
Date: November 7, 2023

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4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency Ratifying and Approving The General Manager Of The Sonoma County Water Agency's Filing Of A Grant Application For The Eel River At Cape Horn Dam Fish Passage Improvement Planning And Design Project, Made To The United States Department Of The Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Water Resources and Planning Office To Obtain A 2023 WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects Grant Pursuant To Presidential Executive Order (EO) 14008; And Authorizing Sonoma County Water Agency's General Manager Or Designee To Execute A Grant Agreement With The US Department Of The Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, And any Amendments Thereto; And Take All Actions Necessary To Carry Out The Project And Implement The Grant Agreement.

Whereas, the United States Department of the Interior offers financial assistance in the form of grant funding through its Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) for this type of project. The WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects program provides grant funding up to a maximum of \$2,000,000, with the condition that federal grant funds are not to exceed 65% of total project costs; and

Whereas, Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) desires to apply for said grant funds for the Eel River at Cape Horn Dam Fish Passage Improvement Planning and Design project; and

Whereas, said procedures and criteria established by the United States Bureau of Reclamation require a resolution certifying the approval of application submission by Sonoma Water's governing body and commitment to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the application funding plan; and

Whereas, the application contains assurances with which Sonoma Water must comply; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water, if selected, will work with the Bureau of Reclamation to meet established deadlines for entering into an agreement with United States Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Eel River at Cape Horn Dam Fish Passage Improvement Planning and Design

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project.

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

1. The General Manager of Sonoma Water's filing of a grant application for the Eel River at Cape Horn Dam Fish Passage Improvement Planning and Design project under the 2023 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects grant program is hereby ratified and authorized, and
2. The General Manager of Sonoma Water, or designee, is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation; and
3. The General Manager of Sonoma Water, or designee, is hereby authorized to manage the Agreement, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned Project, and delegate authority to others to provide management and support services required for performance of the work and administration of the Agreement.

Directors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.