

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02-02

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT IN
SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX AND
ECO-RESTORE**

WHEREAS, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is a major water hub for California's water supply system for the majority of the State including 30% of the supplies for Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the Delta, historically, was never intended to be a water conveyance facility and the scientific consensus is that the Delta is not sustainable as it exists today and that changes must be made in order to stabilize conditions from fisheries, farming and water management perspective; and

WHEREAS, 155,000 residents in the Santa Margarita Water District service area are among some 25 million Californians who rely, in part, on water from the Delta; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a large seismic event in the vicinity of the Delta, the consequences to the ecosystem, the water supply, and the California economy would be immediate, severe, and negative; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix and EcoRestore proposal will help with water supply reliability by improving essential ecosystem functions so that populations of endangered or threatened aquatic species will be strengthened; and

WHEREAS, the California EcoRestore will pursue more than 30,000 acres of critical Delta restoration over the next 5 years, including the improvements of habitat conditions for fish migration, restoring tidal and non-tidal wetland habitat for native wildlife, and improving connectivity among existing grassland and other natural habitats; and

WHEREAS, improving the State Water Project system can increase regional storage reserve levels that are used to protect the region from devastating effects of drought and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix will help ensure that Orange County, generally, and Santa Margarita Water District, specifically, will have sufficient supplies at critical times; and

WHEREAS, ratepayers have already invested millions of dollars over the years to build and maintain the State Water Project system in Northern California as well as portions of the Metropolitan Water District's regional storage, distribution, and treatment systems that take delivery of State Water Project supplies; modernizing the system through the California WaterFix will help protect this investment for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, the California WaterFix and EcoRestore proposal represents the most cost-effective, large-scale reliability solution to improving regional water supply reliability for Southern California and for Orange County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Santa Margarita Water District does hereby support the California WaterFix Preferred Alternative (No.4A) and the California EcoRestore as described in the environmental documents with reasonable adherence to the current, public operating criteria and cost allocation principles and assumptions.

1. **Incorporation of Recitals.** The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the Recitals of this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

2. **Adoption.** The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Resolution.

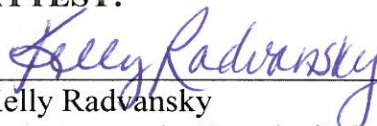
3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Margarita Water District this 1st day of February, 2017.



Charles T. Gibson
President of the Board of Directors
Santa Margarita Water District

ATTEST:



Kelly Radvansky
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Santa Margarita Water District

) STATE OF CALIFORNIA
) COUNTY OF ORANGE
) ss


I, Kelly Radvansky, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Santa Margarita Water District, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Directors said District at a regular meeting held on the 1st day of February, 2017, and that it was so adopted by the following vote:

AYES: 5 DIRECTORS: Gibson, McCusker, Jacobs, Olson, Wilson

NOES: DIRECTORS:

ABSENT: DIRECTORS:


ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS:



Kelly Radvansky
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Santa Margarita Water District

I, Kelly Radvansky, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Santa Margarita Water District, do hereby certify that the above and forgoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2017-02-02 of said Board, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

DATED: February 1, 2017



Kelly Radvansky
Secretary to the Board of Directors
Santa Margarita Water District

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