

City Manager's Report
June 24, 2014 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 8.6

Subject: Adopt by Resolution the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba Rivers (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) as updated May 30, 2014, a voluntary document that provides broadly supported goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the CABY region and the City of Placerville.

Background: The Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba (CABY) Watershed Group Planning Committee consists of a diverse group of public agencies, water providers, agriculture, business, residential water users, community, recreation, environmental organizations, and tribal interests who have jointly developed an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP). The IRWMP serves as a voluntary planning document that identifies a broadly supported vision, guiding principles, goals, objectives, and projects to enhance the beneficial uses of water for the CABY region. The collaborative planning effort is intended to formulate water management strategies for the region and prioritize projects that address watersheds and regional issues, coordinate with other IRWMPs, address local, state and federal plans' priorities, achieve multiple benefits, encompass more than one watershed, and meet short- and long-term water resource needs.

Certain grant funds require projects be listed within an adopted IRWMP to be eligible. For example, with the inclusion of the City's Pardi Way/Big Cut Road/Sacramento Street Waterlines Replacement Project in the IRWMP, the City of Placerville was able to receive \$930,000 in DWR grant funds for a first phase of the project.

Discussion: Accompanying this staff report is a proposed resolution of support for the May 30, 2014 update to the CABY IRWMP. This proposed resolution is very similar to the resolution adopted by the Council at its June 26, 2012 meeting for the adoption of the initial 2007 version of the plan. Adoption of the resolution would not require the expenditure of any funds by the City, but enables the City to pursue drought-relief funding from the state through CABY in the upcoming months as well as other grant funds in the future. With the drought conditions the State of California is fast-tracking water conservation projects and the City will be applying for funding the remainder of the Pardi Way/Big Cut Road/Sacramento Street Waterlines Replacement Project.

The voluminous text of the plan update which includes 16 chapters and 13 appendices can be viewed on the CABY website at <http://www.cabyregion.org/>.

Budget Impact: There is no cost associated with this item, and it will put the City in position to receive certain grant funding which requires adoption of an IRWMP.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the City Council adopt by Resolution the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba Rivers (CABY) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan

(IRWMP) as updated May 30, 2014, as a voluntary document that provides broadly supported, identified goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the City of Placerville.

Nathan Stong, City Engineer

Pierre Rivas, Development Services Director

M. Cleve Morris, City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
ADOPTING THE COSUMNES, AMERICAN, BEAR AND YUBA (CABY) RIVERS
INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP)**

WHEREAS, numerous factors such as population growth, development, loss of snowpack, prolonged drought, and greater risk of catastrophic fire in the State of California will continue to pressure water resources, and balancing the needs of urban, agricultural, environmental and recreational water supplies will be a challenge for all involved in water management; and

WHEREAS, the CABY planning region consists of the foothill and upper watersheds of the Cosumnes, American, Bear, and Yuba Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the CABY Planning Committee is composed of the agencies and organizations that wrote and adopted the first CABY IRMWP which was approved in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Placerville City Council adopted the 2007 CABY IRMWP on June 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, CABY's diverse group of public agencies, water providers, tribal entities, businesses, residential water users, and agricultural, community, recreational, and environmental organizations, have jointly developed this update to CABY's existing Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP); and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP has served and will continue to serve as a voluntary planning document that identifies broadly supported guiding principles, vision, goals, objectives and projects to enhance the beneficial uses of water for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative planning effort continues to formulate water management strategies for the region and to prioritize projects that address regional watershed issues, coordinate with other IRWMPs, address local, state and federal plans' priorities, achieve multiple benefits, encompass more than one watershed, and meet short- and long-term water resource needs; and

WHEREAS, continuing this integrated regional approach to water management will further streamline individual efforts and increase efficiencies; and

WHEREAS the CABY IRWMP has increased and will continue to increase the number of collaborative partnerships and the organizational capacity of member organizations, and has provided and will continue to provide both a forum for stakeholder input and support for projects that address the common goals and objectives for the CABY region; and

WHEREAS, this regional planning effort has improved and will continue to improve regional competitiveness for grant funding for projects and efforts to implement the IRWMP and achieve agency or organizational goals; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, CABY undertook efforts to update the 2007 IRWMP to meet current state requirements; and

WHEREAS, this updated IRWMP was completed and approved by the California Department of Water Resources Regional Acceptance Process in April, 2014 and was adopted by CABY on May 30, 2014 after appropriate public notice of this impending action; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City of Placerville have participated in the efforts of CABY and desire to work towards its continued success into the future; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is not a legally binding document, but rather a compact with commitments to work together as a region to implement the plan; and

WHEREAS, while the IRWMP references many plans, the entities that adopt the IRWMP don't necessarily endorse all the plans that are referenced; and

WHEREAS, the IRWMP is a living document, reviewed and updated over time, and individual signatories can remain involved or terminate their involvement at any time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Placerville hereby adopts the CABY Integrated Regional Water Management Plan as updated May 30, 2014, as a voluntary document that provides broadly supported, identified goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the people and the rivers of the Cosumnes, American, Bear and Yuba region now and into the future.

The foregoing Resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on June 24, 2014 by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____. The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Mayor Carl Hagen

Susan Zito, MMC, City Clerk