

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. _____

Adopt the tenets provided by the)
memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between)
Regional Council of Rural Counties, California)
State Association of Counties, United States)
Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land)
Management and designate primary points of
contact.

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey (“County”) wishes to enhance the working relationship between the United States Forest Service, United States Department of Interior--Bureau of Land Management, and the County; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Council of Rural Counties (“RCRC”), California State Association of Counties (“CSAC”), the United States Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region (“USFS”), and the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management California State Office (“BLM”) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on July 23, 2012, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, whose purpose is to establish enhanced mutual communication between the USFS, BLM, and county governing bodies related to the land use planning and management of federal public lands and national forests; and

WHEREAS, both the USFS and BLM manage land throughout Monterey County, including for example, the Los Padres National Forest and the Fort Ord National Monument respectively;

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the value of a communications framework to ensure consistency within working relationships with USFS and BLM, and the County recognizes the utility of the MOA to accomplish this goal; and

WHEREAS, counties may choose to participate in the MOA by adopting a resolution that opts into the MOA, designates the county contact, and specifies the local federal land managers with which the county wishes to engage; and

WHEREAS, the MOA in no way jeopardizes or otherwise infringes upon the current legal rights of counties or the existing legal obligations of the USFS or BLM to their local government partners;

WHEREAS, the County adopts the tenets provided by the MOA for utilization by the County with the understanding that the MOA is meant to foster communication but does not preclude the County from raising objections to or challenging any actions of the USFS or BLM; and

WHEREAS, the County believes that the use of this MOA will enhance the existing relationship between it and the USFS and BLM and hopes that the clarity and stability that it will bring to the

communications between this County and these federal land management entities will benefit the people and the communities within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby:

1. Adopts the tenets provided by the Memorandum of Agreement between RCRC, CSAC, USFS, and BLM for utilization by the County;
2. Invokes the terms of the MOA with the Hollister Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and the Los Padres National Forest, Goleta field office, of the United States Forest Service; and
3. Designates the Director of the County Resource Management Agency or his or her designee as the point of contact between the County of Monterey and, respectively, the Hollister Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management and the Los Padres National Forest, Goleta field office, of the United States Forest Service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2014 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy