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

Resolution No. 19-

- Adopt a Resolution to:)
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a. Approve an Amended Memorandum of)
Understanding for Integrated Regional Water)
Management in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel)
Bay, and South Monterey Bay Region,)
substantially as to form, adding Monterey County)
to the Regional Water Management Group; and)
b. Authorize the Resource Management Agency)
Director to execute the amended Memorandum of)
Understanding.)

WHEREAS, in 2002, the California Legislature enacted Division 6, Part 2.2, of the California Water Code (CWC), known as the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Planning Act;

WHEREAS, the State of California desires to foster IRWM planning and encourages local public, non-profit, and private (for profit) entities to define planning regions appropriate for managing water resources and to integrate strategies within these planning regions;

WHEREAS, in 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, “The Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act,” which resulted in an amendment to the CWC authorizing the State Legislature to appropriate funds for IRWM projects;

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) defined a geographic planning area, or Region, and began developing an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) that encompassed the groundwater basins and watersheds of the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay and South Monterey Bay (Region);

WHEREAS, in 2006, California voters passed Proposition 84, “The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006” and Proposition 1E, “The Disaster Preparedness and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2006,” which authorized State Legislature to appropriate additional funding for competitive grants for IRWM projects;

WHEREAS, a formally adopted IRWMP is required by the State for water and water quality projects to be eligible for grant funds;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Region’s IRWMP was completed and formally adopted;

WHEREAS, sensible water resources planning, and management frequently requires coordination with multiple jurisdictions and cooperating with non-public entities to protect, manage, and enhance water resources within the Region;

WHEREAS, a further requirement of the State IRWM planning process is the establishment of a local governing body, referred to as a “Regional Water Management Group” (RWMG), to oversee the development and implementation of the IRWMP within the respective planning area;

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2008, an initial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form a RWMG was fully executed by the Big Sur Land Trust, City of Monterey, Monterey One Water, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District;

WHEREAS, in 2011 and 2012, the MOU was amended to allow two (2) additional members, Marina Coast Water District and Resource Conservation District of Monterey County, respectively to join the RWMG;

WHEREAS, in 2014, an update to the 2007 IRWMP was completed in accordance with new governance, project solicitation and ranking, and compliance with revised IRWM program guidelines;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the RWMG provided an opportunity for additional stakeholders to join the RWMG through the execution of an amended MOU in preparation for forthcoming grant funding in 2019;

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2018, the Monterey County Resource Management Agency (RMA) Director submitted a letter requesting to join the RWMG on behalf of the County of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, joining the RWMG is consistent with the Board of Supervisors Administration Strategic Initiative by furthering the County of Monterey's commitment to be a leader in solving water and water quality challenges in the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby:

- a. Approve an Amended Memorandum of Understanding for Integrated Regional Water Management in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Region, substantially as to form, adding the County of Monterey to the Regional Water Management Group; and
- b. Authorize the Resource Management Agency Director to execute the amended Memorandum of Understanding.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried this fifth day of November 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

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 resolution of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on November 5, 2019.

Dated:
File Number:

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

By _____
Deputy