

# Olivehurst Public Utility District



## Agenda Item Staff Report

Meeting Date: 09/29/2020

### Item description/summary:

***Discuss the need to adopt the 2018 Interregional Water Management Plan for grant funding.***

The projects we received IRWM grant money for are coming to the final stages of contracting. Initially, we provided a previous resolution that shows we adopted the 2015 version of the IRWMP. Since there has been an updated plan since then, DWR is requiring applicants to show proof of acceptance of the updated plan. The resolution that will be brought to the board is attached.

### Fiscal Analysis:

N/A

### Employee Feedback

Positive

### Sample Motion:

N/A

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## **RESOLUTION NO. 2360**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ADOPTING THE YUBA INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, population growth and development in the State of California will continue to pressure water resources, balancing the needs of urban agricultural, environmental and recreational water supplies will be a challenge for all involved in water management;

**WHEREAS**, the State of California has certified the Yuba County region as part of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) program and further provided funding to support preparation of the 2018 Updated Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP or Plan);

**WHEREAS**, in October of 2015, the Yuba County IRWM stakeholder group known as the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) began preparation of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and adopted that Plan in June 2018;

**WHEREAS**, eligibility to apply for future funding to support IRWM-identified project implementation is frequently dependent on individual regional stakeholders and/or entities adopting the 2018 IRWMP following Plan adoption by the RWMG;

**WHEREAS**, the Yuba County IRWM planning region consists of the valley floor, foothill and lower watersheds of the Yuba River;

**WHEREAS**, the Yuba RWMG is comprised of a diverse group of public agencies, water providers, agriculture, municipalities, business, residential water users, community, recreation, and environmental organizations and tribal interests who have jointly developed this Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWP);

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP serves as a voluntary planning document that identifies a broadly supported vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives and projects to enhance the beneficial uses of water for the Yuba region;

**WHEREAS**, this collaborative planning effort is intended to formulate water management strategies for the region and prioritize projects that address watershed and regional issues, coordinate with other IRWMPs, address local, state and federal plans' priorities, achieve multiple benefits, encompass more than one watershed and meet short- and long-term water resource need;

**WHEREAS**, Yuba Regional Water Management Group (RWMG) members are formulating a cooperative governance structure necessary to implement the IRWMP that is favorable to all local governments, water suppliers, business groups, environmentalists, agriculture, recreation, and citizens;

**WHEREAS**, an integrated regional approach to water management will streamline individual efforts and increase efficiencies. The Yuba IRWMP will also increase partnership, collaboration and organizational capacity. Collaborative management discussions at the RWMG, based on the IRWMP, will provide a forum for stakeholder input and support for projects that address the common goals and objectives for the Yuba region;

**WHEREAS**, this regional planning effort will improve regional competitiveness for grant funding for projects and efforts to implement the IRWMP and achieve agency or organizational goals;

**WHEREAS**, upon Adoption, member entities will be entitled to be voting members of the RWMG for all issues, topics and efforts that are brought to the RWMG;

**WHEREAS**, in June of 2018, the Yuba RWMG adopted an Updated IRWMP consistent with the 2016 DWR Guidelines;

**WHEREAS**, Olivehurst Public Utility District representatives have engaged in good faith negotiations with other stakeholders in the region and have briefed its Board and/or leaders;

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP will not be a legally binding document. Rather, it will be a regional compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan;

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP references many plans, the entities that adopt the IRWMP don't necessarily endorse all the plans that are referenced; and

**WHEREAS**, the IRWMP will be a living document, reviewed and updated over time. Individual signatories can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Olivehurst Public Utility District hereby adopts the Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as a voluntary document that provides broadly supported, identified goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the people and the resources of the Yuba River region now and into the future.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Acting District Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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Deirdre Joan Cox, Legal Counsel

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted and passed by the Board of Directors of the Olivehurst Public Utility District, Yuba County, California, at a meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF :

NOES :

ABSTAIN :

ABSENT :

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District Clerk and ex-officio Secretary