

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT  
ADOPTING THE 2019 PAJARO RIVER WATERSHED  
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the California electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000, including Propositions 50 and 84, and 1, to fund water and natural resource projects and programs, including Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM); and

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2004, San Benito County Water District (SBCWD), Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA), and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the coordination of water resources management; and

**WHEREAS**, the Memorandum of Understanding signatories are known as the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG); and

**WHEREAS**, the RWMG convened stakeholder meetings to update the 2014 IRWM Plan, submitted the 2019 IRWM Plan to DWR for review, posted the 2019 IRWM Plan for public review, published a notice of intent to adopt the 2019 IRWM Plan, incorporated public comments into the 2019 IRWM Plan, conducted a public meeting to adopt the IRWM Plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, 2019 IRWM Plan provides an implementation framework that calls for tracking accomplishments, developing lists of prioritized projects and periodically updating the IRWM Plan as conditions warrant; and

**WHEREAS**, adoption of the 2019 IRWM Plan does not entail a commitment of resources to or implementation of any project, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the IRWM Plan participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 IRWM Plan does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act because it does not have a potential for resulting in direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 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 or affect in any way a participating agency's planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED** the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District does hereby adopt the 2019 Pajaro River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tobias, Bettencourt, Flores, Tonascia & Williams

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

/s/John Tobias  
John Tobias  
President

ATTEST: /s/Sara Singleton  
Sara Singleton  
Assistant Manager