

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER AGENCY
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING)
PARTICIPATION IN THE DESALINATION)
EXECUTABLE SOLUTION AND LOGISTICS)
PLAN WITH SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY)
FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER)
CONSERVATION DISTRICT) RESOLUTION NO: _____**

WHEREAS, adequate water for the people, economy, and environment in the County of Santa Barbara is needed in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the future reliability of existing water supplies and infrastructure that depend on rainfall, such as surface water reservoirs and groundwater, are uncertain due to changing hydrologic patterns, land use, water use regulations, population growth, and aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, water use efficiency practices, low impact development, stormwater capture, and recycled water have been, and are continuing to be implemented, to help extend existing limited water supplies; and

WHEREAS, due to proximity to the ocean, future water supply quantity, quality, and reliability needs, the 2015 Long Term Supplemental Water Supply Alternatives Report identifies partnering with San Luis Obispo County on a regional desalination project as a promising water resource management strategy; and

WHEREAS, while desalination can provide a local, reliable, and sustainable water supply for decades to come, desalination projects take a long time to plan for, permit, and construct; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District intends to develop the Desalination Executable Solution and Logistics Plan (DESAL Plan) over the next several years via a public process that, when complete, will ultimately provide balanced recommendations related to responsibly advancing the implementation of a regional desalination project that will benefit the people, economy, and environment in both Counties; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will be the lead agency and contract administrator for the DESAL Plan and is requesting that entities that wish to be evaluated during the development of the DESAL Plan adopt resolutions approving participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board does resolve as follows:

1. The Santa Barbara County Water Agency wishes to be included in the development of the DESAL Plan and to be evaluated as a potential partner in such a regional desalination project in the future.
2. The Public Works Director or designee is hereby authorized and directed to participate in the development of the DESAL Plan and to bring forward related recommendations.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, State of California, on this _____ day of _____, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Mona Miyasato
County Executive Officer
Ex Officio Clerk of Board of Directors
of the Santa Barbara County Water
Agency

**ACCEPT AND AGREED:
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY WATER
AGENCY**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Das Williams, Chair, Board of
Directors

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rachel Van Mullem
County Counsel

By: 
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Deputy County Counsel