

RESOLUTION 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 ADOPTING THE UPDATED 2013 SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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, including Propositions 50, 84, and 1E, to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

WHEREAS, projects funded through Propositions 50, 84, and 1E must be consistent with an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated regional planning for water resources management activities include increased efficiency or effectiveness, enhanced collaboration across agencies and stakeholders, and improved responsiveness to regional needs and priorities; and

WHEREAS, State statute and guidelines require that an IRWMP be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds would be provided for water resources management projects that are part of an IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, several of the participating agencies in the Bay Area jointly

submitted an IRWM grant application for state consideration where a condition for funding required the San Francisco Bay Area IRWMP (Bay Area IRWMP) be adopted by January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area agencies that received funding in previous grant rounds did adopt the Bay Area IRWMP before such funds were received; and

WHEREAS, more recent state statutes and guidelines require that the Bay Area IRWMP be updated before agencies may receive future IRWM grant funding; and

WHEREAS, a grant was received to update the Bay Area IRWMP, that Plan having been completed in fall of 2013 and submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, a series of workshops were held on the initial Bay Area IRWMP and, recently, the Plan update to provide stakeholders, including Bay Area local governments, an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments, and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Bay Area IRWMP update was posted on the internet and made available for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP before the Board for consideration incorporates changes based on comments received during the public review period in the areas of environmental justice, technical project data, and other elements of the

Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 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, provided funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP does not entail a direct commitment of resources and implementation of each project, as such will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource and involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 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 2013 Bay Area IRWMP does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, several of the agencies participating in the Bay Area IRWMP jointly submitted an IRWM grant application for State consideration for the Proposition 84 Round 2 Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the “Pescadero Water Supply and Sustainability Project” (Project) for County Service Area No. 11, submitted by the Department of Public Works for grant funding under Round 2 of the Prop. 84 Implementation Grant Program, was awarded \$700,000 in grant funding; 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 receive Bay Area IRWMP grant funds, the governing board of County Service Area No. 11 must adopt the 2013 Bay Area IRWMP.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that this Board does hereby adopt the updated 2013 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.

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