

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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IN THE MATTER OF SUPPORT

For the Lower Walnut Creek Project

RESOLUTION NO. 2011/____

WHEREAS, the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District owns, operates and maintains the Walnut Creek Channel, part of a twenty-two mile system of flood protection constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the most downstream reach of the system is known as Lower Walnut Creek, and protects the Tesoro Golden Eagle refinery, the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District treatment plan, Buchanan Field Airport, and many residential, commercial and industrial areas from damaging floodwaters; and

WHEREAS, Lower Walnut Creek provides habitat for a number of rare and endangered species such as Clapper Rail, Black Rail, Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse and Chinook Salmon; and

★ **WHEREAS**, upon construction of the channel, the Flood Control District signed an operations and maintenance agreement with the Corps of Engineers that dictated the channel would be periodically dredged and vegetation removed; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Control District's efforts to dredge the channel have been rejected by regulatory agencies concerned about the loss of critical wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Control District has entered into a partnership with the Corps of Engineers to reevaluate the channel, and transform it into a sustainable facility; and

WHEREAS, the cost of this reevaluation study, known as the Lower Walnut Creek Project, is split equally between the Federal government and Flood Control District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Flood Control District to partner with the Corps of Engineers, acknowledges the benefits of creating a sustainable channel, and supports continued Federal funding to finance the Federal share of the project.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this

____ day of _____, 2011.

CHAIR GAYLE B. UILKEMA

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Board of Supervisors
affixed on this ____ day of _____, 2011.

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and
County Administrator.

By: _____
Deputy

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