



RESOLUTION NO.

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Supporting the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba (CABY) Rivers Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)

WHEREAS, numerous factors such as population growth, development, loss of snowpack, prolonged drought, and greater risk of catastrophic fire in the State of California will continue to pressure water resources, and balancing the needs of urban, agricultural, environmental and recreational water supplies will be a challenge for all involved in water management; and

WHEREAS, the CABY planning region consists of the foothill and upper watersheds of the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Planning Committee is composed of the agencies and organizations that wrote and adopted the first CABY IRMWP which was approved in 2007; and

WHEREAS, CABY's diverse group of public agencies, water providers, tribal entities, businesses, residential water users, and agricultural, community, recreational, and environmental organizations, have jointly developed this update to CABY's existing Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP has served and will continue to serve as a voluntary planning document that identifies broadly supported guiding principles, vision, goals, objectives and projects to enhance the beneficial uses of water for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative planning effort continues to formulate water management strategies for the region and to prioritize projects that address regional watershed issues, coordinate with other IRWMPs, address local, state and federal plans' priorities, achieve multiple benefits, encompass more than one watershed, and meet short- and long-term water resource needs; and

WHEREAS, continuing this integrated regional approach to water management will further streamline individual efforts and increase efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the CABY IRWMP has increased and will continue to increase the number of collaborative partnerships and the organizational capacity of member organizations, and has provided and will continue to provide both a forum for stakeholder input and support for projects that address the common goals and objectives for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this regional planning effort has improved and will continue to improve regional competitiveness for grant funding for projects and efforts to implement the IRWMP and achieve agency or organizational goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, CABY undertook efforts to update the 2007 IRWMP to meet current state requirements; and

WHEREAS, this updated IRWMP was completed and approved by the California Department of Water Resources Regional Acceptance Process in April, 2014 and was adopted by CABY on May 30, 2014 after appropriate public notice of this impending action; and

WHEREAS, representatives of El Dorado County have participated in the efforts of CABY and desire to work towards its continued success into the future; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is not a legally binding document, but rather a compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, while the IRWMP references many plans, the entities that adopt the IRWMP don't necessarily endorse all the plans that are referenced; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is a living document, reviewed and updated over time, and individual signatories can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that El Dorado County hereby adopts the CABY Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as updated May 30, 2014, as a voluntary document that provides broadly supported, identified goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the people and the rivers of the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba region now and into the future.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 15th day of July, 2014, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

_____ Chair, Board of Supervisors