

RESOLUTION NO. XX,XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY TO AFFIRM ITS INTENTION TO FUND THE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE MONTEREY BAY AREA REGIONAL CLIMATE PROJECT WORKING GROUP FOR 2 ADDITIONAL YEARS THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2027-2028

WHEREAS, in April 2016 world leaders from 175 countries recognized the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it by signing the Paris Agreement, agreeing to keep warming "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and to "pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C"; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has allocated funding for climate change planning and implementation projects through California Climate Investments (i.e., the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund cap and trade program), the 2024 Climate Bond (i.e., Proposition 4), budget allocations, and funding provided through various state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Bay Area Regional Climate Project Working Group (RCPWG) was formed in 2021 to collaborate among agencies and organizations in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey counties to access transformative funding opportunities to achieve the region's emissions reduction and climate resilience goals; and

WHEREAS, each RCPWG member contributes annually to the group's fiscal sponsor, pooling funds to hire grant writers, strategists, and equity advisors; and

WHEREAS, the RCPWG has set the stage for the region's just transition by pursuing grant funding, developing and carrying out project concepts, strengthening connections with community-based organizations and the Monterey Bay Area Climate Justice Collaborative, and inviting elected and executive participation in recent RCPWG activities; and

WHEREAS, the RCPWG has led the development of grant applications that have led to over \$33 million in total grant awards since 2022; and

WHEREAS, RCPWG members developed a joint Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define and formalize the RCPWG's governance structure and membership; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to the value and power of regional collaboration for securing transformative grants for climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience projects that achieve equitable outcomes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey affirms its intention to join with other participating member agencies in executing the RCPWG's new joint MOU and commit to funding the County's contribution to the RCPWG annually for two years through fiscal year 2027-2028.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the this [number] day of [month], [year] by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

APPROVED: _____
[Name of Approver]

ATTEST: _____
[Name and title of person attesting]