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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT; DETERMINING THAT ADOPTION OF THE 2019 BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (2019 UPDATE) WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT; AND ADOPTING THE 2019 UPDATE.**

**Whereas,** the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is a nine-county effort to coordinate and improve water supply reliability, protect water quality, manage flood protection, maintain public health standards, protect habitat and watershed resources, and enhance the overall health of the San Francisco Bay.

**Whereas,** in recognition of the benefits of integrated planning for water management activities; of the resources available through the State to fund water and natural resource projects and programs through IRWM grants; of the State statute and guidelines requiring that an IRWM Plan be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and of Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) and Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's (District) status as a participating agencies in Bay Area IRWM efforts.

**Whereas,** Sonoma Water and District's respective Boards concurrently passed Resolution No. 06-1093 on December 12, 2006 to adopt the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan; and Resolution No. 14-0155 on April 22, 2014 to adopt the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan 2013 Update.

**Whereas**, the State continues to make funding available, most recently through Proposition 1 implementation funding, for projects that are included and implemented in an adopted IRWM plan. The Department of Water Resources adopted the 2016 IRWM Guidelines, which states that regions must update their IRWM Plans to be consistent with the 2016 IRWM Plan Standards.

**Whereas**, the San Francisco Bay Region's IRWM Coordinating Committee prepared the 2019 Bay Area IRWM Plan Update to meet the new requirements outlined in the DWR 2016 updated standards for IRWM Plans and maintain funding eligibility.

**Whereas**, the San Francisco Bay Region's IRWM Coordinating Committee posted online and distributed the IRWM Plan Update for public comment from September 16 through October 11, 2019 and approved the document with unanimous consent on October 28, 2019.

**Whereas**, state statute and guidelines require that this IRWM Plan Update be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan.

**Whereas**, adoption of the Bay Area IRWM Plan 2019 Update does not commit any Sonoma Water or District resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners and the updated IRWM Plan Update is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM Plan Update does not prohibit nor effect in any way Sonoma Water or District's planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan.

**Whereas**, these Boards have reviewed the Bay Area IRWM Plan 2019 Update and have determined it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update contemplates basic data collection and research that will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved, adopted, or funded.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Boards of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District hereby find, determine, certify, and declare as follows:

1. All of the above recitals are true and correct.
2. This Board's adoption of the 2019 Update to the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because it consists of basic data collection that would not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved, adopted or funded.
3. The 2019 Update to the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is adopted.

**Directors:**

Rabbitt:                      Zane:                      Gore:                      Hopkins:                      Gorin:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**

**Directors:**

Gorin:                                      Hopkins:                                      Mayor Harvey:

Ayes:                      Noes:                      Absent:                      Abstain:

**So Ordered.**