



**RESOLUTION OF THE  
NORTH COAST INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN  
POLICY REVIEW PANEL  
HONORING JIMMY SMITH  
FOR HIS SUPERLATIVE SERVICE TO THE NORTH COAST REGION**

**WHEREAS**, With unanimous support from his colleagues on seven North Coast County Boards of Supervisors and Tribes representing the Northern, Central and Southern areas of the Region, Jimmy Smith tirelessly led the development of the Region’s first North Coast Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (NCIRWMP) since its inception in 2004, as Chair and Vice Chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith’s optimism, resolve and commitment to work to find common ground among 7 diverse counties, multiple Tribes, and more than 90 public agencies, watershed groups, non-governmental organizations and stakeholders was instrumental in establishing the trust necessary for the North Coast’s success; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith demonstrated tremendous courage, convincing his colleagues, constituents and NCIRWMP partners that the regional opportunities for funding and influence outweighed any historic conflicts and barriers to collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith’s kind, welcoming and gracious leadership style fostered an atmosphere of inclusiveness, diplomacy and encouraged communication, cooperation and collaboration – talents and skills that proved especially helpful during the NCIRWMP’s most difficult policy decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, A tireless ambassador, Jimmy Smith travelled throughout the North Coast Region and to Sacramento to develop and maintain relationships with North Coast partners, State funding agencies, Congressional leaders, Senators and Assembly Members and to effectively communicate the goals and objectives of the NCIRWMP and advocate for the region’s many unmet funding needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith advocated for and received the full support of his Board for Humboldt County to accept responsibility as the lead contract administrator for the entire North Coast Region; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith led the North Coast through the development of Phase’s I and II of the NCIRWMP, both unanimously adopted by all seven North Coast County Boards of Supervisors; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith oversaw all the of NCIRWMP’s funding applications, resulting in top ranked proposals that have brought more than \$41 million in water and energy-related grant funding to the North Coast region, and have leveraged over \$88 million in local matching funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith elevated the concerns and burdens affecting the region’s most economically disadvantaged communities and worked to minimize the impacts to these communities and to the North Coast’s priority infrastructure and environmental projects during the State’s “bond freeze” in 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith’s leadership has contributed to the local, regional and statewide recognition of the NCIRWMP as a model of collaboration and has positioned the North Coast to continue to successfully implement its plan, projects and compete for additional funding for vital North Coast projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith has a deep and abiding passion for the watersheds and fisheries of the North Coast Region, and has been a tireless advocate for healthy salmon populations and the people and communities that depend on them; and

**WHEREAS**, The North Coast’s many successes would not have been realized without Jimmy Smith’s thoughtful vision, experience, support and leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy Smith is held in the highest regard and is dearly admired by all of his colleagues on the Policy Review Panel and by the Technical Peer Review Committee, NCIRWMP staff and the stakeholders of the North Coast Region.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NCIRWMP Policy Review Panel is grateful to Jimmy Smith and does hereby recognize the many contributions he has made on behalf of the NCIRWMP and to the benefit of us all. We extend our sincere appreciation and wish Jimmy Smith and his wife, Jacque, health and happiness in their life together on Humboldt’s beautiful coast.

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Jake Mackenzie, Chair  
NCIRWMP, Policy Review Panel