RESOLUTION 17-1

Creating a National Study Group to Focus on Regulatory, Scientific, and Technological Challenges concerning the Beneficial Use of Produced Water from Oil and Gas Production

1. WHEREAS, the Ground Water Protection Council is a unique organization representing members from state oil and gas, underground injection control, drinking water, and water quality agencies; and

2. WHEREAS, produced (formation) water from oil and gas activities represents a significant quantity of water that presents opportunities for potential future beneficial use and for conservation of fresh water resources; and

3. WHEREAS, there currently exist many questions and challenges surrounding this potential future practice including regulatory, scientific, technological, environmental, health, and others; and

4. WHEREAS, there is a need nationally for overarching direction on the necessary research to make practical and environmentally responsible use of produced water a reality; and

5. WHEREAS, the GWPC organization is a stakeholder focused group that has long-standing relationships with many of the key stakeholders focused on potential produced water use; and

6. WHEREAS, the GWPC intends to build on existing expertise and experience through past research and stakeholder dialogue to create an initial assessment articulating key challenges and scientific research requirements necessary to inform and define a path forward for produced water beneficial use;

7. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ground Water Protection Council hereby creates a National Produced Water Beneficial Use Study Group that may consist of stakeholders from state and federal agencies, national and interstate associations, national labs, industry groups, potential water use sectors, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders; and

8. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the GWPC charges the study group to work collaboratively to refine the GWPC’s initial assessment and develop a report articulating the key challenges and scientific research requirements necessary to inform and define a path forward for produced water beneficial use.

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