

RESOLUTION NO. 25-26-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SUTTER CREEK AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AND FILE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR A FINANCING AGREEMENT FROM THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FOR THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DESIGN AND OR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ("PROJECT")

WHEREAS, the City of Sutter Creek ("City") is a local city government located in Amador County running a regional wastewater plant servicing the City of Sutter Creek, Amador City and the highly developed portion of Amador County; and

WHEREAS, the City's wastewater treatment plant has disposed of treated wastewater through one of the more complex systems in the state, relying on 9 miles of pipeline, 2 reservoirs, a tertiary plant and golf course owned by the City of Ione, and cooperation from the City of Ione and the Mule Creek State Prison; and

WHEREAS, this system's complex water balance challenges have resulted in multiple disputes, lawsuits, and notices of violations to the the agencies involved; and

WHEREAS, the current wastewater treatment plant, portions of which were built in 1948, is unable to comply with modern treatment standards, and the City has been notified by the Regional water board that its old permits must be updated; and

WHEREAS, achieving compliance will require new treatment processes, which will also require more energy with a total estimated cost of approximately \$40M ; and

WHEREAS, these costs far exceed what a small, rural, disadvantaged community can reasonably absorb through water rates alone, and securing state and federal grant and low-cost financing assistance is essential to minimizing financial impacts on City customers; and

WHEREAS, pursuing state financial assistance programs requires the City to formally authorize an official representative to prepare, execute, and submit funding applications, certifications, and related agreements on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council agrees to delegate its authority to the City Manager to execute agreements and documents with the State Water Resources Control Board that will allow the City to apply for various state financial assistance programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUTTER CREEK ("ENTITY") HEREBY FINDS:

1. That the recitals in this Resolution and accompanying staff report are true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.
2. The City Manager (the "Authorized Representative") or designee is hereby

authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of the Entity, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning and design of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Project.

- 3. This Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.
- 4. The Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to represent the Entity in carrying out the Entity’s responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Entity and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City of Sutter Creek City Council on this ____ day of February 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers:

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED:

Claire Gunselman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pam Caronongan, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the City of Sutter Creek City Council held on _____, 2026.

ATTEST:

INSERT NAME, City Clerk