

## **Bay Area Clean Water Agencies Resolution to Adopt the Wastewater and Recycled Water Functional Area Document**

**Whereas**, state funding is currently available to support regional water management activities that improve water supply reliability and water quality, provided a plan is adopted describing how these regional water management activities were developed and will be implemented; and

**Whereas**, a Letter of Mutual Understanding helps coordinate the joint efforts of Bay Area utilities and other agencies toward the development of a San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

**Whereas**, the IRWMP is intended to integrate the management plans of all water related agencies and public utilities in the region, to foster coordination, collaboration and communication among those agencies, and will address water supply, water quality, wastewater, recycled water, water conservation, stormwater/flood control, watershed planning and aquatic habitat protection and restoration and

**Whereas**, the IRWMP for the San Francisco Bay Area will be used to secure grants and other funding for Bay Area water related projects, programs and plans, and

**Whereas**, the Bay Area Clean Water Agencies (BACWA) then Chairman, Jim Kelly, signed this agreement on December 19, 2003 agreeing to the Letter of Mutual Understanding and the responsibility for BACWA to provide a regional forum for compilation of individual agency service function plans into a regional functional area plan for wastewater and recycled water, and

**Whereas**, the BACWA Water Recycling Committee has lead the BACWA effort to develop the Recycled Water section of the Functional Area Document, with the development of an outline of the document, specific requirements for the projects, and three tiers for recycled water projects, and

**Whereas**, the Recycled Water Committee of BACWA noticed and held a public agency workshop for review of the recycled water section on October 24, 2005, and

**Whereas**, the BACWA Executive Board agreed in June of 2005, to include two regional projects into the Wastewater section of the Functional Area Document, the Regional Biosolids Project, and Risk Reduction Management for the Clean Estuary Project, and

**Whereas**, the Risk Reduction Management project of the Clean Estuary Partnership is an important project under development as an environmental justice project to better identify, communicate with and reduce the risk for people who are fishing and eating the fish from the San Francisco Bay, and

**Whereas,** the Regional Biosolids Project is important to the sustainability of beneficial reuse of biosolids which are removed from sewage through the wastewater treatment process thereby protecting the San Francisco Bay, the project provides a wide variety other benefits including economies of scale, reducing competition among agencies for marketing of similar products and streamlining permitting, and

**Whereas,** the schedule for preparation of the IRWMP call for BACWA to submit the Wastewater and Recycled Water Functional Area Document to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) by March 1, 2006, and

**Whereas,** the Recycled Water Committee recommends the Executive Board approve the recycled water section of the document, and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Executive Board of BACWA approves the Wastewater and Recycled Water Function Area Document for submittal to the TCC with the understanding that as appropriate the descriptions of the projects, specifically the Risk Reduction Management, may be updated after March 1, 2006 but prior to October 1, 2006.

Chairman of the BACWA Executive Board

Date:



February 27, 2006

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William Keaney