

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING THE PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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 \$500 million is directed to Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); 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 \$52 million of that amount allocated to the Central Coast; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of integrated planning for water 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 an IRWM Plan must be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds will be provided for water management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2004, the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA), San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), and Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the purpose of developing and implementing a Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that includes a description of and strategies to address common issues of the parties relating to water supply, water quality, flood protection and environmental enhancement; and

WHEREAS, watershed stakeholders that were contacted by PVWMA, SBCWD, and SCVWD agreed to participate in the development of the IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan was made available for public comment in March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan before the Board for consideration incorporates comments received during the public review period; and

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

WHEREAS, adoption of the Pajaro River Watershed 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 Pajaro River Watershed 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 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

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 Plan 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 of SBCWD does hereby adopt the Pajaro River Watershed IRWM Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of SBCWD by the following vote on May 23, 2007.

AYES:	Directors	Bettencourt, Tobias, Perry and Flores
NOES:	Directors	None
ABSENT:	Directors	Swanson
ABSTAIN:	Directors	None

BY: /s/Frank Bettencourt
Frank Bettencourt
Vice President

ATTEST: /s/Shelley Giancola
Shelley Giancola
District Secretary