

## RESOLUTION 2006-25

### NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL APPROVING PUBLIC RELEASE OF PRELIMINARY DATA AND INFORMATION UNDER DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (the "Highlands Act") has created a public body corporate and politic with corporate succession known as the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (the "Highlands Council"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act mandates that the Highlands Council prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2006, the Highlands Council adopted Resolution 2006-17 ratifying its decision of April 6, 2006, to follow a comprehensive schedule for the adoption of the Regional Master Plan before the end of December 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been diligent and substantial progress made on the development of the Regional Master Plan with ongoing input of the Highlands Council's sister agencies, consultants, members of the Highlands Council's Technical Advisory Committees ("TAC") and municipal and county officials; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the development of the Regional Master Plan, the emphasis has been on the careful advancement of good science and planning; and taking the necessary time to receive input from technical experts, local officials and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, By virtue of these aforementioned efforts, the Highlands Council will release a number of resource assessments and infrastructure capacity analyses on June 22, 2006, which will provide vital, but preliminary science data and information stakeholders have sought; and

**WHEREAS**, release of this data and information will permit public review and comment, which will be considered in development of the draft Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the data and information to be released on June 22, 2006, are in draft form and are subject to change based upon Highlands Council member input and input from the public;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

The Highlands Council hereby authorizes the Executive Director to:

1. Release to the public through the Highlands Council's website the preliminary data and information under development for the Regional Master Plan;
2. Receive public comment on the preliminary data and information and relay those comments to the Highlands Council for consideration as it develops the draft Regional Master Plan; and
3. Report to the Plan Development Committee on further development of the draft Regional Master Plan in light of the comprehensive schedule adopted by the Highlands Council on April 6, 2006.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Highlands Council at its regular meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2006.

  
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John Weingart, Chairman