

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. 04-14

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE BAY AREA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

WHEREAS, the State electorate approved multiple statewide bond measures since 2000, including Propositions 50 and 84, 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, state statute and guidelines required that an IRWM Plan be adopted by the governing boards of participating agencies before IRWM grant funds would be provided for water resources management projects that are part of the IRWM Plan; and

WHEREAS, several of the participating agencies in the Bay Area jointly submitted an IRWM grant application for state consideration where a condition for funding required the Bay Area IRWM Plan to be adopted by January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area agencies that received funding in previous grant rounds did adopt the Bay Area IRWM Plan before such funds were received; and

WHEREAS, more recent state statutes and guidelines require that the Bay Area IRWM Plan be updated before agencies may receive future IRWM grant funding; and

WHEREAS, a grant was received to update the Bay Area IRWM Plan, that Plan having been completed in the fall of 2013 and submitted to the Department of Water Resources in January 2014; and

WHEREAS, a series of workshops were held on the initial Bay Area IRWM Plan and, recently, the Plan Update to provide stakeholders, including Bay Area local governments, an opportunity to ask questions, provide comments and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Bay Area IRWM Plan Update was posted on the internet and made available for public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update before the Board for consideration incorporates changes based on comments received during the public review period in

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the areas of environmental justice, technical project data, and other elements of the Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, adoption of the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update does not entail a direct commitment of resources and implementation of each project, as such will be the responsibility of the project proponent and any applicable project partners, and there is no joint commitment or responsibility by the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update participants to implement any or all of the projects; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments has reviewed the Bay Area IRWM Plan Update and determined that it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15262 and §15306 because the IRWM Plan Update 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 Update 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 effect in any way a participating agencies' planning efforts separate from the IRWM Plan.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments does hereby adopts the Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update.

The foregoing was adopted by the Executive Board this 20th day of March, 2014.

Julie Pierce
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 20th day of March, 2014.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel