WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board) finds that:

1. The Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council (Stewardship Council) was established in 2004 by a Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) settlement agreement with the California Public Utilities Commission, and was created to develop a plan for the protection of approximately 140,000 acres of PG&E-owned watershed lands for the benefit of the citizens of California.

2. Protecting such lands will be accomplished through the donation of a significant portion of the watershed lands to qualified entities, the establishment and funding of conservation easements on watershed lands, the promotion of new collaborative partnerships, and the grant funding of a variety of enhancement projects.

3. The Stewardship Council’s governing board consists of representatives from the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Resources Agency, the Office of Ratepayer Advocates, the State Water Resources Control Board, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Forestry Association, the California Hydropower Reform Coalition, the Regional Council of Rural Counties, the Central Valley Water Board, the Association of California Water Agencies, the Trust for Public Land, PG&E, and three public members named by the Commission.

4. In 2007, the Central Valley Water Board appointed Sopac Mulholland as its representative to serve on the Stewardship Council governing board, and appointed Bob Schneider as her alternate.

5. Since 2009, Sopac has served as a Vice President of the Stewardship Council board of directors and has chaired its Watershed Planning Committee.

6. Sopac’s experience as a former member of the Central Valley Water Board and her expertise as a leader in the land trust community have benefited the Stewardship Council immensely as it carries out its mission. As a member of the Council’s Conservation Easement Work Group, she reviews proposed conservation easements to ensure they will protect the beneficial public values of PG&E-owned watershed lands and that their terms can be enforced by the holder(s) of the conservation easement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Central Valley Water Board hereby reappoints Sopac Mulholland to serve as its representative on the Stewardship Council’s Board of Directors.

2. The Central Valley Water Board hereby reappoints Bob Schneider as Sopac Mulholland’s alternate to serve on the Stewardship Council’s Board of Directors.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region on 11 August 2017.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON, Executive Officer