

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF ANDERSON-COTTONWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT

- (1) CERTIFYING ITS REVIEW OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE WATER REDUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SACRAMENTO RIVER SETTLEMENT CONTRACTORS' NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION, INDIVIDUAL SACRAMENTO RIVER SETTLEMENT CONTRACTORS, AND THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION;
- (2) MAKING CERTAIN CEQA FINDINGS AND ADOPTING A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS;
- (3) APPROVING A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; AND
- (4) APPROVING THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq., (CEQA) for the proposed "Water Reduction Program Agreement Between the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation, individual Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation", State Clearinghouse Number 2024050834, (Project); and

WHEREAS, Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID) is an individual Sacramento River Settlement Contractor and is a responsible agency under CEQA for the Project; and

WHEREAS, GCID, in consultation with ACID, has caused to be prepared in accordance with CEQA a notice of preparation (NOP), Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and a Final EIR consisting of (a) the Draft EIR, (b) comments to the Draft EIR and GCID's responses to those comments, (c) revisions to the Draft EIR, (d) Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations, and (e) a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) section 15096, subdivisions (f) and (g), ACID as a responsible agency must consider the environmental effects of the entire Project as shown in the Final EIR and feasible mitigation measures and alternatives within ACID powers prior to reaching a decision on the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15050, subdivision (b), each responsible agency must certify that its decisionmaking body reviewed and considered the information in the EIR on the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to ACID's consideration of the Final EIR and accompanying documents, GCID's Board of Directors on December 30, 2024 adopted Resolution No. 2024-013, "Resolution of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District to Certify the Final Environmental Impact

Report for the Water Reduction Program Agreement Between the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation, Individual Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation; Adopt Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations; Adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and Approve the Project” (GCID’s Resolution); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of ACID reviewed and considered GCID’s Resolution, including exhibits thereto and incorporates the same into this Resolution by this reference as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2025, a regular meeting of ACID was held to consider the Final EIR and all supporting documentation and other relevant documents, including Exhibit A, to receive public comment on ACID’s consideration and certification of the Final EIR as a responsible agency, and to consider adoption of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED, AND DIRECTED by the Board of Directors of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Directors.
2. Based on its review of the whole record before it, including the Final EIR, Draft EIR, all appendices and references, Exhibit A, and presentations by ACID staff and consultants, the Board of Directors finds, determines and certifies that (i) it reviewed and considered the information prepared by GCID, as lead agency, before acting and considering the Project; (ii) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15096, subdivision (f), ACID considered the environmental effects of the proposed Project as described in the Draft and Final EIR and accompanying documents; and (iii) the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the ACID Board of Directors. Consequently, acting as a responsible agency, the Board of Directors of ACID hereby certifies, adopts and approves the Final EIR as the environmental impact report for the Project under CEQA.
3. The Board of Directors hereby adopts and approves the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations attached as Exhibit B. By so adopting, the Board of Directors has satisfied its obligations concerning CEQA findings in that Exhibit B: (i) identifies all feasible mitigation measures that can substantially lessen or avoid significant environmental effects associated with the Project; (ii) explains why certain proposed mitigation measures are rejected as inappropriate or infeasible; (iii) explains why Project alternatives cannot feasibly and adequately satisfy the objectives of the Project; (iv) finds certain environmental impacts of the Project to be significant and unavoidable and cannot be reduced below significance by avoidable mitigation measures or feasible alternatives and consequently adopts a statement of overriding considerations; and (iv) explains why the Project is considered feasible and is being adopted as the Project.

4. The Board of Directors hereby adopts and approves and attaches as Exhibit C the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program and authorizes and directs ACID staff to implement and enforce the mitigation measures in the implementation and management of the Project.
5. Having certified the Final EIR as a responsible agency, the Board of Directors hereby approves and elects to carry out the Project as set forth in the Final EIR. The General Manager of ACID or the President of the Board of Directors is authorized and directed to execute the "Agreement Between the United State Bureau of Reclamation, the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation, and Individual Sacramento River Settlement Contractors for the Establishment of a Drought Protection Program", a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D.
6. The Board of Directors authorizes and directs the ACID's General Manager or his designee to prepare and sign a CEQA Notice of Determination for the Project and to file this notice within five (5) working days following the date of adoption of this resolution with the State Clearinghouse and affected counties [Tehama, Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sacramento, Shasta, Sutter, and Yolo counties] and directs that copies of the Final EIR be retained at ACID's office for public review.
7. The documents which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision of the Board of Directors is based are located at the offices of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, 2810 Silver Street, Anderson, CA 96007, and the Secretary to the Board of Directors is the custodian thereof.

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ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 9th day of January, 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Aye: 5
No: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0



President of the Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary to the Board of Directors