

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, ADOPTING THE HEADWATERS FUND REVOLVING LOAN FUND MANUAL AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2002, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt (County) adopted Ordinance 2289, Management of the Headwaters Fund, codified in Humboldt County Code sections 2151-1 through 2151-5 (the Headwaters Fund Charter); and

WHEREAS, the Purpose of the Headwaters Fund includes, in part, supporting the growth of base industry clusters and increasing the number of sustainable jobs that pay near or above the median income in the County, and managing the Headwaters Fund to keep the funds working in the community in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the County of Humboldt to issue a Shelter in Place order on March 20, 2020, and declare a Local Emergency on March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, businesses located in the County of Humboldt have been adversely impacted by the pandemic, which directly impacts the vitality of the County’s economy and its base industry clusters and the number of sustainable jobs in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, to provide assistance to local businesses, on March 27, 2020, the Headwaters Fund Board directed the Headwaters Fund Executive Director to develop proposed revisions to the Headwaters Fund Revolving Loan Fund Manual, and other documents as would be necessary, to provide immediate lending assistance to businesses in County of Humboldt, to bring before the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the resulting amendments to the Headwaters Fund Revolving Loan Fund Manual create a Business Relief Emergency Loan Fund within the RLF, which provides streamlined and relaxed lending guidelines for loans made to local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and allows potential debt refinancing or tax payment loan options, while still requiring lenders to implement lending criteria, and allows contracted lenders to loan funds to local businesses with less lender or borrower capital, with the goal of permitting lenders to offer loans to more local businesses more quickly; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt currently contracts with the Arcata Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) and Redwood Region Economic Development Commission (RREDC) as lenders for the Headwaters Revolving Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, to bolster the economic resiliency of the county as described in the County Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) named “Prosperity 2018”, adopted by the Board of Supervisors in November 2018, and as approved by the US Economic Development Administration on December 18, 2018, the Board of Supervisors finds it is in the best interest of local businesses to approve the revised Lenders Manual; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Code Section 2151-4 sets forth that the Headwaters

Revolving Loan Fund Manual shall be adopted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Headwaters Revolving Loan Fund Manual as attached and incorporated herein is approved adopted.

Section 2. This adopted Headwaters Revolving Loan Fund Manual is retroactive to March 20, 2020.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Chair

Adopted on motion by Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors--
NOES: Supervisors--
ABSENT: Supervisors--
ABSTAIN: Supervisors--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California as the same now appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors

KATHY HAYES

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt,
State of California
