
Date: April 22, 2025

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Board of Directors of the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Delegating Authority to the General Manager to Negotiate and Execute Easement or Other Agreements for Access to Property, Facilities, or Infrastructure Managed by the Sonoma County Water Agency (Including Airport-Larkfield-Wikiup, Geyserville, Penngrove, and Sea Ranch Sanitation Zones) and the Sonoma Valley, South Park, Russian River, and Occidental County Sanitation Districts, for the Purpose of Maintaining Sonoma Water or Sanitation District-Owned Property and Compensating Property Owners

Whereas, Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) owns and operates groundwater wells, underground water transmission pipelines and appurtenances, sanitation facilities, and flood control properties, along with other properties, and often requires access to its properties and facilities across the property of another.

Whereas, as an efficiency measure and to help avoid the delay of projects, Sonoma Water is requesting delegated authority for the General Manager to negotiate and execute easement agreements to access its property and facilities.

Whereas, delegating this authority would significantly reduce Sonoma Water's and Districts' costs and thereby benefit Sonoma Water's water contractors and ratepayers as the administrative cost of obtaining each authorization and approval from the Board of Directors is approximately \$10,000 to process.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved; The Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District hereby resolve as follows:

Delegating authority to the General Manager to negotiate and execute agreements, in a form approved by County Counsel, and pay compensation to property owners when necessary for Sonoma Water and Sanitation District to access property, facilities, or infrastructure in amounts not to exceed the fair market value identified by appraisal or waiver valuation, unless a settlement amount is justified by the particular circumstances as determined by the General Manager in consultation by County Counsel, not to exceed \$50,000 per acquisition. (All Districts).

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The Boards hereby authorize the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector Department to pay warrants for Agreements.

Sonoma County Water Agency Directors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.

Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District Directors:

Hermosillo: Rivas Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.