

RESOLUTION 2019-04

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHLANDS COUNCIL STAFF TO CONDUCT THE ‘FIVE PLUS ONE’ PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE “PROCEDURES FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE” CAN BE ADOPTED AS AN AMENDMENT 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

WHEREAS, the Highlands Act provides that the RMP may be periodically revised and updated after “public hearings”; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2018, the Council adopted Resolution 2018-11 “RMP Addendum 2018-1 Procedure for Considering Proposals to Amend Highlands Regional Master Plan,” (the “Amendment Procedure”) as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP, establishing procedures to be followed by the Council for amending the RMP; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Council adopted procedures for Plan Conformance in accordance with Resolution 2008-27; and

WHEREAS, the Council has developed updated procedures for establishing procedures for municipal and county plan conformance set forth in the “Draft Plan Conformance Procedures,” which it plans to adopt as an amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP; and

WHEREAS, the Council shall utilize the Amendment Procedure to adopt the “Draft Procedures for Plan Conformance” as amendment of, and addendum to, the RMP, including the requirement that the Highlands Council conduct a minimum of six public hearings before taking final action on the proposed RMP amendment; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:20-5.j, no action authorized by the Highlands Council shall have force or effect until ten (10) 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 staff is hereby authorized and directed to hold five (5) public hearings in various locations in the Highlands Region, and at least one (1) public hearing in Trenton on the “Draft Procedures for Plan Conformance,” and shall also invite the submission of written comments within 60 days from the date of the public notice of said hearings before it can be adopted by the Highlands Council as an amendment of, and 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 21st day of March, 2019.


 Carl J. Richko, Chairman



Vote on the Approval of This Resolution

	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Councilmember Alstede	✓		✓			
Councilmember Carluccio				✓		
Councilmember Dougherty			✓			
Councilmember Dressler			✓			
Councilmember Francis			✓			
Councilmember Holtaway		✓	✓			
Councilmember James			✓			
Councilmember Sebetich			✓			
Councilmember Visioli			✓			
Councilmember Vohden			✓			
Councilmember Walton			✓			
Chairman Richko			✓			