

A RESOLUTION to adopt the fiscal year 2016-2018 Water Resources Program.

WHEREAS, Section 13.2 of the *Delaware River Basin Compact* requires the Commission to “annually adopt a water resources program, based upon the comprehensive plan, consisting of the projects and facilities which the commission proposes to be undertaken by the commission and by other authorized governmental and private agencies, organizations and persons during the ensuing six years or such other reasonably foreseeable period as the commission may determine”; and

WHEREAS, by resolution of September 29, 1999, the Governors of the four Basin States, supported by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Park Service (NPS), directed the Commission to develop a new comprehensive water resources plan for the Basin (“Basin Plan”); and

WHEREAS, by resolution of September 13, 2004, the DRBC Commissioners, together with representatives of the EPA, NPS, United States Fish & Wildlife Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and United States Geological Survey resolved to support the principles, goals and objectives embodied in the Basin Plan and directed the Commission staff to be guided by the Basin Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff has relied upon the Basin Plan as a guide in developing a three-year Water Resources Program to serve as the strategic plan for programs and activities to be undertaken by the Commission during the fiscal years 2016 through 2018 (*Water Resources Program FY 2016-2018*); and

WHEREAS, the activities, programs, initiatives, projections, and proposals set forth in the *Water Resources Program FY 2016-2018* guided the development of the FY 2016 budget and annual work plan of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, February 10, 2016 the Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the proposed *Water Resources Program FY 2016-2018*; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

The *Water Resources Program FY 2016-2018*, including the activities, programs, initiatives, projections, and proposals set forth therein, is hereby adopted in satisfaction of Section 13.2 of the *Compact*.

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Kara S. Coats, Chairwoman *pro tem*

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Pamela M. Bush, Commission Secretary

ADOPTED: March 16, 2016