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

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LAKE COUNTY WATERSHED PROTECTION DISTRICT AND HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE, TO EXECUTE THE USEPA 2024-2027 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK GRANT

Resolution No.	

WHEREAS, the Lake County Watershed Protection District (hereafter "District") has the authority to manage and monitor surface and ground water quality and quantity in Clear Lake and other aquatic resources in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, the District has an obligation to collect information that can be used to better monitor and manage these valuable aquatic resources, including and not limited to the act of collecting, storing, managing, analyzing, and making public, the chemical, physical, and biological water quality and water quantity data, including stream assessment information and data related to Clear Lake Hitch; and

**WHEREAS**, the District is able and willing to seek partnerships and collaborative opportunities with other agencies and organizations, such as Federally Recognized and sovereign Native America Tribes, in order to carry out the above duties, and other water quality related tasks deemed essential to the conservation and preservation of Clear Lake and other aquatic resources within Lake County; and

WHEREAS, it's the Districts' desire to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter "MOU") between The District and Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake (hereafter "Tribe"); and

**WHEREAS**, the MOU is a mutual understanding of the District and the Tribe with respect to their joint application, approval, execution, reporting, and continuation of the 2024 U.S. EPA Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant (NEIEN) award and its included obligations; and

WHEREAS, the District is partnering with the Tribe to continue a local Water Quality Data Exchange Program and therefore have a vested interest in completing the grant, as awarded and provided in ATTACHMENT A with budget specifics provided in ATTACHMENT B, to benefit the collection, management, storage, sharing, and analysis of water quality and quantity data in County of Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant award amount (\$499,604) is divided between both parties, with a District portion allocated as \$170,031, and a third partner, Robinson Rancheria, as set forth in ATTACHMENT **B**, the grantee and reporting agency is specified as Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, and the MOU is needed to identify the distribution, use, evaluation and reporting of specified grant duties as listed in the grant objectives and deliverables.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Lake County Board of Supervisors, acting as the Board of Directors of the Watershed Protection District, approves to enter into a **Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Lake Watershed Protection District and Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake; and** 

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Water Resources Director is hereby authorized and directed to execute the required tasks of the MOU and execute the NEIEN grant as awarded and described in the **ATTACHMENTS A & B**.

THIS RESOLUTION was passed by the Board of Direction District at a regular meeting thereof held on	
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ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:	
Chair, Board of Directors	
ATTEST: Susan Parker Clerk of the Board	
By:	
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Lloyd Guinti County Counsel	ivano
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