

RESOLUTION 2009- 48
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; and

WHEREAS, after the review and recommendations of the Evaluation Committee and the Audit Committee, the Highlands Council approved Resolution 2008-12 on April 24, 2008 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 statements and recommended actions for Fiscal Year 2008 and presented it to the Audit Committee of the Highlands Council; and

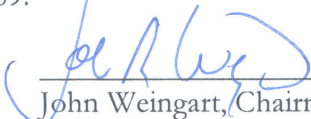
WHEREAS, the Highlands Council Audit Committee reviewed the final report and the annual management letter with Mercadien and recommended that the Highlands Council accept the final report.

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

- 1) accepts Mercadien's final audit report for Fiscal Year 2008; 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 27th day of August, 2009.



John Weingart, Chairman

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**Vote on the Approval of
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	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember Alstede	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Calabrese	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Carluccio	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Cogger	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Francis	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Kovach	_____	✓	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Letts	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Peterson	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Schrier	✓	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Vetrano	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	✓
Councilmember Way	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Whitenack	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____
Councilmember Weingart	_____	_____	✓	_____	_____	_____