RESOLUTION NO. 8246

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF MARIN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESOLUTION REGARDING ECOSYSTEM HEALTH AND THE NEED FOR FRESH WATER FOR THE SANFRANCISCO BAY-DELTA ESTUARY

WHEREAS, the Marin Municipal Water District was founded in part on the principle of the public stewardship of natural resources in perpetuity, as evidenced by the district's own stewardship of Marin County's Mt. Tamalpais Watershed for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors, representing the people of Marin County, known for its rich environmental resources and agricultural heritage, also is committed to protecting natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Marin County is surrounded on two sides by the San Francisco Bay, and these bay lands consist of more than 10,000 acres along the shoreline of San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, providing crucial habitat for many species of plants and animals, and therefore Marin County has a critical interest in the health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary; and

WHEREAS, at 1,600 square miles, the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary is the largest on the West Coast and drains nearly 40 percent of California's land area; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta are at risk from many factors, and the State and Federal governments are proposing large-scale changes to address these factors, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Government/San Francisco Estuary Partnership's 2011 State of the Bay report indicates that limited freshwater inflows are having a negative impact on the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Marin Municipal Water District hereby supports Marin County Board of Supervisors' Resolution 2013-117 expressing an interest in the on-going Bay-Delta planning processes that protection and restoration of a healthy sustainable Bay-Delta ecosystem includes adequate water quality, outflow, and water supply to support fisheries, wildlife and habitat in perpetuity.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of January, 2014 by the following vote of the Board.

AYES:

Directors Crosse, Gibson, Koehler, Quintero and Russell

NOES:

None

ABSENT: None

President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Directors