

RESOLUTION 2023-1**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN MATEO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT ADOPTING THE
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN
OCTOBER 2019 UPDATE****THE SAN MATEO RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DOES HEREBY FIND AND RESOLVE:**

Section 1. The State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

Section 2. The benefits of integrated 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

Section 3. State statute and guidelines require that an IRWM Plan be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds can be provided for water resources management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

Section 4. The Bay Area IRWM Plan was adopted by the Board previously; most recently in 2015 (SFCJPA Board Resolution No. 15.6.25) for the 2013 Update to comply with state statutes and guidelines that require that the Bay Area IRWM Plan be adopted before agencies may receive IRWM grant funding; and

Section 5. The 2019 Bay Area IRWM Plan update was accepted by the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) on March 21, 2020 and meets the requirements outlined in the DWR 2016 standards for Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (IRWMPs) to maintain funding eligibility; and

Section 6. Adoption of the Bay Area IRWM Plan 2019 Update 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 Bay Area IRWM Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

Section 7. Adoption of the October 2019 update to the Bay Area IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan 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

Section 8. The IRWM Plan and Updates are meant to be complementary to participating agencies'

individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM Plan does not prohibit or affect a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the San Mateo Resource Conservation District does hereby adopt the October 2019 Update to the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the San Mateo Resource Conservation District Board of Directors on the 19th day of January, 2023.

Barbara Kossy, President

Date