

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-____

**RESOLUTION BY THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SUPPORTING
ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT:**

PROPOSITION 84

***"THE SAFE DRINKING WATER, WATER QUALITY AND SUPPLY, FLOOD CONTROL,
RIVER AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2006"***

WHEREAS, the State operates a variety of programs to conserve natural resources, protect the environment, provide flood control, and offer recreational opportunities for the public and provides grants and loans to local governments and nonprofit organizations supporting natural resource conservation, safe drinking water, flood control, water quality and water supply projects, and State and local parks; and

WHEREAS, per the Legislative Analyst's Office, since 1996 voters have authorized approximately \$11 billion in general obligation bonds for these purposes and, of this amount, approximately \$1.4 billion is projected to remain available for new projects, primarily for water-related purposes; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 84 would allow the State to sell \$5.4 billion in general obligation bonds for projects relating to safe drinking water, water quality and supply, flood control, waterway and natural resource protection, water pollution and contamination control, State and local park improvements, public access to natural resources, and water conservation efforts – as well as funding for emergency drinking water; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 84 would include \$1 billion in funding for continuation of the Integrated Regional Water Management grant program; and

WHEREAS, projections by the California Department of Finance show that the State's population will exceed 45 million by 2020, a 21% increase over the State's current population of 37.2 million, and up to 25 million new residents by 2040. Continued reliance on local government funding for infrastructure development will very likely be inadequate in the face of such population growth, necessitating a significant investment at the State level; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 84 is supported by a broad coalition of interests, including water districts, conservation and environmental groups, local government entities, museum and park interests, elected officials and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Marin County could benefit from awards provided by Proposition 84, if approved by voters, for these purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors hereby express strong support for Proposition 84, the "Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006" and urge the voters of the County of Marin to support Proposition 84 on the November 7, 2006 ballot.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 19th day of September, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

CLERK