SAUSALITO-MARIN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 1005

RESOLUTION OF THE SAUSALITO-MARIN CITY SANITARY DISTRICT (SMCSD) ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE LIFELINE REBATE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN LOW AND FIXED INCOME CUSTOMERS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA

WHEREAS, the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District desires to provide sewer service charge rate relief in the form of a Sewer Rate Lifeline Rebate Program (the "Program") for certain residential low- and fixed-income customers within the District's service area of the City of Sausalito and unincorporated areas (Marin City and Marinas); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that residential customers who participate in the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E's) low and fixed income CARE (California Alternate Rates for Energy) or FERA (Family Electric Rate Assistance) programs will automatically qualify for the Program; and

WHEREAS, to demonstrate that they qualify for the Program, residential customers shall submit to the District, on an annual basis, a bill statement for the property demonstrating their enrollment in either the PG&E CARE or FERA program; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the amount of the Sewer Rate Lifeline Rebate shall be a five percent (5%) rebate on the fixed sewer service charge for customers within the District's service area of the City of Sausalito and unincorporated areas (Marin City and Marinas); and

WHEREAS, the District's Sewer Rate Lifeline Rebate shall not be eligible to agencies, such as the Marin Housing Authority, and/or customers that are already under a separate agreement or arrangement for a reduced sewer service charge or utility subsidy; and

WHEREAS, the District will calculate the amount of sewer service charge rebate for each customer property enrolled in the Program on an annual basis based on the most recently adopted Sewer Service Charge Rate Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the District shall determine on an annual basis the amount of funding needed to administer the Program and shall appropriate funding from the District's General Property Tax revenue to be included in the adopted annual fiscal year budget document;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District adopts the Sewer Rate Lifeline Rebate Program in the amount of five percent (5%) on the fixed sewer service charge for qualified residential customers in order to provide sewer service charge rate relief to low- and fixed-income residential customers within the District's service area of the City of Sausalito and unincorporated areas (Marin City and Marinas)

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT the program will be initiated in fiscal year 2014/15 and remain in effect until such time as the District Board of Directors determines the program

needs to be modified or eliminated due to a change in law and/or the District's ability to fund the program, or other circumstance as determined by the District Board of Directors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Sausalito-Marin City Sanitary District, Marin County, California, at a meeting held on <u>December 8, 2014</u>, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors: DeLano, Rheiner, Ring

NOES: Directors: Arnott, Beers

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVED:

Dan Rheiner, Board President

(SEAL)

Helen Lei, Board Secretary