
Date: July 8, 2025

Item Number: _____

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☐ 2/3 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency, Occidental County Sanitation District, Russian River County Sanitation District, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, And The South Park County Sanitation District, Delegating Authority To The General Manager To Negotiate And Execute, License Agreements And Non-Permanent Easements With Property Owners For Temporary Entry And Use Of Property In Support Of Infrastructure And Project Needs (Majority)

Whereas, Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) manages and operates the Sanitation Districts under agreement between Sonoma Water and the Districts; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water and its Districts are seeking to consolidate, clarify, and update existing delegated authorities for license agreements as an efficiency and cost-saving measure; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water and Districts have a regular need to enter into agreements with property owners for project needs and infrastructure repairs, including, but not limited to: preliminary design site surveys, geotechnical investigations, environmental studies, access routes, construction staging, material stockpiling, or to make repairs or updates to existing facilities or previously constructed project improvements, and other related activities as they arise; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water and its Districts are requesting delegated authority to negotiate and execute, and to authorize payment of compensation for license and non-permanent easement agreements with property owners, in a form approved by County Counsel, including modifications to indemnification language, with compensation up to \$25,000, provided that the use is subject to a future CEQA review pursuant to Section 15004 (b)(2)(A), that states that agencies “may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency’s future use of the site on CEQA compliance.” Further development of the property would be subject to future environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency and Districts hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. This Board hereby authorizes Sonoma Water's General Manager to negotiate and execute license agreements and non-permanent easements with property owners for temporary entry and use of property in support of infrastructure and project needs for Sonoma Water and its associated Sanitation Districts (South Park, Sonoma Valley, Russian River, and Occidental County Sanitation Districts) (Districts), including modifications to indemnification language, in a form approved by County Counsel, and to authorize payment for temporary rights when compensation has been determined to be \$25,000 or less, provided that the use is subject to future California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Section 15004 (b)(2)(A).
3. The Board hereby authorizes the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Department to pay warrants for Agreements not to exceed \$25,000.

Directors: Sonoma County Water Agency

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

Directors: Occidental County Sanitation District

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

Directors: Russian River County Sanitation District

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Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

Directors: South Park County Sanitation District

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.

Directors: Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District

Hermosillo:

Rivas:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.