

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

Resolution No. 26-226

Adopt a Resolution:

- a. Approving acceptance of grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Grants Program in the amount of \$959,752 and \$1,092,000 totaling \$2,051,752 for the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Supply Project (Project) on behalf of the San Lucas County Water District (District); and
- b. Authorizing the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) to execute the Grant Agreement and associated documents and act as Authorized Representative for the County of Monterey in processing all documentation to secure these funds and to satisfy the conditions associated with the Grant on behalf of the County of Monterey; and
- c. Authorizing the Director of PWFP, or designee, to represent the County of Monterey in carrying out the County's responsibilities under the financial assistance agreement(s), including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the County and assuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws, including executing financial assistance agreements from the US EPA and any amendments or changes thereto; and
- d. Finding that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15262, as the Project Scope involves planning and feasibility and/or data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

WHEREAS San Lucas is a small, severely disadvantaged farming community located in the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey (County), immediately east of State Highway 101 approximately 8 miles south of King City; and

WHEREAS San Lucas County Water District (District) is an independent special district serving approximately 325 people through 100 water service connections; and

WHEREAS the existing water system in the San Lucas system has failed to meet the needs of the community, and the system's deficiencies have previously been thoroughly investigated and characterized, including water quality testing results indicating elevated levels of nitrates leading to issuance of "Do Not Drink" orders for San Lucas by the County of Monterey, Department of Health, Environmental Health Bureau (EHB) that are still in effect for the community; and

WHEREAS these water quality issues have precipitated the need to establish a long-term solution for the District that will restore a high-quality potable water source for the community; and

WHEREAS the County is interested in providing a certified water system to provide a cost-effective, regulatory-compliant, and environmentally sustainable solution for potable water at San Lucas; and

WHEREAS the County does not presently have funds available to pursue the construction of a water treatment system, or to possibly connect to another existing certified system without financial assistance; and

WHEREAS the State of California has contracted with a private consulting engineering firm that has completed Engineering Reports and is currently preparing an Addendum to focus specifically on the District's selected preferred alternative calling for the installation of two wells/water sources, installation of a new water treatment system, and necessary infrastructure improvements (including transmission and distribution system improvements); and

WHEREAS two federal earmarks totaling \$2,051,752 were allocated by Congress in Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024) for \$959,752 and in FY2026 for \$1,092,000 for financial assistance to be applied to project costs associated with the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Supply Project (Project) and submitting a grant application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Community Grants program to obtain the appropriated funds; and

WHEREAS, the EPA grant is expected to be awarded on or about October 1, 2026, and allows reimbursement of eligible costs incurred up to 90 days prior to the award date, including the temporary cash flow of such costs through existing appropriations in the Capital Project Fund (Fund 404), with reimbursement to Fund 404 upon receipt of grant funds; and

WHEREAS on June 10, 2025, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey adopted Resolution No. 25-0195 which authorized submittal of an application to EPA for this Project and authorized the Director of PWFP to act as agent on behalf of the County in processing all documentation to secure these funds; and

WHEREAS the County wishes to accept financial assistance from the EPA for funding Phase 1 of the San Lucas Water District Clean Drinking Water Supply Project (Project).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby authorizes and determines to:

1. Approve acceptance of grant funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Community Grants Program in the amount of \$959,752 and \$1,092,000 totaling \$2,051,752 for the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Supply Project (Project) on behalf of the San Lucas County Water District (District); and
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) to execute the Grant Agreement and associated documents and act as Authorized Representative for the County of Monterey in processing all documentation to secure these funds and to satisfy the conditions associated with the Grant on behalf of the County of Monterey; and
3. Authorize the Director of PWFP, or designee, to represent the County of Monterey in carrying out the County's responsibilities under the financial assistance agreement(s), including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the County and assuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws, including executing financial assistance agreements from the U.S. EPA and any amendments or changes thereto; and

4. Authorize the Director of PWF, or designee, to submit this resolution and any corresponding or necessary supporting materials to the U.S. EPA; and
5. Find that this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 15262, as the Project Scope involves planning and feasibility and/or data collection, research, experimental management and resource evaluation activities which will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of July 2026, by roll call vote:

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

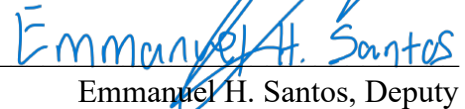
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 July 7, 2026.

Dated: July 8, 2026
File ID: RES 26-101
Agenda Item No. 74

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


Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy