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## Resolution Of The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency, State Of California, Honoring And Commending James (Jay) Jasperse On His Exemplary Career With The County Of Sonoma And The Sonoma County Water Agency

Whereas, Jay Jasperse joined the Sonoma County Water Agency on May 11, 1998, became a Principal Engineer of the Water Resource Planning Division in July 25, 2000, became the Deputy Chief Engineer in March 19, 2002, became the Chief Engineer on March 9, 2010, became the Chief Engineer and Director of Groundwater Management on October 21, 2014, thereby serving the region for over 24 years; and

**Whereas**, in his role as Deputy Chief Engineer helped ensure that Sonoma County Water Agency's largest caisson, Collector 6 was constructed; and

Whereas, in his role as Chief Engineer, led important planning initiatives for Sonoma County Water Agency's Water Supply and Transmission System, including prior and current Water Supply Strategies Action Plans; and

Whereas, in his role as Chief Engineer advanced efforts to create Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations for Lake Mendocino to preserve critical water supply; and

Whereas, in his role as Chief Engineer led efforts to create Advanced Quantification Precipitation Information System to increase the accuracy of rainfall estimates; and

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Whereas, in his role as Chief Engineer and Director of Groundwater Management led the

formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies in the Santa Rosa Plain, Sonoma Valley and

Petaluma Valley basins; and

Whereas, in his role as Chief Engineer led collaborative partnerships with the United

States Geologic Survey and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to better understand

groundwater characteristics in several groundwater basins and riverbank filtration; and

Whereas, Jay informed the Sonoma County Water Agency of his intent to retire effective

July 11, 2022; and

Whereas, the Sonoma County Water Agency has greatly valued his tenure and service

over the last 24 years; and

Whereas, Jay's knowledge and leadership will be missed by his friends and colleagues at

the Sonoma County Water Agency and by the many organizations Sonoma County Water Agency

with which he collaborates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, James Gore, Sonoma County Water Agency Chair,

on behalf of the entire Sonoma County Water Agency Board of Directors, hereby express

appreciation to Jay Jasperse for his service, commitment, knowledge and guidance; and

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Water Agency wishes Jay the best of luck

in his new adventure and many happy years of retirement.

James Gore, Chair Sonoma County Water Agency

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