

RESOLUTION NO. 23-052

OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN
AGREEMENT FOR WATER PURCHASE BETWEEN ACWD AND THE
WESTSIDE DISTRICTS AND TO TAKE RELATED ACTIONS, AND
DETERMINING ACTIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

WHEREAS, Alameda County Water District (ACWD or District) has a long-term water supply contract with the State of California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the delivery of State Water Project water; and

WHEREAS, “Westside Districts” consists of Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD) and four member units of the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) (Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Lost Hills Water District, and Wheeler Ridge – Maricopa Water Storage District); and

WHEREAS, the District has negotiated a new agreement to transfer deliveries of up to 20,000 acre-feet of State Water Project water to Westside Districts; and

WHEREAS the transfer deliveries will require approval from DWR, and the District will work with Westside Districts, through DRWD and KCWA, to obtain approval from DWR; and

WHEREAS, the recommended action qualifies for a Categorical Exemption under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15301: “Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use,” and none of the exceptions under the CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT that:

1. The General Manager is authorized to execute the Term Sheet Agreement for Water Purchase between ACWD and the Westside Districts, for transfer of up to 20,000 acre

feet of Alameda County Water District's State Water Project water supplies to Westside Districts for \$125 per acre foot.

2. The actions are determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Categorical Exemption Class 1 – operation of existing facilities with no expansion of use (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301).
3. District staff is directed to prepare and file a Notice of Exemption within five working days of the approval of this Resolution.
4. District staff is further directed to prepare and submit associated filings to DWR related to DWR's review and approval of the transfer.
5. The General Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate this water transfer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors Gunther, Akbari, Huang, Weed, and Sethy

NOES: None

ABSENT: None



Paul S. Sethy, President
Board of Directors
Alameda County Water District

ATTEST:



Marian Hsu, Assistant District Secretary
Alameda County Water District
(Seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Patrick T. Miyaki, General Counsel
Alameda County Water District

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Alameda County Water District held on 14th day of September 2023.

Clerk/Secretary:  _____