
Date: May 13, 2025

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☒ 4/5 Vote Required

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY DETERMINING THAT THE GRANTING OF EASEMENT AGREEMENT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SONOMA WATER AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, ADOPTING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT ACROSS SONOMA WATER PROPERTY TO THE CITY OF PETALUMA FOR PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A PRIMARY INFLUENT PUMP STATION PARALLEL FORCE MAIN AND MULTI USE PATHWAY (PROJECT) AND ANY OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTIONS, IN A FORM APPROVED BY COUNTY COUNSEL. (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

Whereas, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) owns certain real property located along McDowell Creek; and

Whereas, the City of Petaluma (City) has requested an easement for the Primary Influent Pump Station Force Main Project (Project); and

Whereas, the City has requested that Sonoma Water grant an easement on a portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 005-060-093 to construct and maintain improvements within the requested easement from Sonoma Water; and

Whereas, Pursuant to Section 65402 of the California Government Code, the proposed

easements have been submitted to the planning agency within whose jurisdiction the proposed easements are situated for General Plan conformance; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water staff has reviewed City's proposed project plans and determined that the Grant of Easement for the project will not adversely affect Sonoma Water; and

Whereas, the City as Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that disclosed the potential environmental impacts and measures to mitigate adverse effects of the Project; and

Whereas, the Petaluma City Council approved the IS/MND for the Primary Influent Pump Station Force main Project, adopted findings, and adopted a Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Plan on February 24, 2025, and filed a Notice of Determination in accordance with CEQA, on February 26, 2025; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water, as a responsible agency, must make certain findings prior to granting the easement for the projects; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water has reviewed the easement to the City for the Project, and the General Manager has determined that the grant of easement will not adversely affect Sonoma Water; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water, as a responsible agency, has prepared a Notice of Determination for granting of the easement to the City for the project in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and Sonoma Water's Compliance Procedures for CEQA.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Sonoma Water concurs with each of the findings concerning environmental impacts and mitigation measures in the "Primary Influent Pump Station Force

Main Project IS/MND, Resolution No. 2025-018 N.C.S. Exhibit A” and City’s CEQA Initial Study Checklist described in Exhibit B of City’s IS/MND. These documents were prepared by the City and are attached as “Exhibit X” to this Resolution, and those findings are incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

3. Finds that there are no further additional feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures within Sonoma Water’s jurisdiction that would substantially lessen or avoid any significant effect the Primary Influent Pump Station Force Main Project would have on the environment.
4. The Board hereby finds and determines that the grant of easement to the City will not adversely affect Sonoma Water.
5. The Board authorizes the General Manager to execute the Easement Agreement with the City of Petaluma, and any other related documents necessary to complete the transactions, in a form approved by County Counsel.

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Directors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.