

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE BIPARTISAN
INFRASTRUCTURE LAW (BIL) FOR A SMALL SURFACE WATER AND
GROUNDWATER STORAGE PROGRAM TO ASSIST FUNDING FOR THE
ACCELERATED DROUGHT RESISTANCE PROJECT (ADRoP)**

WHEREAS, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) was enacted on November 15, 2021 which, among other programs, established a competitive grant program to be administered by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for small water storage and groundwater storage projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant program defines small storage projects as projects that increase water storage capacity of not less than 200 acre-feet and not more than 30,000 acre-feet;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District Accelerated Drought Resistance Project (ADRoP) is completely aligned with the stated objectives of the BIL grant solicitation;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District is able to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions specified in the funding plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District have reviewed and therefore supports the application being submitted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1) The General Manager of the San Benito County Water District is hereby authorized and directed to make an application and submit a proposal to Reclamation to obtain a Small Storage Grant for the ADRoP Project.
- 2) The San Benito County Water District will work with USBR to meet established deadlines for entering into a grant or cooperative agreement.
- 3) The General Manager of the San Benito County Water District, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Reclamation to receive a Small Storage Grant to support the ADRoP Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board is authorized to sign said Resolution, on behalf of this Board and District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District this 25th day of October 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Flores, Shelton, Tonascia, Williams and Wright

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

(Signature of presiding Board member
Attested by Board Secretary
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/s/ Sonny Flores
Sonny Flores
President

ATTEST:

/s/ Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro
Board Secretary

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

I, Barbara Mauro, board secretary of the San Benito County Water District, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors, duly held on October 25, 2023. This resolution has not been modified, rescinded or revoked and is at present in full force and effect.

In Witness whereof, the undersigned has affixed her signature and the corporate seal.

/s/ Barbara L. Mauro
Barbara L. Mauro
Board Secretary

October 26, 2023
Date of signature