RESOLUTION NO. ______

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA MONICA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

WHEREAS, the California legislature enacted the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) on September 16, 2014 intending to enhance local, sustainable management of groundwater resources; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes public entities with water supply, water management, and/or land use responsibilities within a groundwater basin to form a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SGA”) in order to implement SGMA within that particular basin; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Beverly Hills, Los Angeles (through its Department of Water & Power) and Culver City and the County of Los Angeles (“the Public Entities”) have such responsibilities within the Santa Monica Basin, a groundwater basin identified as Basin Number 4.11.01 in California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 118 (“the Basin” hereinafter); and

WHEREAS, the Public Entities wish to collectively manage the Basin and intend to work cooperatively to develop and implement a single Groundwater Sustainability Plan for the Basin in order to cost-effectively manage the Basin as a sustainable resource pursuant to SGMA in accordance with that document entitled “MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE FORMATION OF THE SANTA MONICA BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY” (“the MOU”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Beverly Hills does resolve as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby approves the MOU, authorizes its execution and directs the City Staff to implement its provisions.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and shall cause this resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the City Council of this City.

ADOPTED:

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LILLI BOSSE
Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills
ATTEST:

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BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

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LAURENCE S. WIENER       MAHDI ALUZRI
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