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**Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency, County of Sonoma, State of California, Ratifying and Approving the Signing and Filing of Grant Applications to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) for the Lake Mendocino Mussel Infestation Prevention Program and Taking Related Actions**

**Whereas**, prior to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways' (DBW) approval of an executed Grant Agreement, the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency is required to pass a resolution, authorizing a designated representative(s) to execute said Application, Grant Agreement, amendments, and certifications, designating a representative to approve claims for reimbursement, designating a representative to sign the Reimbursement Claim Form and Quarterly Progress Reports, designating a representative to sign Project Completion Certification, and designating a representative to sign the Contractor's Release Form (as applicable); and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Water Agency has the legal authority to manage or conduct the following activities at Lake Mendocino: manage the water supply storage pool at Lake Mendocino; and Sonoma County Water Agency will provide documentation of such legal authority to DBW upon grant application from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to post signage, prepare Prevention Plan documentation, monitor for water chemistry and quagga and zebra mussels, conduct and monitor boater inspections and decontamination activities, and conduct public outreach, and apply to DBW for a grant up to the amount of \$400,000 for the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Water Agency desires to develop or implement a plan for the prevention of an infestation of the quagga and zebra mussel for Lake Mendocino; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County Water Agency pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Program, application is hereby made to DBW for funding.

**Whereas,** Sonoma County Water Agency's General Manager has determined that the project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15309, Inspections, because the activities are limited to watercraft quagga and zebra mussel inspections, inspection training, and education and outreach activities that help prevent potential for infestation at Lake Mendocino. The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, have a cumulatively considerable effect, or cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly and would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic resource or tribal cultural resource.

**Whereas,** Sonoma County Water Agency has prepared a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA guidelines, and Sonoma Water's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the General Manager or authorized designee of said Sonoma County Water Agency hereby finds, determines, certifies, and declares as follows and is authorized and directed to do the following acts, including but not limited to:

1. The above recitals are true and correct; and
2. This Board determines that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15309;
3. Cause the necessary data to be prepared and application to be signed and filed with DBW; and
4. Sign the DBW Quagga and Zebra Mussel Infestation Prevention Grant Agreement and any amendments thereto; and
5. Approve Claims for Reimbursement; and
6. Execute the Budget and Expenditure Summary; and
7. Sign the Contractor's Release Form; as applicable; and
8. Certify that the project is complete, and ready for final inspection, as applicable.

**Directors:**

Gorin:                      Rabbitt:                      Coursey:                      Hopkins:                      Gore:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**