

RESOLUTION NO. 547

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
SUPPORTING THE PROPOSITION 1 WATER STORAGE
INVESTMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION OF
PACHECO RESERVOIR**

The Sunnyslope County Water District Board of Directors does hereby resolve and makes findings as follows:

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, in collaboration with San Benito County Water District (SBCWD) and Pacheco Pass Water District (PPWD), is applying for Proposition 1 Water Storage Investment Program (WSIP) funding for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project; and,

WHEREAS, residents, local agencies, farms, and ranches in San Benito County – a region that experienced record farm gate values of \$360.5 million in 2015 – rely on reliable and sustainable water supplies; and,

WHEREAS, Sunnyslope County Water District continues to support SBCWD’s broad groundwater management authority, including the authority to conserve water for beneficial and useful purposes by spreading, storing, retaining, and causing such waters to percolate into groundwater sub-basins managed by SBCWD; and,

WHEREAS, three groundwater sub-basins of the Gilroy-Hollister Valley Basin are identified as medium priority regions as defined by the California Department of Water Resources’ California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program and, therefore, subject to requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Sunnyslope County Water District supports the upgrade, expansion, or construction of flood management and water storage projects that help protect the public, private property and transportation infrastructure to damaging floods, that help improve water quality in surface and groundwater sources, and help protect and enhance habitat for fish and other wildlife on major tributaries to the Pajaro River (San Benito River, Pacheco Creek); and,

WHEREAS, the Sunnyslope County Water District supports efforts to maintain the long-term survival of the threatened South-Central California steelhead as part of an integrated network of open space lands that support natural resources, recreation, tribal resources, wildlife, water management, scenic quality and other benefits; and,

WHEREAS, the Sunnyslope County Water District – where implemented consistent with Government Code Section 65351 – supports water storage, flood protection and ecosystem improvement projects that are consistent with traditional cultural resource traditions and practices of Native Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the District Board finds that adoption of this resolution is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act per Article 20, Section 15378.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sunnyslope County Water District hereby approves to support the Santa Clara Valley Water District’s submittal of a Proposition 1 WSIP application for the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project in a manner that:

- Contributes to a reliable and sustainable water supply for the 500+ growers and ranchers in San Benito County;
- Helps ensure continued supply of municipal and industrial customers in the City of Hollister and San Benito County;
- Supports SBCWD compliance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014;
- Supports Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority (PRWFPA) efforts to improve flood management on a watershed based, regional scale and for at-risk communities along Pacheco Creek and the Pajaro River, including the unincorporated communities of Dunneville and Pajaro, and the City of Watsonville, which are Disadvantaged Communities as defined by the State of California;
- Contributes to the long-term survival of the threatened South-Central California steelhead through provision of suitable flows and temperatures in Pacheco Creek; and
- Supports the protection of Tribal Cultural Resources (TCR) consistent with Public Resource Code Section 21074 and Government Code Section 65351.

1. **THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION** on a motion by Director Rodriguez and seconded by Director Ross is duly adopted this 15th day of August, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Alcorn, Rodriguez, and Ross


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Johnson and Spencer

(S E A L)

SUNNYSLOPE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

BY: 
Michael H. Alcorn, Vice-President

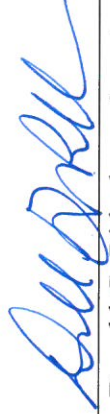
ATTEST:


Donald G. Ridenhour, General Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Directors of Sunnyslope County Water District hereby certifies that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution adopted on August 15, 2017 as Resolution No. 547.

Dated: August 15, 2017



Donald G. Ridenhour, Secretary