

*Before The Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 26-074**

Adopt a Resolution 1) amending Article )  
I.E. of the Monterey County Master Fee )  
Resolution effective July 1, 2026, to adjust )  
fees relating to oversight and services )  
provided by the Health Department's )  
Environmental Health Bureau; and 2) )  
finding that this adoption of adjusted fees is  
statutorily exempt from California  
Environmental Quality Act Review under  
Public Resources Code section  
21080(b)(8), as it modifies public agency  
fees to cover agency operating expenses.

This Resolution is made with reference to the following facts:

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Code section 1.40.010 provides that all fees, penalties, refunds, reimbursements and charges of any kind by the County may be designated in the Monterey County Fee Resolution, as amended by the Board of Supervisors from time to time;

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Health Bureau of the Health Department (EHB) has user fees, which it has designated in the Monterey County Fee Resolution, and which it wishes to amend, effective July 1, 2026;

**WHEREAS**, this amendment is an action to modify fees and other charges is necessary to fund operational expenses for the EHB and hence, is statutorily exempt from environmental review (Pub. Res. Code sec. 21080 subd. (b)(8); CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4));

**WHEREAS**, the EHB contracted with MGT Impact Solutions, LLC (MGT) to conduct a comprehensive fee study for all environmental health services during Fiscal Year 2025-26;

**WHEREAS**, MGT's fee study analysis concluded that 1) EHB's overall fees have kept pace with the changing market conditions and expenditure levels over time; 2) EHB's proposed amended fee recovery rates would be within 75-95% of its actual costs; and 3) EHB's proposed amended fee recovery rates would be in the normal range for Environmental Health Departments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds, based on MGT's analysis, EHB's staff report, and all other evidence in the record, that the proposed adjustments to fees will reflect no more than the reasonable costs to EHB to meet operational expenses necessary to provide the affected public services and benefits. Consequently, the amended charges are not taxes within the meaning of the California Constitution, article III C, section 1(e)(1)-(3) and (5).

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

1. Certify that the foregoing recitals are true and correct;
2. Amend Article I.E. of the Monterey County Fee Resolution, effective July 1, 2026, to adjust certain charges, set forth in Attachment 1 to this Resolution, to accurately reflect EHB's costs of service/operational expenses incurred to provide the enumerated benefits and services to the public.
3. Find the aforementioned Amendment is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code section 21080 subd. (b)(8) as an act to modify public agency charges intended to meet operating expenses; and
4. Unless otherwise specifically amended, all prior resolutions regarding such fees remain as previously approved and are unaffected by this action.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Root Askew and Daniels

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 82 for the meeting on March 24, 2026.

Dated: March 26, 2026

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Agenda Item No.: 24

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy