<b>RESOL</b>	LUTION	NO.		

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE COUNTY GOVERNED SPECIAL DISTRICTS

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## **RESOLUTION:**

- A) ADOPTING THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND
- B) AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS, WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PROJECTS TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FUNDING

**RESOLVED,** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California and as the governing board of the County governed special districts, that

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$3.44 billion under Proposition 50, of which \$380 million has been devoted to projects that are part of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$1 billion for IRWM Plans with \$138 million of that amount allocated to the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved Proposition 1E in November 2006 and projects funded through Proposition 1E must be consistent with an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated regional planning for water resources

management activities include increased efficiency and effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, State statute and guidelines require that before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of an IRWM Plan the governing boards of participating agencies must adopt the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this need for an IRWM Plan, development of the San Francisco Bay Area IRWM Plan (Bay Area IRWMP) began in 2004 and included a series of four public workshops during 2006 to provide the public and stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations during development of the Bay Area IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, public outreach meetings to local government representatives from each Bay Area county were held on the Bay Area IRWMP to provide elected officials, staff, and the public additional opportunities to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations; and

**WHEREAS**, the draft Bay Area IRWMP was posted on the internet and made available for public comment on September 27, 2006 through October 24, 2006; and

WHEREAS, comments were received on the Draft Bay Area IRWMP in the areas of environmental justice, the implementation process, and technical information changes for specific projects and those comments have been addressed in the version of the Bay Area IRWMP now before the Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area IRWMP provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the Bay Area IRWMP as conditions warrant, providing funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Bay Area IRWMP does not entail a direct commitment of resources, and implementation of each project will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Bay Area IRWMP participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area IRWMP is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the Bay Area IRWMP involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved and consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area IRWMP is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the Bay Area IRWMP does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the Bay Area IRWMP; and

**WHEREAS**, several of the agencies participating in the Bay Area IRWMP are in the process of jointly submitting an IRWM grant application for State consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Parks intends to submit the "Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project" (Project) for County Service Area No. 11 (Pescadero) as part of Round 2 of the Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Program funding consideration; and

WHEREAS, funding for the Project would be from Prop. 84 through the Bay Area IRWMP and would directly benefit the County and County Service Area No. 11 customers by providing funding for upgrades to the water supply system; and.

**WHEREAS**, for the Project to be considered for the IRWMP grant funds, the governing board of County Service Area No. 11 must adopt the Bay Area IRWMP.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to:

- Adopt the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo and the County governed special districts; and
- Authorize the Director of Public Works and Parks, or designee, to execute and submit all documents, which may be required to submit projects to the San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for funding.

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