

RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A Resolution for the Minutes authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an agreement for professional services to support legislative and agency engagement and pursue funding opportunities.

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Compact (“Compact”) provides that the United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the State of New Jersey, the State of Delaware, and the State of New York are full signatory parties and voting members of the Delaware River Basin Commission (“Signatory Parties”); and

WHEREAS, the Compact provides for the Commission to manage, protect, and improve the water resources of the Delaware River Basin, including by defining and advancing programs for the optimum planning, development, conservation, utilization, management, and control of the Basin’s water resources to meet present and future needs; and

WHEREAS, since the Commission’s inception in 1961, the Signatory Parties have participated fully in Commission decision-making and have helped to coordinate among the multiple federal and state agencies whose actions affect the water resources of the Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Compact obligates the Signatory Parties to support the Commission’s operations through the appropriations processes of their respective legislatures; and

WHEREAS, each year, the legislatures and agencies of the respective Signatory Parties may consider legislation, policies, and programs focused on or affecting matters central to the Commission’s mission; and

WHEREAS, the Compact provides, in relevant part, that the Commission may:

- “Prepare, publish and disseminate information and reports with respect to the water problems of the basin and for the presentation of the needs, resources and policies of the basin to executive and legislative branches of the signatory parties.” (Compact Sec. 3.6 (f)) and
- “Negotiate for such loans, grants, services or other aids as may be lawfully available from public or private sources to finance or assist in effectuating any of the purposes of this Compact...” (Compact Sec. 3.6 (g)); and

WHEREAS, the Commission’s interests would be well served by engaging the services of an individual or firm to track member agency and legislative developments and to assist the DRBC staff in educating those involved about potential synergies or discontinuities with Commission programs; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a 12-month agreement for the professional services of a qualified consultant to: support and safeguard annual Signatory Party funding for the DRBC; identify additional sources of funding; and support and safeguard the DRBC's mission and authorities.
2. The objectives of such an agreement shall be:
 - a. To maintain clear congressional and legislative authorizations for DRBC funding.
 - b. To ensure inclusion of adequate DRBC funding in state and federal appropriations.
 - c. To support federal and state policies, programs and legislation that align with the DRBC's mission.
 - d. To respond to federal and state policies, programs and legislation with the potential to impact the DRBC's mission.
 - e. To identify sources of supplemental funding to support the DRBC's mission.
3. The cost for twelve (12) months of professional services shall not exceed \$75,000.
4. All funds originating from signatory party contributions allocated by the Commission for this purpose will be expended in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. In particular, no federal funds will be used for activities prohibited by the Anti-Lobbying Amendment, 31 U.S.C. § 1352 as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.

ADOPTED: September 10, 2025