RESOLUTION NO. 1919-24 WWD

A RESOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD OF THE WINDSOR WATER DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE SONOMA COUNTY LOCAL AREA FORMATION COMISSION REQUESTING COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROCESS TO EXPAND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OF THE WINDSOR WATER DISTRICT TO INCLUDE, AND ANNEX INTO THE WINDSOR WATER DISTRICT, A PORTION OF THE TERITORY OF SONOMA WATER'S AIRPORT LARKFIELD WIKIUP SANITATION ZONE AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO FUND A STUDY OF THE ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, the Windsor Water District (WWD) is a dependent special district of the Town of Windsor; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Larkfield Wikiup Sanitation Zone (ALWSZ) is a dependent special district of Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, known as Sonoma Water; and

WHEREAS, the WWD discharges a third of its reclaimed water to Mark West creek due to insufficient storage. Mark West Creek is a part of the Laguna De Santa Rosa which is designated as an impaired waterway; and

WHEREAS, the ALWSZ treatment plant has a storage capacity of 300 million gallons; and

WHEREAS, the ALWSZ treatment plant has a design capacity of 900,000 gallons per day; and

WHEREAS, The WWD Water Reclamation facility has sufficient capacity to treat the wastewater flows of the Airport Larkfield Wikiup Sanitation Zone; and

WHEREAS, the ALWSZ treatment plant is nearing the end of its operational life and renovation would require an estimated $50 million capital investment; and

WHEREAS, Consolidation of the ALWSZ into the WWD would result in the WWD having sufficient storage capacity to avoid discharging into the impaired waters of the Laguna De Santa Rosa during normal years. The consolidation would be the best interest of rate payers of both agencies and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 57105 prohibits the WWD from annexing territory that is greater than 30% of the WWD's area; and

WHEREAS, the entire ALWSZ cannot be annexed into the WWD due to the area of ALWSZ relative to area of the WWD; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 57105 allows a portion of ALWSZ to be annexed into the WWD; and

WHEREAS, the portion of ALWSZ west of Highway 101 would comply with Government Code Section 57105 and contains the treatment plant; and

WHEREAS, to initiate annexation of a portion of ALWSZ into the WWD, and letter must be submitted to the Sonoma Count Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) requesting commencement of the process; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO must conduct a study of the proposed annexation which will be paid for by the WWD.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the District Board of the Windsor Water District that the General Manager is authorized to submit a letter to LAFCO requesting the commencement of proceedings to detach the portion the ALWSZ west of Highway 101 from the Sonoma County Flood Control and Water Conservation District , and annex it into the WWD for the purpose of wastewater collection and treatment, as well as the supply of water; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with LAFCO to conduct a study of the proposed annexation in an amount not to exceed $100,000 and to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of February 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	**BOARDMEMBERS FUDGE, SALMON, WALL, VICE PRESIDENT POTTER AND PRESIDENT REYNOZA**
NOES:	**NONE**
ABSTAIN:	**NONE**
ABSENT:	**NONE**

ROSA REYNOZA, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

IRENE CAMACHO-WERBY, SECRETARY