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Process for Guideline Development In Accordance with the Water Supply Permit Side Agreement:

In accordance with the “Side Agreement” with MOA signatories Section (9) Guidance Documents, WAC will make “best efforts to develop key guidelines for the Agricultural Easement Program in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit 4. So long as WAC diligently pursues development of these guidelines and completes the guidelines within three years from the Effective Date of the Water Supply Permit in a manner consistent with the protocol set forth below, the City shall be deemed in compliance with this schedule.

Process:

Step 1: WAC Staff shall develop draft guidelines in accordance with the set schedule and forward guidelines to a committee working group.

Step 2: Based on the initial draft, the committee working group will develop a second draft for 30-day comment period.

Step 3: The working group draft shall be placed on the WAC website for a period of 30 days to allow for MOA signatories’ comments.

Step 4: WAC shall make itself available in a public meeting to any interested MOA signatories or their representatives to discuss such comments.

Step 5: WAC Staff shall review and incorporate relevant comments into the draft where appropriate and forward modified draft to the committee working group.

Step 6: Committee working group will review draft and with approval of a majority of the committee approve and incorporate relevant comments from MOA signatories, staff, and WAC legal into the draft where appropriate and forward final draft to the Easement Committee for a vote.

Step 7: Easement Committee will make their “Best Effort” to approve the final document in accordance with the schedule set forth in Exhibit 4 of the Side Agreement.

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Board Resolution

Side Agreement Guideline Development Process

WHEREAS, the Watershed Agriculture Council has agreed to follow the requirements set forth in the side agreement with MOA signatories; and

WHEREAS, the side agreement contains “Supplemental Provisions Relating to Stewardship of WAC Conservation Easements” connecting the development of “Key Guidelines” to a schedule for completion; and

WHEREAS, the Council will ensure its best faith effort to maintain the schedule of completion of these key guidelines in accordance with the provisions outlined in Section 9 of the Side Agreement while incorporating relevant comments into the draft where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Council firmly believes that to ensure the organization’s commitment to Section 9 of the Side Agreement we must adhere to a formalized process; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council adopts the attached Side Agreement Guideline Development Process to ensure the integrity, commitment and spirit of intent regarding the contents of Section 9 of said side agreement.