

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

Authorizing Approval of the Project and Approval of Grant Funds for Clear Lake Hitch Habitat Improvement Planning and Design in Cole Creek, Big Valley Basin, Lake County, CA, USA for the amount not to exceed \$500,122, and approve the Water Resources Director as Signature Authorization to Execute Agreement.

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have approved a grant for the project shown above; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the grant, setting up necessary procedures, through funds appropriated by the California Natural Resources Agency; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife require the Lake County Watershed Protection District ("Grantee") to certify by an authorizing resolution approval of the Project; approval of grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Clear Lake Hitch (Chi), a State listed threatened species endemic to Clear Lake is currently declining in numbers in Clear Lake and surrounding 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 project will provide valuable data, information, design and outreach products that will help the District and partners better manage Cole 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 California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and
2. Certifies District approval of said Project, approval of grant monies; and
3. 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

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 _____, 2025 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: _____

