

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-76

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE WESTSIDE SACRAMENTO INTEGRATED
REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP) AND ENTERING INTO A NEW
WESTSIDE IMPLEMENTATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District (DISTRICT) has the authority to manage flood and storm waters within Lake County and related areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code, known as the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 ("Act") for, among other things, the purpose of encouraging local agencies to work together to manage their available water supplies and to improve the quality, quantity, and availability of those supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Act encourages local agencies of different types to join together to form a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) to address water supply, quantity, and quality issues in their areas; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of California passed Proposition 84 in November 2006, which amended the Public Resource Code to add Section 75026 *et seq* authorizing \$1 billion for IRWM projects; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 2010, Colusa County Resource Conservation District, Lake County Watershed Protection District, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Solano County Water Agency and the Water Resources Association of Yolo County pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (Planning MOU) entered into by said parties, formed a Subregional IRWMP Committee (Committee) of the Regional Water Management Group agencies to address the resource stewardship, water supply, quality, and quantity issues in their region by preparing and

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adopting a Westside IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (Board) appointed two representatives to serve on the Westside Planning Coordinating Committee (CC) responsible for developing the IRWMP and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Integrated Regional Water Management Group, of which the DISTRICT is a member, has developed a proposed Westside IRWMP including the Cache Creek and Putah Creek Watersheds that complies with Proposition 84 Guidelines, and pursuant thereto, published notice of the group's intention to adopt such a plan in accordance with the requirements of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Westside IRWMP was developed through a collaborative stakeholder process with many opportunities for public engagement and input; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed the Final Draft IRWMP at its July 9, 2013 Board Meeting as part of the public review process prior to Board approval, and

WHEREAS, the Board considers the IRWMP to accurately reflect resource data and information within the region as of July 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Westside Implementation MOU would replace the Westside Planning MOU as the guiding basis for Westside governance actions and activities upon adoption of the IRWM Plan by all signatories; and

WHEREAS, the Westside IRWMP is not a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because the plan is not likely to cause any significant physical change to the environment, given that it is simply a planning tool. But even if the plan is a project subject to CEQA review, it is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to, inter alia, Section 15262 and Section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines. It

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is exempt under Section 15262 because it involves a conceptual plan associated with feasibility and planning studies for possible future actions. Further, it is exempt under Section 15306 because it involves basic data collection, and resource evaluation activities, which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

SECTION 1. The Board adopts the Westside IRWMP.

SECTION 2. The Board terminates participation in the Westside Planning MOU as of the date of the last Westside signatory to adopt the Westside IRWMP.

SECTION 3. The Board approves participation in the Westside Implementation MOU effective as of the date of the last Westside signatory to adopt the Westside IRWMP upon execution by the Board Chair.

SECTION 3. The Board authorizes a FY13-14 \$20,000 allocation to fund its share of the Westside Implementation MOU process (to be evaluated annually).

SECTION 4. The Board concurs with the FY13-14 Westside Implementation MOU priorities established by the Coordinating Committee.

SECTION 5. The Board shall be updated regarding IRWMP implementation activities.

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THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District at a regular meeting thereof held on July 9, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Comstock, Rushing, Farrington, Brown and Smith

NOES: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

ATTEST: Matt Perry
Clerk of the Board

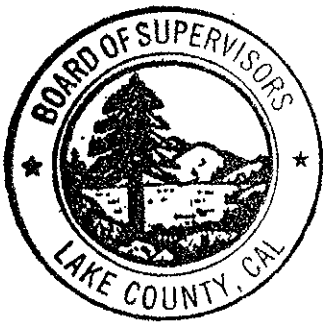


Chair, Board of Directors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
ANITA L. GRANT
County Counsel

By: 

By: 



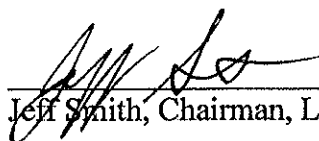
7. SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDINGS.

We the undersigned representatives of our respective agencies, acknowledge the above as our understanding of the implementation of the Westside Sacramento Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

Jim Spering, Chairman, Solano County Water Agency

William L. Marble, Chairman, Water Resources Association of Yolo County

Jill Techel, Chairman, Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

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Jeff Smith, Chairman, Lake County Watershed Protection District

