

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A WARREN ACT CONTRACT
WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR
CONVEYANCE/STORAGE OF NON-PROJECT WATER AND THE POWER
LETTER OF AGREEMENT 26-WC-20-6448 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT ELECTRICAL POWER AND FEES INCURRED
FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF NON-PROJECT WATER**

WHEREAS, the United States Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation") owns and operates the Central Valley Project, including associated reservoirs and conveyance facilities; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District ("District") has access to/owns non-project water ("Non-Project Water") that it desires to put to beneficial use within the District's service area; and

WHEREAS, the District authorized the General Manager to Execute the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Yuba Transfers 2026-2050 Activity Agreement on May 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Warren Act (Act of February 21, 1911, 36 Stat. 925) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to enter into contracts for the use of excess capacity in federal irrigation canals and reservoirs for the storage and carriage of non-project water; and

WHEREAS, the District and Reclamation have negotiated a Warren Act Contract 26-WC-20-6402 that sets forth the terms, conditions, and charges for the conveyance/storage of the District's Non-Project Water; and

WHEREAS, Non-Project Water delivered to the District under the Warren Act Contract is not eligible for the use of Project Use Power from the Central Valley Project, and

WHEREAS, the District and Reclamation have negotiated a Power Letter of Agreement (26-WC-20-6448) for the replacement of Project Use Power, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has reviewed the proposed Warren Act Contract and Power Letter of Agreement and determined that it is in the best interest of the District and its water users to enter into these agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, FOUND, AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District as follows:

1. Recitals: The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. Approval of Contract: The proposed Warren Act Contract between the San Benito County Water District and the United States Bureau of Reclamation is hereby approved in substantially the form presented to this Board of Directors.
3. Approval of Contract: The proposed Power Letter of Agreement between the San Benito County Water District and the United States Bureau of Reclamation is hereby approved in substantially the for presented to this Board of Directors.
4. Authorization to Execute: The Board President is hereby authorized and directed to execute and sign the final Warren Act Contract and Power Letter of Agreement on behalf of the District, with such non-substantive changes as may be approved by the General Manager.
5. Implementation: District staff and legal counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions and execute any supplementary documents necessary to implement the Contract and facilitate the water deliveries.
6. Effective Date: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of July 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Wright, Tonascia, Flores, Freeman & Williams

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

Signature of presiding Board member
Attested by Board Secretary
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/s/Mark Wright

Mark Wright
President

ATTEST: /s/Barbara L. Mauro

Barbara L. Mauro
Board Secretary