

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

Resolution No.

Adopt a Resolution in support of efforts by the California State University, Monterey Bay to secure grant funding for the “*Cartographies of Sustainability: A Geospatial and Digital Resource-based Approach to the Visualization of the Environmental History of California, 1769-1892*” project.

WHEREAS, in an effort to address the growing water crisis in California and the U.S. Southwest, the California State University, Monterey Bay, seeks funding for an environmental history and historical geography project utilizing a digital humanities approach to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, primary water source documents bearing on the historical geography, climatology and environmental history of the drought-stricken region are most often located in county clerk’s offices, mission archives, state and federal agencies, and university libraries across the country and span Spanish mission documents, Mexican era and early American land grant maps or *diseños*, tribal territories, and archaeological and geographical resources; and

WHEREAS, the problems and prospects of sustainability in politically and environmentally challenging times requires innovation at the level of interdisciplinary collaboration and the deployment of existing technologies in new and far-reaching ways; and

WHEREAS, the geospatial visualization of Spanish, Mexican and early American land grant maps for the purposes of extending the scope of the environmental history of California holds the potential to inform land use planning, development, and resource conservation; and

WHEREAS, this interdisciplinary project will introduce humanities scholars, students, community planners and legislators to primary source materials and innovative new approaches intended to profile the environmental history and historic landscapes of California for the public good by bringing together a team of geospatial specialists, technicians, anthropologists, social historians, historical geographers and environmental scientists for the express purpose of formulating a digital humanities approach to addressing California’s current environmental crisis and the broader question of sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the project is construed as a “blueprint for action,” the initiative seeks to encourage innovative thought and action from the private and corporate sector and the public so as to convey data on climate change risks and impacts in compelling and useful ways that help citizens, businesses, and communities make smart choices in the face of climate change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby supports the efforts of California State University, Monterey Bay, to obtain funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities in the form of a start-up grant for the

project, “*Cartographies of Sustainability: A Geospatial and Digital Resource-based Approach to the Visualization of the Environmental History of California, 1769-1892.*”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby supports the efforts of California State University, Monterey Bay, to secure full funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, or other grant sources, to ensure implementation and sustainability this project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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 the original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes of the Minute Book ____ for the meeting held on _____, 2014.

Dated: _____, 2014

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