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RESOLUTION 2019-10

NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT

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

WHEREAS, Section 6.g of the Highlands Act authorizes the Highlands Council to conduct its business as needed to effectuate the purposes of the enabling legislation; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly perform independent audits as required by State law, the Highlands Council established the Highlands Council's Audit and Evaluation Committees by Resolution 2006-06 on January 19, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council's Evaluation Committee approved a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide auditing services on April 21, 2016; and

WHEREAS, after the review and recommendations of the Evaluation Committee and the Audit Committee, the Highlands Council approved Resolution 2016-9 on October 20, 2016 authorizing the Executive Director to enter a contract for auditing services with Mercadien, P.C. (Mercadien); and

WHEREAS, Mercadien completed and prepared the final report on the Highlands Council's financial statement and recommended actions for Fiscal Year 2018 and presented it to the Audit Committee of the Highlands Council; and

WHEREAS, the Highlands Council Audit Committee reviewed the final report and the annual management letter with Mercadien and recommended that the Highlands Council accept the final report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Highlands Council hereby:

1) accepts Mercadien's final audit report for Fiscal Year 2018; and
2) directs the Audit Committee to continue to oversee the proper implementation of the audit requirements in accordance with State law.

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

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NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL
ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORT

Vote on the Approval of The 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			√			