RESOLUTION # 2005-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RANCHO MURIETA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE FREEPORT REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION FOR A PROPOSITION 50 GRANT

WHEREAS, Proposition 50 was approved by the State electorate in November of 2002 and authorizes the issuance of \$3,440,000,000 in general obligation bonds to be repaid from the State's General Fund to fund a variety of water projects.

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of Proposition 50 provides a funding mechanism for projects that are part of an integrated regional water management process.

WHEREAS, the Freeport Regional Water Authority (FRWA) has undertaken a collaborative process to identify potential stakeholders in the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Basin ("Central Basin") that may be interested in partnering in the submittal of a single application for the first cycle of Proposition 50 funding in July of 2005 ("Grant Application").

WHEREAS, the focus of this collaborative process has been the Water Forum Agreement which provides a comprehensive framework to meet the water supply needs of the Sacramento Region. This framework includes a water supply for the Central Basin that will be met by a combination of groundwater, surface water, recycled water, and remediated water.

WHEREAS, in order to more fully address groundwater issues within the Central Basin, the Water Forum Agreement included the creation of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum that is charged with developing mechanisms to address groundwater quantity, groundwater quality, cost, and a flexible basin management structure within the Central Basin.

WHEREAS, the collaborative process undertaken by FRWA in connection with the Grant Application has been directed at identifying potential projects within the Central Basin region that are both eligible for Proposition 50 funding and consistent with the goals of the Water Forum Agreement and the efforts of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum.

WHEREAS, in the course of this collaborative process, FRWA has identified the Freeport Regional Water Project ("FRWP") and projects proposed by the, the County of Sacramento, the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District, and the Nature Conservancy (collectively, ENTITIES) as meeting the above-described criteria.

WHEREAS, the FRWP facilities were identified and approved as part of the Water Forum Agreement as a means of providing the physical infrastructure necessary to operate a conjunctive use program in the Central Basin. The FRWP is also part of the Sacramento County Water Agency's ("SCWA") Zone 40 Master Plan in that its various components will provide the surface water supply and treatment facilities to be used conjunctively with the Central Basin's groundwater supply as contemplated by the Zone 40 Master Plan.

WHEREAS, The Central and South Sacramento County Regional Water Partnership (CSSCRWP) was formed by the above listed ENTITIES not only to assist in FRWA's grant application, but also with an objective to encourage, foster and develop integrated regional water projects that have multiple purposes, benefits and/or serve multiple parties to better manage the resources at hand.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Rancho Murieta Community Services District, resolves and determines to support the efforts of FRWA to prepare and submit a Grant Application for funds available from Chapter 8 of Proposition 50 for the purposed of funding regional projects that have multiple purposes, benefits and/or serve multiple parties to better manage the resources within the Central and South areas of Sacramento County.

The foregoing Resolution is passed and adopted this 15th day of June, 2005, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES:

Merchant, Taylor, Brennan, Kuntz, White

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

John Merchant, President of the Board

Rancho Murieta Community Services District

[SEAL] Attest:

Edward R. Crouse District Secretary