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☒ 4/5 Vote Required

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY DETERMINING THAT THE GRANTING OF EASEMENTS TO PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC CORPORATION, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, AND PACIFIC BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DOING BUSINESS AS AT&T CALIFORNIA, WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SONOMA WATER IN ANY RESPECT AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY TO EXECUTE EASEMENT AGREEMENTS CONVEYING PROPERTY RIGHTS TO PG&E AND AT&T(4/5 VOTE REQUIRED)**

**Whereas,** the Sonoma County Water Agency (Sonoma Water) owns certain real properties in and near the Colgan Creek Flood Control Channel (Property); and

**Whereas,** the Property is subject to a conservation easement with the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (District); and

**Whereas,** Ryder Companies, on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Corporation (PG&E) and AT&T California (AT&T), has requested that Sonoma Water grant utility easements over the Property; and

**Whereas,** the grant of easements to PG&E and AT&E will not adversely affect Sonoma Water in any respect; and

**Whereas,** Sonoma Water has determined that adequate consideration for the grants of easement is \$14,500; and

**Whereas,** the District has reviewed the proposed grants of easement to PG&E and AT&T in accordance with the District's conservation easement and consent to Sonoma Water's granting of the easements; and

**Whereas,** the City of Santa Rosa (City), as lead agency under the California

Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared and certified an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Southwest Estates Project. The Santa Rosa City Council approved the Project per Resolution No. 27199 on September 9, 2008; and

**Whereas**, a Notice of Determination was filed on January 26, 2010 for the Southwest Estates Project: and

**Whereas**, Sonoma Water has reviewed and considered the lead agency's IS/MND and adopted findings; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma Water has reviewed the proposed grants of easement to PG&E and AT&T, and has determined that they will not have significant adverse effects on the environment; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma Water, as a responsible agency, has prepared a Notice of Determination for granting of the easements to PG&E and AT&T in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and Sonoma Water's Compliance Procedures for CEQA.

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

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Based on review and consideration of the City of Santa Rosa's Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Southwest Estates Project and adopted findings, the Boards hereby determine that the granting of the easements to PG&E and AT&T will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. The Boards hereby find that the grants of easement to PG&E and AT&T will not adversely affect Sonoma Water in any respect.
4. The Boards authorize the General Manager of Sonoma Water to execute, in accordance with Section 9 of Sonoma Water's enabling legislation, the Utility Easements with PG&E and AT&T in the form presented to this Board.

**Directors for the Sonoma County Water Agency:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**