

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 1

A RESOLUTION authorizing the Executive Director to enter into contracts for the taxonomic identification of benthic macroinvertebrate samples collected from the Delaware River and its tributaries.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the approved Work Plan for DRBC's Clean Water Act Section 106 grant administered by Region III of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), DRBC staff in consultation with DRBC's Water Quality Advisory Committee routinely monitor the macroinvertebrate community as part of a biomonitoring program for water quality and aquatic life protection; and

WHEREAS, Section 106 Grant work plans for calendar years 2010 through 2015 allocated a total of \$39,000 to the analysis of macroinvertebrate samples resulting from this program; and

WHEREAS, the Otto Haas Charitable Trust awarded \$150,000 to DRBC in December 2010 to support ambient monitoring in the upper portions of the Delaware River Basin before the initiation of natural gas development, and \$84,000 of these funds remain available for the analysis of macroinvertebrate samples; and

WHEREAS, DRBC began baseline monitoring to define water quality and aquatic community conditions, including collection of benthic macroinvertebrate samples in areas underlain by the Marcellus Shale; and

WHEREAS, DRBC seeks to utilize each state's identification methodology for sample sites within that state and to utilize DRBC's Delaware River methodology for sites in the main stem; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2015 DRBC published a Request for Proposal and Quotation (RFPQ) for the taxonomic identification of benthic macroinvertebrate samples and will review proposals in response to the RFPQ for capability and cost; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission that:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into one or more contracts for the taxonomic identification of benthic macroinvertebrate samples for a period of four (4) years.
2. The total cost of the contracts shall not exceed \$120,000, absent a further allocation by the Commission for this activity.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Angus Eaton

Angus Eaton, Chairman *pro tem*

/s/ Pamela M. Bush

Pamela M. Bush, J.D., M.R.P., Commission Secretary

ADOPTED: March 11, 2015