

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes to authorize spending for the period from July 1, 2020 through the date of adoption of interim or final annual Current Expense and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021.

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Delaware River Basin Compact and the Commission's Administrative Manual, the Commission by Resolution No. 2019 – 4 on June 12, 2019 adopted its current expense and capital budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, mitigation measures in effect through much of the Basin to address the COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted state budget processes for Fiscal Year 2021, compelling some DRBC member Governors to consider revisions to previously announced budgets, and in New Jersey, prompting Governor Murphy and the New Jersey legislature to extend through September that state's current fiscal year slated to close on June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, some of DRBC's member state Governors may not be prepared to adopt the Commission's Fiscal Year 2021 budgets before completing their revised state budgets; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. Subject to the limitations set forth in paragraph 2 below, from July 1, 2020 until the Commission adopts its annual Current Expense and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 or alternative provisional budgets, the Executive Director is authorized to expend funds at a level approximating the Commission's average monthly expenditures during Fiscal Year 2020.
2. For the period described in paragraph 1, the Commission will operate subject to the following additional conditions:
 - a. The Commission will hire no new personnel except as approved in writing by a majority of the Commissioners.
 - b. No promotions of staff involving pay increases will be awarded.
 - c. No staff travel other than that deemed to be essential and that has been authorized in writing by the Executive Director will occur.
 - d. Expenses will be aligned with known revenues or previously awarded funds wherever possible (e.g., project review fees received, grant proceeds).
 - e. Expenses incidental to operations will be minimized.
3. After a duly noticed public hearing, the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Current Expense and Capital Budgets will be presented for the Commissioners' consideration at their regularly scheduled quarterly Business Meeting in September 2020.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

BY THE COMMISSION

ADOPTED: June 10, 2020