

RESOLUTION NO. 09, 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MCCLOUD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, ADOPTING THE 2018 UPPER SACRAMENTO, MCCLOUD, AND LOWER PIT RIVERS INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Lower Pit Region (USR) is an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) region as defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), comprised of hydrologic areas that include the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Lower Pit River watersheds, terminating at the high-water mark of Shasta Lake Reservoir, and which also includes the Medicine Lake Highlands; and

WHEREAS, DWR's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWM Plan) program offers opportunities to help communities and organizations in the USR address long-term needs related to water supply, water quality, flood management, ecosystem protection and enhancement, sustainable employment and economy, and recreation, and RWAG members see adoption of the IRWM Plan as a vehicle for these opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the River Exchange, on behalf of the USR, received approval from the DWR for designation of the IRWM region, and during 2012, with the support of diverse in-region interests, applied for and received a grant funded by the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84) to prepare an IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, that planning effort resulted in the development and adoption of the 2013 Upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Lower Pit Integrated Regional Watershed Management Plan (USR IRWM Plan) in compliance with California's 2012 IRWM grant program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Water Code, the USR Integrated Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) was established through a 2013 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to adopt and coordinate the IRWM Plan for the USR planning area;

WHEREAS, the McCloud Community Services District joined the USR RWMG by signing the MOU and adopting the 2013 Plan; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the USR RWMG officially changed its name to the Regional Water Action Group (RWAG); and

WHEREAS, the USR IRWM Plan is a living document, with defined processes for updating plan components and projects; and

WHEREAS, during 2016, DWR's IRWM grant program guidelines were amended to encourage information sharing and collaboration, ensure that IRWM plans incorporate additional climate change considerations, improve tribal representation in watershed governance, and address known water quality issues; and

WHEREAS, during 2017, the River Exchange was awarded a planning grant from DWR to update the USR IRWM Plan to achieve consistency with DWR's 2016 guidelines; and during 2018 provided drafts for review by the RWAG and the public, and met with RWAG members to resolve issues in completion of drafts; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the IRWM Plan by the RWAG as a whole and by individual members of the RWAG, and approval of the Plan by DWR, are all pre-requisites for availability of certain funds from the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Proposition 1); and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the Draft 2018 USR IRWM Plan (which incorporated the 2018 Update), the River Exchange submitted the draft to DWR for review; and

WHEREAS, on Jan. 2, 2019, DWR determined the 2018 USR IRWM Plan, when adopted, would be consistent with the 2016 grant program guidelines, thus making the USR eligible for Prop.1 IRWM grant funding; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that adoption of the 2018 USR IRWM Plan in no way commits the RWAG as a whole, or individual signatories, to supporting or implementing provisions of the California Water Plan or other DWR policies outside the IRWM program; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the 2018 USR IRWM Plan does not relieve the RWAG or any signatory of responsibilities, and establishes no new authorities, under existing statutes or regulations; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting pursuant to the California Water Code was held by the RWAG on January 10, 2019, in Dunsmuir, California, to consider adoption of the 2018 USR IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS the RWAG, which includes representation from the McCloud Community Services District, adopted the 2018 USR IRWM Plan on January 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, consideration of the 2018 USR IRWM Plan has been included on a meeting agenda of official business of the McCloud Community Services District; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the McCloud Community Services District hereby adopts the 2018 USR IRWM Plan as a voluntary document that identifies broadly supported goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the people and watersheds of the Upper Sacramento, McCloud, and Lower Pit region now and into the future.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the McCloud Community Services District on the 14th day of September 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Hanson, Richey, Rorke, Young, Zanni

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DATED: September 14, 2020

ATTEST:

Teryl Smith

Teryl Smith, District Secretary

Catherine Young

Catherine Young, President of the Board

