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**Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency, State Of California, Authorizing The General Manager Of The Sonoma County Water Agency, Or His designee, To Sign And File An Application With The United States Bureau Of Reclamation's Water Infrastructure Improvements Nation Act (WIIN) For Funding The North Bay Water Reuse Program Construction Activities; Execute A Cooperative Agreement With The United States Bureau Of Reclamation; And To Take All Actions Necessary To Implement The Cooperative Agreement.**

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) wishes to promote and expand the beneficial use of recycled water in the North San Pablo Bay Region thereby promoting the conservation of limited surface and groundwater resources; and

**Whereas,** Sonoma Water, Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, Napa Sanitation District, Novato Sanitary District, County of Napa, North Marin Water District, City of American Canyon, City of Petaluma, Marin Municipal Water District, County of Marin and Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District, collectively known as the North Bay Water Reuse Authority (NBWRA), signed a Memorandum of Understanding to assess and implement regional water recycling opportunities to offset potable water; and

**Whereas,** the Memorandum of Understanding designates Sonoma Water as the administrative agency for purposes of carrying out the administrative tasks of the NBWRA; and

**Whereas,** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) released a new funding opportunity for Title XVI water recycling projects under the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (P.L. 114-322). The WaterSMART Title XVI program funds up to a maximum of \$30,000,000, with the condition that federal grant funds are not to exceed 75% of total project costs. The WIIN Act was enacted in December 2016, to address water resources infrastructure that is critical to the nation's economic growth, health and competitiveness; and

**Whereas,** the NBWRA conducted a study to assess the feasibility of implementing its Phase II regional water recycling construction projects; and

**Whereas,** NBWRA Title XVI Feasibility Study that has been reviewed by Reclamation, found to meet all the requirements of Reclamation; and

**Whereas,** Reclamation has established procedures and criteria necessary to administer the program; and

**Whereas,** said procedures and criteria established by Reclamation require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the Applicant's governing body before submission of said application to Reclamation; and

**Whereas,** the NBWRA Board of Directors, at its January 27, 2014 meeting approved of Sonoma Water submitting applications on behalf of the NBWRA.

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

1. The General Manager of Sonoma Water, or his designee, is hereby authorized to sign and file an application with Reclamation for funding construction projects for the North Bay Water Reuse Program, under the Bureau's Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program.
2. The General Manager of Sonoma Water, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute a cooperative agreement with Reclamation.
3. The General Manager of Sonoma Water, or his designee, is hereby authorized take all actions necessary to implement the grant agreement.

**Directors:**

Gorin:                      Rabbitt:                      Coursey:                      Hopkins:                      Gore:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**