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4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution of The Board of Directors of Sonoma County Water Agency, acting on behalf of the Sanitation Zones and Districts; and the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma Delegating Authority to the Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager and the Director of Sonoma Public Infrastructure to Execute Specified Agreements to Provide Reimbursement for Mutually Beneficial Capital and Operations Projects

Whereas, Sonoma County Water Agency (“SONOMA WATER”) owns, operates, and manages the Airport/Larkfield/Wikiup, Geyserville, Penngrove, and Sea Ranch Sanitation Zones (“ZONES”); and

Whereas, SONOMA WATER manages and operates the Sonoma Valley, South Park, Occidental, and Russian River County Sanitation Districts (“DISTRICTS”) under agreement between Sonoma Water and the DISTRICTS; and

Whereas, SONOMA WATER owns, manages, and operates a water transmission system delivering water to over 600,000 residents in Sonoma and Marin Counties; and

Whereas, SONOMA WATER enabling legislation formed nine geographical flood zones, each encompassing a major watershed as a means of financing the construction and maintenance of flood protection works; and

Whereas, Sonoma County (“COUNTY”) includes Sonoma Public Infrastructure; and

Whereas, SONOMA WATER and COUNTY are seeking to update existing delegated authorities for funding agreements as an efficiency and cost-saving measure; and

Whereas, it is the desire of the Board of Directors of the ZONES, DISTRICTS, SONOMA WATER, and the Board of Supervisors (collectively "BOARDS") to promote efficient and effective use of public resources with respect to the delivery of capital and operations projects; and

Whereas, the BOARDS are responsible for approving the annual operating and capital budgets for the ZONES, DISTRICTS, SONOMA WATER, and COUNTY; and

Whereas, the execution of project specific reimbursement agreements is necessary for carrying out the programs, services, and operations authorized in the BOARDS' approved budgets, and promoting the efficient and effective use of public resources with respect to the delivery of capital and operations projects; and

Whereas, ZONES, DISTRICTS, SONOMA WATER, and COUNTY are requesting delegated authority for the Sonoma Water General Manager and the Director of Sonoma Public Infrastructure to execute reimbursement agreements, in a form approved by County Counsel, including modifications to indemnification language, without separate action by the BOARDS, provided that the aggregate reimbursement amounts are within the BOARDS' approved annual budgets; and

Whereas, the requested delegated authority is for a fiscal arrangement and is not a project subject to CEQA as defined in State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4). The delegated authority does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. Projects identified to be potentially reimbursed under reimbursement agreements will be subject to future environmental review pursuant to CEQA as described in the agreement conditions.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the BOARDS hereby find, declare, and determine and order as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. The Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager and the Director of Sonoma Public Infrastructure are delegated the authority to execute reimbursement agreements, in a form approved by County Counsel, including modifications to indemnification language, without separate action by the BOARDS, provided that the aggregate reimbursement amounts are within the BOARDS' approved annual budgets and the project is subject to future environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. The agreement amount shall be within the limits and purposes established in the BOARDS' approved annual budgets.

4. Any contract that would exceed the approved budget, or that would require a budget amendment, shall require separate approval by the BOARDS.
5. The Sonoma County Water Agency General Manager and Director of Sonoma Public Infrastructure, shall periodically report to the BOARDS on agreements executed under this authority, in a format and frequency determined by the BOARDS.

Sonoma County Water Agency Directors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Directors:

Wellander: Coursey: Hermosillo

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Hermosillo:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.