

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

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County)
Directing the County Administrative Officer to negotiate and)
Prepare a funding agreement for consideration and approval of)
The Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water)
Resources Agency and County of Monterey to provide funds in)
Amount of \$1,000,000 annually for three (3) years to prepare an)
Environmental Impact Report for utilization of the water allocated)
To Water Rights Permit #11043.)

- A. Mitigating the intrusion of seawater and nitrate levels in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (the “Basin”) has been, and continues to be, a region-wide matter of great importance to the residents and businesses of Monterey County; and,
- B. The State of California, acting through the Department of Water Resources and through the State Water Resources Control Board (the “SWRCB”) has long-recognized the issues of seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin and, by action of the SWRCB, has directed the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (the “Agency”) to develop and implement a “solution” to the water quality problems in the Basin due to seawater intrusion; and,
- C. The long term and ongoing projects planned and completed by the Agency over the past two decades, principally the Salinas Valley Seawater Intrusion Program and the Salinas Valley Water Project, contemplate that the Agency will take further measures to control and reverse seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin; and,
- D. The SWRCB has proposed the revocation of Permit 11043 currently held by the Agency for the appropriation of 400 cubic feet per second of water available on the Salinas River; and,
- E. The Agency is committed to continuing and enhancing the projects it has undertaken since 1954 to mitigate seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin; and,
- F. The water supply available under Permit 11043 is and always has been integral to the Agency’s efforts to address the issues of seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin; and,

G. The loss of the water supply available under Permit 11043 will have a long term negative impact on the Agency's efforts to address the issues of seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY HEREBY:

1. Directs Agency and County Staff to develop a funding agreement for consideration of County and Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors that allocates an amount up to \$1,000,000 annually for the next three years to fund the development and permitting of projects identified through the public process.
2. Allocated funds should be included in the Agency's Budget on an annual basis.
3. Commits to use the public process integral to the California Environmental Quality Act to engage the public at all points in the planning process.
4. Directs the Agency to develop a suite of projects, to enhance and complement ongoing projects undertaken by the Agency to control and reverse seawater intrusion and nitrate levels in the Basin and to evaluate those projects and others proposed by the Regional Advisory Committee or by the public, singly or in combination, in an environmental impact report.
5. Directs the Agency to continue to provide status reports to the Board of Supervisors on this matter quarterly.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 20____, 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 Minute Book _____, on _____.

Dated: _____

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

By _____
Deputy