

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NUMBER 1004

- (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, Reclamation District No. 1004 (RD1004) is an individual Sacramento River Settlement Contractor and is a responsible agency under CEQA for the Project; and

WHEREAS, GCID, in consultation with RD1004, 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), RD1004 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 RD1004 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 RD1004'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 Trustees of RD1004 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 8, 2025, a regular meeting of RD1004 was held to consider the Final EIR and all supporting documentation and other relevant documents, including Exhibit A, to receive public comment on RD1004'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 Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1004 as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein as findings of the Board of Trustees.
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 RD1004 staff and consultants, the Board of Trustees 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), RD1004 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 RD1004 Board of Trustees. Consequently, acting as a responsible agency, the Board of Trustees of RD1004 hereby certifies, adopts and approves the Final EIR as the environmental impact report for the Project under CEQA.
3. The Board of Trustees hereby adopts and approves the CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations attached as Exhibit B. By so adopting, the Board of Trustees 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 to of the Project to be significant an 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 Trustees hereby adopts and approves and attaches as Exhibit C the Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program and authorizes and directs RD1004 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 Trustees hereby approves and elects to carry out the Project as set forth in the Final EIR. The General Manager of RD1004 or his designee 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 RD1004'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 RD1004's office for public review.
7. The documents which constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision of the Board of Trustees is based are located at the offices of Reclamation District No. 1004, 317 4th Street, Colusa, CA 95932, and the Secretary to the Board of Trustees is the custodian thereof.

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ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District No. 1004 at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 8th day of January, 2025, by the following vote of said Board:

Aye: 3 Hulbert, Herkert, Mord
No: 2 Borrelli, Bailey
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0 None



Ed Hulbert
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Attest:



Barbie Buchanan
Secretary to the Board of Trustees