
Date: April 14, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Concurrent Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, And The Board Of Directors Of The Sonoma County Water Agency Adopting The 2020 Updated North Coast Resource Partnership Plan,

Whereas, in the past 18 years, the California electorate approved three general obligation bonds including Propositions 50, 84, 1E and 1 that have provided more than \$21.2 billion for water-related projects in California for projects that are included in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plans; and

Whereas, the development of a regional coalition, entitled the North Coast Resource Partnership (NCRP) to organize and promote local and regional projects for funding has proven to be effective in obtaining funding from these bond measures directing more than \$71 million to water related projects located in the North Coast Region over the past 15 years; and

Whereas, a concerted effort by NCRP participants and interested stakeholders has resulted in the completion of Phase I, II and III of the North Coast IRWM Plan that have been adopted by partner Tribes and seven counties in 2005, 2007, 2014; and

Whereas, the NCRP IRWM Plan has identified \$435 million in funding needs for capital projects that will improve water supply reliability, protect and improve water quality, increase water use efficiency and reuse, and protect and restore threatened and endangered aquatic species; and

Whereas, local and regional water suppliers across California face significant financial

challenges due to efforts to replace aging water infrastructure, meet increasingly difficult regulatory compliance standards, adapt to climate change, and increase water reuse and improve groundwater management; and

Whereas, projects to implement water self-reliance and climate change efforts throughout the North Coast Region are eligible for grant funding from the Proposition 1 IRWM Program; and

Whereas, projects that complement the NCRP Plan have been reviewed and ranked by the North Coast Technical Peer Review Committee and approved by the North Coast Policy Review Panel; and

Whereas, a series of meetings and review opportunities were held on the Draft 2020 Plan to provide stakeholders, including local governments, tribes, watershed groups and interested members of the public, an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations. The final 2020 Plan incorporates all comments from the North Coast Resource Partnership Policy Review Panel, Technical Peer Review Committee, California Department of Water Resources and the public; and

Whereas, the Draft 2020 Plan was posted on the internet and made available for public comment; and

Whereas, the adoption of the 2020 Plan does not entail a direct commitment of resources for implementation of any project, as these commitments will be the responsibility of the particular project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is not joint commitment or responsibility by the 2020 Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

Whereas, the 2020 Plan is meant to be a complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and this Board's Adoption of the 2020 Plan does not prohibit or affect in any way a participating agency's planning efforts separate from the North Coast Resource Partnership Plan.

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma and the Board of Directors of Sonoma Water declare its intent to adopt and implement Phase IV of the NCRP Plan, April 14, 2020; and

Whereas, all persons desiring to be heard and provide comment at the NCRP Policy Review Panel meetings and via the North Coast Resource Partnership website were given the opportunity to present their views and all written communications regarding the plan were publically presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of County of Sonoma and the Board of Directors of Sonoma Water hereby find, determine and declare as follows:

1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.
2. Phase IV of the North Coast Resource Partnership Plan 2020 is adopted.

Supervisors/Directors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.