

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLUMAS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION AFFIRMING AND FORMALLY DESIGNATING THE
APPROPRIATE LOCAL AGENCIES FOR WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN PLUMAS COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2013- 7898

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors is directly or indirectly involved in an expansive list of topics, programs, and resource issues centering upon watershed management including but not limited to surveys, investigations, analyses, and projects related to water quality, water quantity, recreation and resource management activities, flood control projects, wildlife enhancement projects, resource restoration projects, agricultural enhancement and water-related improvement projects, grant projects funded through the State Department of Water Resources under the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning program, Sierra Nevada Conservancy, and other public funding sources and due to the County's strategic location at the headwaters of the Upper Feather River watershed within the northern Sierra Nevada and, through its jurisdiction as a subdivision of the State of California and its strong County General Plan policy language supporting resource management and conservation, it wishes to maintain its strong leadership role in watershed management activities within the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Board of Supervisors finds that it is imperative for such responsibility to be vested in a local agency that is either elected or which is appointed by the elected Board of Supervisors of the County in order to: assure open meetings and open public records; maintain responsiveness and accountability for decisions; assure the existence of proper jurisdiction to manage natural resources; and, conduct business that is open to public scrutiny and which is subject to State laws including but not limited to the California Environmental Quality Act; and,

WHEREAS, the formal designation for watershed management responsibility will establish clear and effective communication and coordination protocols among local, State, and Federal public agencies and eliminate any confusion and miscommunication which may arise and will avoid impacts to property owners and the general public in distinguishing the clear differences between non-public special interest groups or non-profit entities which do not possess resource management authority nor jurisdiction as compared to publicly elected or appointed local agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the unincorporated lands within the Plumas County boundary are located within the Upper Feather River watershed, which includes the Sierra Valley subwatershed in Plumas County which is within the boundary of the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District which was organized under the Resource Conservation District Act (Public Resources Code, Division 9, Chapter 3, beginning with Section 9151) and among its primary authorities and responsibilities include "facilitating coordinated resource management efforts for watershed restoration and enhancement".

WHEREAS, the unincorporated lands within the Plumas County boundary are located within the Upper Feather River watershed, which includes the Spanish Creek and Indian Creek subwatersheds in Plumas County which is within the boundary of the Feather River Resource Conservation District which was organized under the Resource Conservation District Act (Public Resources Code, Division 9, Chapter 3, beginning with Section 9151) and among its primary authorities and responsibilities include “facilitating coordinated resource management efforts for watershed restoration and enhancement”.

WHEREAS, the unincorporated lands within the Plumas County boundary are located within the Upper Feather River watershed, which includes the portions of the North Fork of the Feather River subwatershed, portions of the South Fork of the Feather River subwatershed in Plumas County and portions of the Middle Fork of the Feather River watershed except for the lands within the Last Chance Creek Water District, which is within the boundary of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, which was created by statutes, 1959 chapter 2114 page 4912 as amended.

WHEREAS, the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was created, “... to provide for the control and conservation of flood and storm waters and the protection of watercourses, watersheds, public highways, life and property from damage or destruction from such waters; to provide for the acquisition, retention, and reclaiming of drainage, storm, flood, and other waters and to save, conserve, and distribute such waters for beneficial use in said district; to authorize the development and sale of electric power; to authorize the incurring indebtedness, the issuance and sale of bonds, and the levying and collection of taxes and assessments on property within said district; to provide for the respective zones thereof, and operation of said district and for the acquisition and construction of property and works to carry out the purposes of the district.”

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors for Plumas County is also the governing Board of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby affirms and designates the following local agencies as the recognized watershed management agencies for the County of Plumas:

1. The Board of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is hereby affirmed as the designated watershed management authority for lands within the boundaries of Plumas County.
2. Portion of the Middle Fork of Feather River Watershed (Sierra Valley): The Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District, which boundaries include the Middle Fork Feather River watershed in Plumas and Sierra Counties, is hereby designated to be the primary authority to make recommendations on watershed management issues to the Board of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for lands which exist within the boundaries of Plumas County.
3. Portion of the North Fork of the Feather River Watershed (Spanish Creek and Indian Creek): The Feather River Resource Conservation District, which

boundaries include the Spanish Creek and Indian Creek subwatershed of the North Fork of the Feather River, is hereby designated to be the primary authority to make recommendations on watershed management issues to the Board of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be distributed to all local, State, and Federal agencies, special interest organizations, and non-profit organizations who maintain or participate in watershed programs or that seek or otherwise provide grant funds to maintain programs supporting resource conservation, planning, and/or coordination of watershed projects in Plumas County.

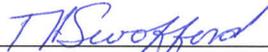
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all organizations, special interest groups, and non-profit organizations and any local, State, or Federal public agencies who wish to assert that they are representative of or are operating on behalf of the people of Plumas County, shall expressly work in cooperation, coordination, and with the approval of the Board of the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the watershed management authority within Plumas County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors in furtherance of its watershed management jurisdiction and authority, directs the Co-Directors for the Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to pursue funding sources and programs that may be available to augment its watershed management responsibility and authority, including coordination with existing local, public agencies that may possess watershed management authority.

Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Plumas on the 21th day of May 2013, by the following vote:

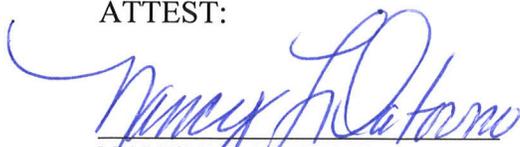
AYES: SUPERVISORS THRALL, GOSS, SIMPSON, KENNEDY, SWOFFORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

COUNTY OF PLUMAS



TERRY SWOFFORD
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



NANCY D'ARNO
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CRAIG SETTLEMIRE
COUNTY COUNSEL