

RESOLUTION 2025 - 02

**RESOLUTION OF APPLICATION BY HOPE WATER DISTRICT
REQUESTING LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS
FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE HOPE WATER DISTRICT SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
AND ANNEXATION OF TERRITORIES AND APPROVING FILING OF NOTICE OF
EXEMPTION UNDER CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, Hope Water District (District) desires to initiate proceedings pursuant to the Cortese - Knox - Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, commencing with section 56000 of the California Government Code, for an amendment to its Sphere of Influence and for the annexation of one Assessor's Parcel into the District totaling approximately 1,635 acres; and

WHEREAS, the property proposed to be annexed to the District is described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (hereafter the proposed Annexed Lands); and

WHEREAS, one hundred percent (100%) of the affected Landowners and registered voters within the proposed Annexed Lands have requested and agreed to the annexations on the terms and conditions set forth herein, and such annexations will not affect the boundaries, services areas, responsibilities, or revenues of any other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Annexed Lands are considered "uninhabited territory" within the meaning of the Cortese - Knox - Hertzberg Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Annexed Lands are outside the District's current Sphere of Influence; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of annexation is to enable the District to provide certain services to the proposed Annexed Lands; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined the proposed annexations are categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to 14 California Code Regulations Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15319.

WHEREAS, the foregoing procedures shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the the Annexation Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated here by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of Hope Water District as follows:

1. The District authorizes and approves District executive Staff to execute the Annexation Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B with Landowners identified in Exhibit A.

2. District Staff is hereby authorized to prepare and submit to the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Tulare this Resolution of Application, and all materials necessary and relevant to amend the District's Sphere of Influence and for the annexation of the proposed Annexed Lands to the Hope Water District. Said submittal shall include only those properties that have completed and executed the Annexation Agreement and complied with its terms and conditions, including payment of fees required thereunder.

2. That said Sphere of Influence Amendment and annexation, and the procedures related thereto, shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Annexation Agreement(s) attached hereto as Exhibit B.

3. That the District finds the amendment to the Sphere of Influence and annexation of the proposed Annexed Lands is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act; and Staff is hereby authorized to file a Notice of Exemption attached with the California Office of Planning and research.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Hope Water District held on MARCH 28, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 4
NOES: 1
ABSENT: JOHN KOWDA
ABSTAIN:

HOPE WATER DISTRICT

By Mark F. Hill
President of the Board of Directors

ATTEST:

By John S. Kowda
Secretary of the Board of Directors