RESOLUTION OF THE RUSSIAN RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUPPORTING THE SUBMITTAL OF A PROPOSITION 1 STORM WATER PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

WHEREAS, the Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) is a coalition of eleven cities, counties, and special districts (member agencies) in the Russian River watershed that work together to coordinate regional programs for clean water, fisheries restoration, and watershed enhancement; and

WHEREAS, RRWA is preparing a Proposition 1 Storm Water Planning grant application in order to 1) establish a Russian River Regional Monitoring Program; and 2) to concurrently develop a Stormwater Resource Plan; and

WHEREAS, the initial purpose of the Russian River Regional Monitoring Program is to ensure that water quality monitoring conducted in the watershed with public monies is adequately standardized, coordinated, and accessible to cost-effectively answer the following basic questions: what is the water quality of the watershed, how is it changing in response to management and regulatory actions, and what are the best ways to improve water quality in the future?; and

WHEREAS, the regional Stormwater Resources Plan will help inform the development of a regional monitoring program; and

WHEREAS, this work is considered a high priority initiative by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 funding will be critical to the development of a coordinated, multi-benefit Stormwater Resource Plan and Russian River Regional Monitoring Program for a clean, resilient water supply for Sonoma and Mendocino counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the RRWA Board of Directors, by resolution, recommends the submittal of a Proposition 1 Storm Water Planning Grant application.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED by the Russian River Watershed Association Board of Directors this 25th of February, 2016.

AYES: 6 (Landman, Cox, Hamburg, Chamberlain, McCaffery, Millan)

NOES: 0

ABSTEND: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVED: ________________________________

Mark Landman

Chair, Board of Directors