

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

**Resolution No.: 25-427**

- a. Authorize and approve the Director of the Department of Emergency Management or designee to submit a grant application to the California Fire Safe Council 2025 Wildfire County Coordinators Grant Program for a total amount not to exceed \$151,500 with a performance period of January 1, 2026, to July 31, 2026, to establish a full-time, permanent County Coordinator position dedicated to enhancing wildfire resilience through stronger local planning, community engagement, and coordination with state and local fire protection districts and other partners; and
- b. Authorize and approve the Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee to execute all necessary forms and documents for the application to this grant; and
- c. Direct Department of Emergency Management staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to acceptance of any grant awards.

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, California Fire Safety Council (CFCS) announced additional funding for the 2025 Wildfire County Coordinator Grant Program which enhances wildfire resilience through stronger local planning, community engagement, and coordination; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County is vulnerable to natural hazards, including wildfires, and is seeking dedicated funding to enhance the Operational Area capacity and lead efforts to unify, implement mitigation strategies, support county-wide wildfire planning, and contribute to statewide data and preparedness initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Emergency Management will establish a full-time, permanent Wildfire County Coordinator position to conduct wildfire mitigation planning and project implementation, including but not limited to, Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) updates and implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, this new role will coordinate efforts with state and local fire protection districts, Monterey County Fire Safe Council, the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County, and Monterey County Housing and Community Development to ensure a coordinated, cross-agency approach to wildfire mitigation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey as follows:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025, by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Pursuant to Government Code 54953)

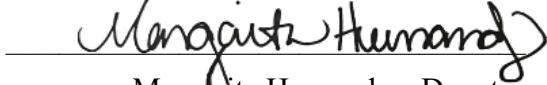
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on November 18, 2025.

Dated: November 19, 2025

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Agenda Item No.: 30

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

  
Margarita Hernandez, Deputy