



# United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
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August 29, 2025

Peter Kwiek  
Associate Hydrologist  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
1441 Schilling Place P.O Box 930  
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Peter Kwiek:

Enclosed is our standard joint-funding agreement 26ZGJFA03000019 between the U.S. Geological Survey California Water Science Center and Monterey County Water Resources Agency for negotiated deliverables (see attached), during the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 in the amount of \$256,210 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$55,050 for a combined total of \$311,260. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Nayely Nieto-Reyes at [nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov](mailto:nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov) or mail to the address above.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **October 1, 2025**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Anthony Guerriero at (831) 460-7494 or email [aguerrie@usgs.gov](mailto:aguerrie@usgs.gov) to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed quarterly via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Nayely Nieto-Reyes at phone number (619) 225-6114 or [nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov](mailto:nnieto-reyes@usgs.gov).

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

Anke Mueller-Solger  
Director, USGS California

Water Science Center

Enclosure  
26ZGJFA03000019 (2)

U.S. Department of the Interior  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Joint Funding Agreement  
FOR  
Water Resource Investigations

Customer #: 6000000803  
Agreement #: 26ZGJFA03000019  
Project #:  
TIN #: 94-6000524

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[ X ] NO[ ]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of October 1, 2025, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, California Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation for negotiated deliverables (see attached), herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$55,050 by the party of the first part during the period  
October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
- (b) \$256,210 by the party of the second part during the period  
October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs,  
in the amount of: \$0

Description of the USGS regional/national program:

- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be  
determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters  
between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/office-of-science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered quarterly. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

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Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Signature

Signatures

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 8/29/2025

Name: Anke Mueller-Solger  
Title: Director, USGS California Water Science  
Center

By \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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