

**RESOLUTION NO. 4419**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOLEDAD  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH  
VENTANA WILDLIFE SOCIETY TO PERFORM A ONE-YEAR BASELINE STUDY  
OF AVIAN AND BAT USE OF THE PROJECT AREA FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO  
EXCEED \$34,742**

**WHEREAS**, in May 2009 the draft environmental documents for the installation of ten open propeller type wind turbines at the water reclamation facility were completed and circulated to the appropriate agencies for review; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) expressed opposition to the project due to the potential of avian and bat mortality associated with this type of project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City had several meetings with the State of California DFG to confer with them on how to best mitigate the potential for avian and bat mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, one of DFG's recommendations has been for City staff to complete a one-year pre-permitting study to collect baseline data on bird and bat use of the proposed project site; and

**WHEREAS**, DFG staff has agreed to allow installation of a shrouded propeller type wind turbine for a one-year pilot study provided the City first complete a one-year pre-permitting study to collect baseline data on bird and bat use of the proposed project site; and

**WHEREAS**, a student group studying the wind patterns in the Salinas Valley are working with Ventana Wildlife Society to develop a three dimensional model of the Condor flight patterns in the Salinas Valley from the years of data compiled by Ventana Wildlife Society; and

**WHEREAS**, Ventana Wildlife Society proposes to conduct a one-year pre-permitting study to collect baseline data on avian and bat use of the proposed sites.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Soledad that the City Manager is authorized to execute an agreement with Ventana Wildlife Society to perform a one-year Baseline Study of avian and bat use of the proposed wind turbine sites for an amount not to exceed \$34,742.

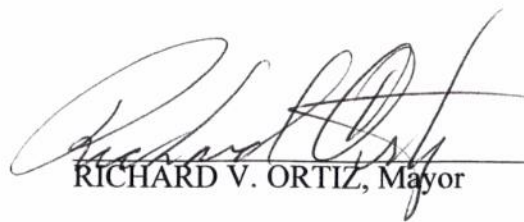
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Soledad at a regular meeting duly held on the 7th day of October 2009 by the following vote:

**AYES**, and in favor thereof, Councilmembers: Richard J. Perez, Juan Saavedra, Patricia Stephens, Mayor Pro Tem Martha Camacho, Mayor Richard Ortiz

**NOES**, Councilmembers: None

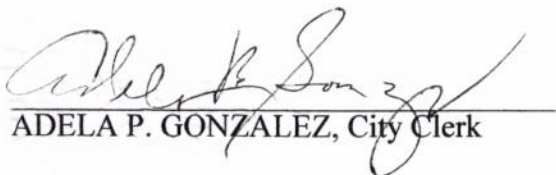
**ABSENT**, Councilmembers: None

**ABSTAIN**, Councilmembers: None



RICHARD V. ORTIZ, Mayor

ATTEST:



ADELA P. GONZALEZ, City Clerk