OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2293

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT ADOPTING THE YUBA COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AS A VOLUNTARY DOCUMENT

Whereas, population growth and development in the State of California will continue to pressure water resources, and 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 has provided funding to support preparation of the 2015 Updated Yuba County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP or Plan);

Whereas, in October of 2013, 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 on May 5, 2015;

Whereas, eligibility to apply for future bond funding to support IRWM-identified project implementation is dependent on individual regional stakeholders and/or entities adopting the 2015 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 County IRWM region includes a diverse group of public agencies, water providers, agriculture, business, residential water users, community, recreation, and environmental organizations and tribal interests that have jointly developed the IRWMP; and,

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 County IRWM region;

Whereas, this collaborative planning effort is intended to formulate water management strategies for the region and prioritize projects that address watersheds 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 needs;

Whereas, Yuba County IRWM region stakeholders 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 and will also increase partnership, collaboration and organizational capacity, and collaborative management will provide a forum for stakeholder input and support for projects that address the common goals and objectives for the Yuba County 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, 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 but rather, will be a regional compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan.

Whereas, the IRWMP will be a living document, reviewed and updated over time ensuring that individual signatories can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olivehurst Public Utility District hereby adopts the Yuba County 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 watershed of the Yuba River within the Plan boundary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June 2015.

OLIVEHURST PUBLIC UTILITY

DISTRICT

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

District Clerk & ex officio Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

Deirdre Joan Cox, Legal Counse

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2293 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 18th day of June, by the following vote:

AYES, AND IN FAVOR THEREOF: Director Carpenter, Bradford, Floe, Dougherty, and Burbank

NOES

: None

ABSTAIN

: None

ABSENT

: None