furnish and deliver a Certified Copy of this Resolution to the Madera County Tax Collector and the Madera County Controller so the Special Benefit Assessment shall be collected with the County of Madera Equalized Assessment Roll and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2024-04 shall be effective immediately.


The foregoing Resolution 2024-04 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of June 17, 2024 upon the motion of Director N Davis, seconded by Director M Naito upon the following vote:

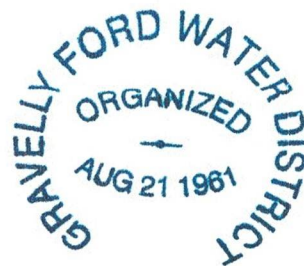
AYES: Directors N Davis, D Kirk, M Naito, P Stewart  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: S Kirk  
ABSTAIN: None

  
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Seth Kirk, President

  
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Diane Kirk, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY** The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-04 adopted June 17, 2024.

  
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Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



# EXHIBIT A

Final Draft

Executive Summary

## Assessment Rate Projections

Table A  
Initial Proposed Rate for GFWDGSA

Assessment Rate Table	FY '20	FY '21 <sup>1</sup>	FY '22 <sup>1</sup>	FY '23 <sup>1</sup>	FY '24 <sup>1</sup>
Total Annual GSA Charge per Acre	\$26.74	\$27.41	\$28.09	\$28.80	\$29.52
Total Revenue	\$232,780	\$238,600	\$244,565	\$250,679	\$256,946

<sup>1</sup>- Assumed Inflation rate of 2.5% annually starting from FY '20

Table B  
Subsequent Proposed Rate for GFWDGSA

Assessment Rate Table	FY '25 <sup>1</sup>	FY '26 <sup>1</sup>	FY '27 <sup>1</sup>	FY '28 <sup>1</sup>	FY '29 <sup>1</sup>
Total Annual GSA Charge per Acre	\$4.16	\$4.26	\$4.37	\$4.48	\$4.59
Total Revenue	\$36,197	\$37,102	\$38,029	\$38,980	\$39,954

<sup>1</sup>- Assumed Inflation rate of 2.5% annually starting from FY '20



**AMENDED (ERRATA CORRECTED)  
GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD WATER  
DISTRICT AUTHORIZING ENGINEERING FIRM'S PREPARATION OF  
PRELIMINARY REPORT FOR A PROP "218" ELECTION**

**WHEREAS**, Gravelly Ford Water District is required to comply with California State Sustainability Groundwater Management Act for a Groundwater Sustainable Agency with a Groundwater Sustainable Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of such GSA/GSP process requires extraordinary expenses initially and each year to be expended by the District for further expert reports, administration, data collection, and report filing in Sacramento about water use, ground water elevations, ground subsidence elevations, and participation in the Madera Ground Water Subbasin Cooperative Agreement (with Madera County, City of Madera, New Stone Water District, Root Creek Water District, Madera Irrigation District and Madera Water District ) and other Sustainability Act cost items; and

**WHEREAS**, it is proposed to attain the funds to cover these costs by assessing lands within the District on a "per acre" basis, based on benefits received; and

**WHEREAS**, California Proposition "218" requires that such assessments be approved by a vote of landowners within the Gravelly Ford Water District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Proposition"218" Tax Assessment process/Prop 26 Election process requires the preparation of a Preliminary Engineer's Report that establishes the benefits and costs associated to each parcel within the District;

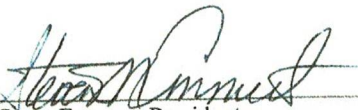
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District that the Board does hereby authorize engineers Quad Knopf Inc. (dba QK) to prepare the Preliminary Engineer's Report and other matters so as to effect a Prop 218 Tax Assessment/Prop 26 Election that will collect funds to cover initial and annual expenses for various SGMA related matters for the District;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the maximum assessment per acre be initially established at a maximum of \$30 per acre per year (with the exact amount each year to be set by the board) to reflect budget amounts needed or anticipated. Any proposed cost increases after maintaining the \$30 per acre cap for at least 5 years, would require an additional election process.

Resolution 2019-05 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at their meeting of August 12, 2019.

The Amended (Errata Correction) Resolution No 2019-05 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of October 21, 2019 upon motion of Director P Stewart and seconded by Director D Kirk upon the following vote:

AYES: Directors D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: K Basila, S Emmert  
ABSTAIN: None

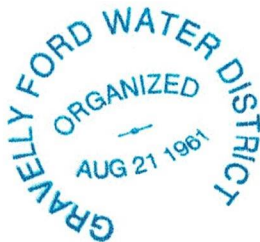
  
Steve Emmert, President

  
Kenneth Basila, Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-05 Amended (Errata Corrected) adopted October 21, 2019.

  
Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary



**GRAVELLY FORD WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GRAVELLY FORD WATER  
DISTRICT PROP "218" TAX ASSESSMENT / PROP 26 ELECTION PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, the Gravelly Ford Water District (GFWD) Board of Directors authorized by Resolution No. 2019-05 a landowner vote for a proposed Proposition "218" Tax Assessment / Prop 26 Election that will collect funds to cover initial and annual expenses for various SGMA related matters for the District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots provided votes on a "per acre" basis for benefits received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots for each parcel of land within GFWD were sent by registered mail to all landowners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ballots for the Election had to be returned to the District on or before December 16, 2019 either by mailing to the District Office or by submittal at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on December 16, 2019 at the O'Neill Agri-Management Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the District scheduled a Public Hearing for the District's proposed Proposition "218" Tax Assessment / Prop 26 Election to receive Public Testimony, to receive the mailed Ballots, to accept any additional Ballots, and to count and certify the Ballots received; and

**WHEREAS**, President Steve Emmert opened the Public Hearing for the Proposition "218" Assessment at 1:40 PM; and

**WHEREAS**, there were no landowners or landowner representatives in the audience, and no one from the public spoke for or against the Proposal; and President Steve Emmert called for any additional Ballots and none were presented; and

**WHEREAS**, GFWD received a letter from Madera Irrigation District's attorney stating MID's position on why they would be exempt from any assessment. That letter provided an opinion that would allow their vote to go from "No" to "Yes". No action was taken on MID's letter; and

**WHEREAS**, President Steve Emmert declared the Public Hearing closed at 1:50 PM; and

**WHEREAS**, the "218" Election Ballots received by the District were given to designated "Neutral Observers" (Michael Naito and Roy Catania) for an Official Ballot Count ; and



**WHEREAS**, the Ballot Count was completed with the following results for the 8314.47 total votes being noted:

YES	NO	NOT VOTING (received or not returned)
4,937.84	1,092.89	2,283.74
59.39%	13.14%	27.47%

**WHEREAS**, for Proposition "218" Assessment / Prop26 Election to be defeated, 50% of the Ballots plus one would have to be "No"; and

**WHEREAS**, a majority of Ballots contained a "Yes" vote; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the Proposition "218" Assessment Election was approved by a majority of the Ballots cast; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the Proposition "218" Ballot Process / Prop 26 Election be implemented immediately; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the General Manager be directed to notify all landowners and grower representatives by letter as well as everyone on the District's correspondence email list of the Ballot results; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the General Manager be directed to save and store the Ballots in a secure location for a period of three years; and

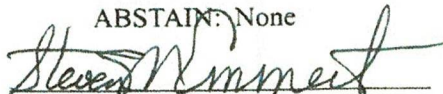
The foregoing Resolution 2019-08 was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Gravelly Ford Water District at the meeting of December 16, 2019 upon the motion of Director K Basila and second by Director P Stewart upon the following vote:


AYES: Directors D Kirk, P Stewart, S Kirk, K Basila, S Emmert

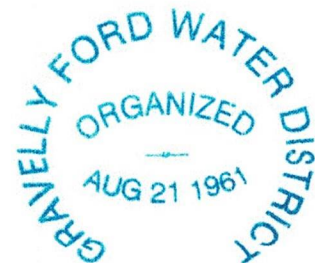
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
Steve Emmert, President

  
Kenneth Basila, Secretary



**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

The undersigned Deputy Secretary of the Board of the Gravelly Ford Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2019-08 adopted December 16, 2019.



Don Roberts, Deputy Secretary

