

# RESOLUTION 24-001

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD RUSSIAN RIVER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

### ALEXANDER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the Russian River Property Owners Association are concerned with future water reliability for Alexander Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the water diverted from the Eel River through the Potter Valley Project since 1908 has resulted in the availability of water for residential, municipal, industrial, agriculture, tribal, and recreation, as well as for natural resource and other beneficial resources in the Russian River watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, the reliability of water supply in the Russian River watershed is threatened by the imminent decommissioning and removal of the Potter Valley Project inter-basin diversion facility; and

**WHEREAS**, improved water management practices and supplemental water supplies must be developed in the Russian River watershed to mitigate for the loss of the Potter Valley Project water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Russian River Property Owners Association, along with other organizations, are proposing the creation of a California Water District in the Alexander Valley made up of unincorporated parcels overlying the Alexander Valley groundwater basins to safeguard a reliable and sustainable water supply and to provide water management that includes water efficiency, groundwater recharge, and other programs that ensure a resilient water supply for the protection of all recognized beneficial uses; and

**WHEREAS**, Russian River Property Owners Association has agreed to serve as fiscal agent for the district formation process, including receiving funding and retaining needed professional services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors met and discussed the status of the potential formation of a California Water District in Alexander Valley by either landowner petition to the Sonoma Local Area Formation Commission or special legislation. After discussion by the Board of Directors, on motion made by Pat Burns and seconded by Harry Black, the Board Members present unanimously voted to support and advocate for the creation of a Water District in Alexander Valley that will support reliable and sustainable water resources; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of the **Russian River Property Owners Association hereby finds, determines and declares:**

The Russian River Property Owners Association will share information about the benefits of and process for formation of a new Water District with its members as well as local governmental officials, other landowners, water users and residents of the Alexander Valley; and

The Russian River Property Owners Association will provide assistance for landowners petitioning to form the Water District regardless of their membership within the Association; and

The Russian River Property Owners Association agrees to be named as a sponsor of State legislation to enact the Water District if legislation is pursued; and

The Directors of the Russian River Property Owners Association owning land within the proposed district boundary individually commit to signing the necessary petition to form the Alexander Valley Water District; and

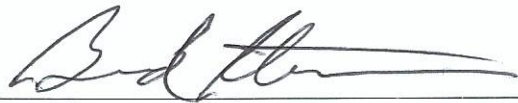
The Directors of the Russian River Property Owners Association who are owners, officers, directors or employees of corporations, trusts and other entities owning land within the proposed district boundary individually commit to seek the entities' approval to sign the petition to form the District.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the **Russian River Property Owners Association**, at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the **February 14, 2024**, by the following vote.

AYES: Brad Petersen, Harry Black, Rickie Pina, David Fanucchi, Pat Burns, Bret Munselle, Cam Mauritson, Justin Miller, Paul Foppiano, Richard Rued.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Carolyn Wasem and Allen Nelson



Brad Petersen, Chairman  
Board of Directors



ATTEST: Harry Black, Vice President