TO APPROVE DRINKING WATER PLANNING GRANT FUNDING TO THE CITY OF WEED (CITY) FOR TWO PLANNING AND DESIGN PROJECTS (PROJECTS)

WHEREAS:

1. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) adopted the Policy for Implementing the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF Policy) on October 21, 2014, delegating authority to the Deputy Director of the Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to approve routine and non-controversial projects;

2. On June 21, 2016, the State Water Board adopted the 2016-2017 DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP), which sets forth the plan for how funds will be used within the State Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and refines criteria set forth in the DWSRF Policy for the coming year;

3. The IUP states that severely disadvantaged communities may receive a maximum $500,000 grant per project for their proportional share of a planning project. It also states that on a case-by-case basis, for good cause, the Deputy Director of the DFA may approve more than $500,000 in grant funds for the public water system’s proportional share of a planning project;

4. Proposition 1 (Prop 1), the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 (Assembly Bill 1471, Rendon) allocated $260 million for drinking water grants and loans for public water system infrastructure improvements and related actions to meet safe drinking water standards, to ensure affordable drinking water, or both;

5. Prop 1 Drinking Water funds are administered consistent with the IUP and the DWSRF Policy;

6. The State Water Board determined that the Projects are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Article 18, Section 15262 for feasibility and planning study and Article 19, Section 15306, Class 6 for information collection and resource evaluation activities;

7. The Projects will not have any significant water quality impacts;

8. Adequate public participation was provided through the CEQA review process for the Projects;

9. The State Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption for the Projects following funding approval;

10. The City has requested $542,000 in DWSRF and/or Prop 1 grant funding for the North Weed Water Supply Project, and $500,000 in DWSRF and/or Prop 1 grant funding for the Bypass Water Supply Pipeline Project; and

11. DFA staff have completed technical, financial, and environmental reviews for the Projects with a total cost of $1,042,000.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board authorizes the Deputy Director of the DFA to execute financing agreements with the City to provide DWSRF and/or Prop 1 grant funding for the following planning and design projects:

a. North Weed Water Supply Project (4710009-001P) in an amount not to exceed $542,000.

b. Bypass Water Supply Pipeline Project (4710009-002P) in an amount not to exceed $500,000.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on June 20, 2017.

AYE: Chair Felicia Marcus
     Vice Chair Steven Moore
     Board Member Tam M. Doduc
     Board Member E. Joaquin Esquivel

NAY: None

ABSENT: Board Member Dorene D’Adamo

ABSTAIN: None

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board