

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD FOR THE HITCH HABITAT
IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT FOR TULE LAKE, SCOTTS
CREEK AND ADOBE CREEK PROJECT.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, funds were made available to the Wildlife Conservation Board for the enhancement or restoration of fish and wildlife habitat and for the development of public access facilities for hunting, fishing or other wildlife-oriented recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the Clear Lake Hitch (Chi), a State threatened species endemic to Clear Lake is currently declining in numbers in Clear Lake and her tributaries, and is subject of a US Endangered Species Act Listing Decision; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Board of Supervisors passed a proclamation declaring a Clear Lake Hitch Emergency on February 7, 2023 that included a list of actions to improve hitch habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Lake County Watershed Protection District, will apply for funds through the Wildlife Conservation Board to The Hitch Habitat Improvement Planning and Assessment for Tule Lake, Scotts Creek, and Adobe Creek Project for the amount not to exceed \$2,730,970; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide valuable data, information, and design and outreach products that will help the District and partners better manage Scotts Creek and Adobe Creek to sustain flows for Clear Lake Hitch to complete their reproductive cycles, which has been identified as a primary strategy for increasing hitch population numbers in Clear Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District as follows:

1. Approves the filing of an application for funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board; and
2. Certifies that said Applicant will comply with all federal, state and local environmental, public health, and other appropriate laws and regulations applicable to the project and will obtain or will ensure that the other project partners obtain all appropriate permits applicable to the project; and
3. Further commits to the terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement; and
4. Appoints the Director of the Water Resources Department as a representative(s) of the Watershed Protection District to conduct negotiations, execute, submit and sign all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, and other documents which may be necessary for

the completion of the proposed project.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Directors of the Lake County Watershed Protection District, at a regular meeting thereof held on _____, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

(Chair, Board of Directors)

ATTEST: Susan Parker
Clerk of the Board

By: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Lloyd Guintivano
County Counsel

By:  _____