

Legistar File ID No. PCSD RES 23-003 Agenda Item No. 1
Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No.: 23-460

Acting as the Board of Directors of the Pajaro County Sanitation District, adopt a Resolution:

- a. Authorizing the submittal of a Financial Assistance Application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Service for possible funding of restoration and repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System for damages resulting from winter storm events which began in Calendar Year 2022; and)
- b. Authorizing the Director of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks (PWFP), or designee, to act as agent for the County of Monterey/PCSD in processing all documentation to secure these funds and to sign and file the application on behalf of the County of Monterey/PCSD.)
- c. Directing PWFP staff to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to acceptance of any grant award(s))

WHEREAS the County of Monterey, Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) is the owner and operator of the PCSD Wastewater System, approximately 23 miles northwest of Salinas, California; and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System consists of a wastewater collection system within the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, and Bay Farms; and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System collects and then transports wastewater to the Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for disposal and treatment (located adjacent to the Pajaro River, approximately 2 miles west of the community of Pajaro); and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System sustained substantial damages as a result of winter storms which began in late Calendar Year 2022 and continued through the first quarter of 2023; and

WHEREAS the two-mile-long transmission line (force main) which conveys collected wastewater from the PCSD system to the regional WWTP in Watsonville sustained multiple leaks and a wholesale rupture due to the series of storm events which began on December 27th, 2022; and

WHEREAS to prevent the release of wastewater and infiltration of groundwater into the wastewater conveyance system, as well as to minimize the potential for future force main breaks, the County of Monterey/PCSD must replace the entire reach of force main; and

WHEREAS there were other internal collection and pumping system damages within the Pajaro CSD Wastewater collection system sustained because of the storms which began in Calendar Year 2022; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Service recently announced a funding opportunity through their Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program, which may be available to assist the County of Monterey/PCSD with the costs of the needed repairs, including all related design, environmental work, land acquisition, and construction; and

WHEREAS neither the County of Monterey nor the PCSD have funds available to pursue the needed wastewater system repairs without financial assistance; and the County of Monterey wishes to apply for financial assistance from the USDA through their CY 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program to assist with all the costs for needed repairs.

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

1. The Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks or his/her designee (the “Authorized Representative”) is authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of Monterey County, a financial assistance application for a grant from the USDA for funding the costs associated with planning, design, environmental review, and construction of restoration and repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System for damages resulting from winter storm events which began in Calendar Year 2022; and
2. This Authorized Representative is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the USDA and any amendments or changes thereto; and
3. This Authorized Representative is designated to represent the County of Monterey/PCSD in carrying out the County’s responsibilities under the financial assistance agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the County and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
4. The Director of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks is authorized and directed to submit this Resolution and any corresponding or necessary supporting materials to the USDA.
5. Staff is directed to return to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to acceptance of any grant award(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 7th day of November 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Askew

Motion Passed 4 to 0

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 November 7, 2023.

Revised Date: December 3, 2024

File ID: PCSD RES 23-003

Agenda Item No.: 1

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



Vicente Ramirez, Deputy