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Date: November 2, 2021

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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 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT SONOMA WATER IN ANY RESPECT AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND AUTHORIZING GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF KASTANIA PUMP STATION AND A PORTION OF KASTANIA PIPELINE. (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).**

Whereas, after operating for 38 years, Kastania Pump Station was taken offline due to alignment changes as part of the Caltrans US 101 widening project and associated North Marin Aqueduct upgrades by the North Marin Water District ("NMWD") as part of the realignment; and

Whereas, the realigned North Marin Aqueduct allows water deliveries from Sonoma County Water Agency ("Sonoma Water") to flow via gravity year-round to NMWD and Marin Municipal Water District ("Marin Water"); and

Whereas, due to the current emergency drought conditions, Marin Water has evaluated recommissioning the Kastania Pump Station as part of a drought response plan; and

Whereas, the Kastania Pump Station is currently owned by Sonoma Water and has not been operational since 2015; and

Whereas, in support of drought response efforts, Sonoma Water, Marin Water, and NMWD have developed the 2021 Kastania Pump Station Transfer Agreement to provide for the transfer of the Kastania Pump Station to Marin Water and a portion of the Kastania Pipeline to NWMD from Sonoma Water, along with the subsequent conveyance of easements from Marin Water to Sonoma Water and NMWD, respectively, over the pump station property necessary to assure access and maintain telemetry equipment; and,

Whereas, on May 18, 2021, the Board of Directors of Marin Water adopted Resolution No. 8635, which approved the Kastania Pump Station Rehabilitation Project, and found the Project categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(b) and 15269 (b)(c); and

Whereas, Sonoma Water's General Manager has determined that the transaction is statutorily exempt under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statute 21080(b)(4) and categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15269; and

Whereas, Sonoma Water has prepared a Notice of Exemption in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and Sonoma Water's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. This Board hereby determines that the transfer of the Kastania Booster Station and a portion of the Kastania Pipeline from Sonoma Water to Marin Water and NMWD, respectively, will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. This Board hereby finds and determines that the transfer of the Kastania Booster Station and a portion of the Kastania Pipeline from Sonoma Water to Marin Water and NMWD, respectively, will not adversely affect Sonoma Water in any respect.
4. The Board hereby authorizes Sonoma Water's General Manager to execute the 2021 Kastania Pump Station Transfer Agreement with Marin Municipal Water District and North Marin Water District, in a form approved by County Counsel.

**Directors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**