

**RESOLUTION NO. 996**

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

**NORTH COAST COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000 to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$3.44 billion under Proposition 50, of which \$380 million has been devoted to projects that are part of an Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved Proposition 84 on November 7, 2006, which contains a total of \$5.39 billion for water and natural resource projects and programs, including \$1 billion for IRWM with \$138 million of that amount allocated to the San Francisco Bay Area; and

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

WHEREAS, state statute and guidelines require that before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of an IRWM Plan the governing boards of participating agencies must adopt the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, several of the agencies participating in the Bay Area IRWM Plan have jointly submitted an IRWM grant application for state consideration where one condition for funding requires the Bay Area IRWM Plan to be adopted by January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this need for an IRWM Plan, development of the Bay Area IRWM Plan began in 2004 and included a series of four public workshops during 2006 to provide the public and stakeholders an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations during development of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, public outreach meetings to local government representatives from each Bay Area county were held on the Bay Area IRWM Plan to provide elected officials, staff and the public additional opportunities to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the draft Bay Area IRWM Plan was posted on the internet and made available for public comment on September 27, 2006 through October 24, 2006; and

WHEREAS, comments were received on the Draft IRWM Plan in the areas of environmental justice, the implementation process, and technical information changes for specific projects and those comments have been addressed in the version of the Bay Area IRWM Plan now before the Board for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the Bay Area IRWM Plan as conditions warrant, providing funding and resources are available to carry out these activities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Bay Area IRWM Plan does not entail a direct commitment of resources, and implementation of each project 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

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan involves planning studies for possible actions that the participating agencies have not yet approved and consists of basic data collection that would not result in the disturbance of any environmental resource and; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is meant to be complementary to participating agencies' individual plans and programs and does not supersede such plans and programs, and adoption of the IRWM does not prohibit nor affect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors does hereby adopt the Bay Area IRWM Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of December, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: Director Brown, Cosgrove, DeJarnatt and Vetter

NOES: None

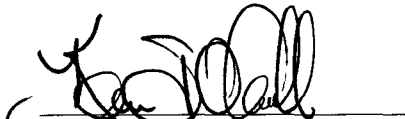
ABSENT: Director Piccolotti



---

President, Board of Directors  
North Coast County Water District

ATTEST:



---

Secretary of Said District