RESOLUTION 2019-13
NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
ADOPTION OF THE “HIGHLANDS PLAN CONFORMANCE PROCEDURES” AS AN
ADDENDUM TO THE HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act or Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq.,
created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection
and Planning Council (Highlands Council or Council); and

WHEREAS, Section 8(a) of the Highlands Act mandates that the Council prepare and adopt a Regional Master
Plan (RMP) for the Highlands Region; and also states that the RMP “shall be periodically revised and updated
at least once every six years, after public hearings;” and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council has completed the six-year review of the RMP required by the Highlands
Act and has released a draft Monitoring Program Recommendation Report (MPRR), which includes one or more
recommendations to amend the RMP; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2017 the Council approved a Resolution adopting the final “RMP Addendum
2018-1 Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend the Highlands Regional Master Plan” (Amendment
Procedure) as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Council prepared a document entitled “Highlands Plan Conformance Procedures” (Plan
Conformance Procedures); and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2019, the Highlands Council adopted a resolution authorizing Council staff to
conduct the requisite public hearings under the Amendment Procedure before the Plan Conformance
Procedures may be adopted as an amendment to the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council staff has conducted five (5) public hearings in various locations in the
Highlands Region and one (1) public hearing in Trenton during the months of April and May 2019 to solicit
public comment on the draft Plan Conformance Procedures; and

WHEREAS, Council staff has provided the Highlands Council with its responses to all comments and other
input received from interested parties during the public comment period, including any proposed changes to the
draft Plan Conformance Procedures based upon the public comments received; and

WHEREAS, the RMP Amendment Committee has considered all proposed changes to the draft Plan
Conformance Procedures and has forwarded its recommendation to Council that it adopt the final Plan
Conformance Procedures as an addendum to the RMP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5-j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council to amend the RMP
shall have force or effect until thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted, after a copy of
the minutes of the meeting of the Council has been delivered to the Governor for review, unless prior to the
expiration of the review period the Governor shall approve same, in which case the action shall become effective
upon such approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Highlands Council hereby adopts the final “Highlands
Plan Conformance Procedures,” as an addendum to the RMP.
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 18th day of July 2019.

Carl J. Richko, Chairman

Vote on the Approval of The Resolution

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