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January 22, 2021

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LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO
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Governor of Guam

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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA‘HÅGAN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 405-35 (COR), “AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION AREA ON SELECT GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PROPERTIES WHICH OVERLAY A PORTION OF THE NORTHERN GUAM LENS AQUIFER WHEREIN REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SHALL OCCUR,” was on the 23rd of December 2020, duly and regularly passed.

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Speaker

Attested:

Amanda L. Shelton
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by I Maga‘hågan Guåhan this 23rd day of Dec., 2020, at 2:38 o’clock P.M.

Assistant Staff Officer
Maga‘håga’s Office

APPROVED:

Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga‘hågan Guåhan

Date: 1/22/2021

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Bill No. 405-35 (COR)
As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Liheslaturan Guåhan finds that in order to provide a more robust protection for the island’s limited groundwater resources, it may be advantageous to create a Groundwater Conservation Area
(GCA) on those lands owned by the government of Guam which overlay those areas
of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer (NGLA) containing the healthiest and most
valuable groundwater.

I Lihesluran Guåhan further finds that other jurisdictions have employed a
range of options to better protect their groundwater resources, including the option
of creating a GCA on lands which overlay their aquifers. In sum, the working theory
is that regulating development on those lands which overlay the healthiest and most
valuable portions of an aquifer may be one of the most effective ways to prevent
contamination by surface pollutants.

It is, therefore, the intent of I Liheslatura to create a task force charged with
exploring the feasibility of creating a GCA on select government properties which
overlay a portion of the NGLA.

Section 2. Groundwater Conservation Area Task Force.
(a) The Lieutenant Governor of Guam shall appoint a Groundwater
Conservation Area Task Force consisting of:

(1) the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection
Agency, or her/his designee;

(2) the General Manager of the Guam Waterworks Authority, or
her/his designee;

(3) the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Plans, or her/his
designee;

(4) the Director of the Department of Agriculture, or her/his
designee;

(5) the Director of the Department of Land Management, or her/his
designee;

(6) the Director of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission, or her/his
designee;
(7) the Executive Director of the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission, or her/his designee;

(8) the President of the University of Guam (UOG), or her/his designee;

(9) the Director of UOG’s Water Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific, or her/his designee;

(10) the State Historic Preservation Officer;

(11) the Legislative Committee Chairperson with jurisdiction over environmental matters, or her/his designee; and

(12) the President of the Guam Association of Realtors, or her/his designee.

(b) The Task Force shall be under the direction of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as its Chairperson.

(c) The Lieutenant Governor may extend participation in the Task Force to any member of the Northern Guam Lens Aquifer Technical Advisory Group to assist in the exploration of the feasibility of creating a GCA on government lands which overlay a portion of the NGLA.

(d) The Task Force shall produce a feasibility study in the form of a written report that includes, at a minimum, an assessment of the following:

(1) which zone, area, or portion of the NGLA is most in need of, or could most benefit from, protection from surface pollutants—and why;

(2) are any of the properties which overlay the above-identified zones, areas, or portions of the NGLA owned by an agency or instrumentality of the government of Guam, excluding the Chamorro Land Trust Commission—and if so, which ones;

(3) to what type of use, if any, are the above-identified properties being put by the respective agency or instrumentality;
(4) what types of land use restrictions, if any, would be most or least appropriate for the GCA—and why;

(5) what government agencies or programs, if any, may benefit from being granted access to the above-identified zones, areas, or portions of the NGLA—and why; and

(6) other factors that the Task Force deems reasonably appropriate to consider in its discretion.

(e) The Task Force shall submit the report identified in Subsection (d) of this Section to the Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan within six (6) months of the enactment of this Act.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Act shall be effective upon enactment.