

**RESOLUTION 2009-1**  
**NEW JERSEY HIGHLANDS WATER PROTECTION AND PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT REPORTS**

**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 final reports on the Highlands Council's financial statements and recommended actions for Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, and 2007 and presented it to the Audit Committee of the Highlands Council; and

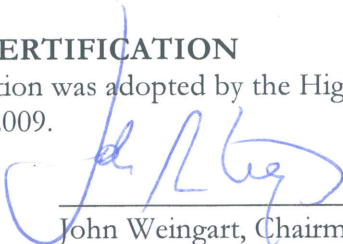
**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council Audit Committee reviewed the final reports and the annual management letters with Mercadien and recommended that the Highlands Council accept the final reports;

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

- 1) accepts Mercadien's final audit reports for Fiscal Years 2005, 2006, and 2007;
- 2) accepts and directs the implementation of the Audit Committee recommended implementation of management procedures and policies; and
- 3) 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

  
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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 Kovach			✓			
Councilmember Letts			✓			
Councilmember Pasquarelli			✓			
Councilmember Peterson			✓			
Councilmember Schrier			✓			
Councilmember Vetrano						✓
Councilmember Way			✓			
Councilmember Whitenack			✓			
Councilmember Weingart			✓			