RESOLUTION NO. 2021-57

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT SUPPORT THE COSUMNES, AMERICAN, BEAR AND YUBA (CABY) INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)

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; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region consists of four (4) watersheds including the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Rivers and twelve (12) sub-watersheds within the north central Sierra Nevada defined by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through their "Regional Acceptance Process"; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Stakeholder Group is composed of a diverse group of public agencies, water providers, agriculture, business, residential water users, community, recreation, and environmental organizations and tribal interests who have jointly developed a CABY Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) and have formally endorsed the CABY IRWMP; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Stakeholder Group chooses representatives to serve as the CABY Regional Water Management Group (RWMG); and

WHEREAS, the CABY RWMG has formulated a cooperative governance structure necessary to implement the IRWMP as described in 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 CABY region; and

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 that one watershed; and meet short- and long-term water resources needs; and

WHEREAS, an integrated regional approach to water management will streamline individual efforts and increase efficiencies; the CABY IRWMP 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 goals and objectives for the CABY region; and

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; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2018 the CABY RWMG began working on the update to the CABY IRWMP that was adapted in 2014; and

WHEREAS, by adopting this resolution of support, this organization is eligible to participate in the Stakeholder Group and is eligible to serve on the CABY on the CABY RWMG; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is not be a legally binding document, but rather a regional compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, through the IRWMP references many plan, and the adoption of the IRWMP does not equal an endorsement of all such plans or endorsement of all the plans that are referenced: and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP will be a living document, reviewed and updated over time, and signatory organizations can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT THAT:

The 2021 Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba Integrated Regional Water Management Plan is hereby approved and adopted as a voluntary document and plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District at a meeting of said Board held on the 12th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

THORNBROUGH, MACDONALD, SEAMAN, SAUNDERS

NOES:

NONE.

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: STEWART

Michael Saunders, President, Board of Directors

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

Attest:

Adam Coyan, Clerk and Ex officio

Secretary, Board of Directors

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution 2021-57 duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, County of El Dorado, State of California, on the 12th day of December, 2021.

Adam Coyan, Clerk and Ex officio

Secretary, Board of Directors

GEORGETOWN DIVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT