

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-163**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE'S AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES DISINFECTION/DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOLS FOR MILL CREEK PONDS (TALMAGE AREA)**

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino is committed to protecting its fish, wildlife, and plant resources, as well as supporting working landscapes; and

WHEREAS, preventing the infestation of aquatic invasive species, particularly Quagga Mussels and Zebra Mussels, into waters within the County's borders is an important consideration to protect the natural ecology and economic health reliant upon aquatic systems; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 14, Section 672.1(b) requires that any agency owning or managing a reservoir, where recreational, boating, or fishing activities are permitted, shall develop and implement a dreissenid (Quagga and Zebra) mussel prevention program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino owns and operates the Mill Creek Ponds, which are reservoirs as defined in Section 6004.5 of the California Water Code, within Mill Creek County Park; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino, in order to implement its Quagga and Zebra Mussel Prevention Plan for Mill Creek Ponds, developed in accordance with CCR Title 14, Section 672.1(b), has the responsibility of adopting protocols required to be followed by all departments of the County of Mendocino, contractors for the County of Mendocino, and other government agencies that perform work in or around or withdraw water from Mill Creek Ponds; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has developed a protocol to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), included as attachment A; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by CDFW, if adopted by the County of Mendocino, would require agencies to follow the Aquatic Invasive Species Decontamination Protocols while performing in or around or withdrawing water from Mill Creek Ponds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Adopts California Department of Fish And Wildlife's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Disinfection/Decontamination Protocols for Mill Creek Ponds, included as Attachment A; and

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2. Directs that all departments, agencies, and contractors within the County of Mendocino that perform work in or around or withdraw water from Mill Creek Ponds shall follow the AIS Decontamination Protocol for all personnel and equipment that come into contact with the reservoirs.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor McGourty, seconded by Supervisor Haschak, and carried this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

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DAN GJERDE, Chair  
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

*APPROVED AS TO FORM:*  
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS  
County Counsel

BY: CARMEL J. ANGELO  
Clerk of the Board

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Deputy