

Resolution No.: 15

Resolution proclaiming October 24th through Nov 21st, 2015 as the)
End-of-Season Illegal Dumping Prevention Campaign in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, the **End-of-Season Illegal Dumping Prevention Campaign** calls upon residents, as well as public and private organizations, to participate in the first campaign in the cities and unincorporated areas throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping of solid waste, and the accumulation of litter are major problems in Monterey County that raise significant concerns with regard to the environment, food safety, public health and safety, property values, and quality of life in our communities; and

WHEREAS, typically dumped waste includes household garbage, electronic waste, used oil, used tires, and other household hazardous materials, which pose a public health and safety threat, especially when dumped in or near waterways or near fresh produce crops; and

WHEREAS, road side illegal dumping is worsening in rural areas of unincorporated Monterey County which over-burdens County clean-up resources and burdens agricultural businesses with significant clean up costs to ensure the food-safety of their crops; and

WHEREAS, patterns of road-side illegal dumping are predictable and well documented, and coincide with the end of the agricultural harvest seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Health Department's Environmental Health Bureau is a founding member of the *Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force*, a group of local public agencies, joint-power authorities, law enforcement, agricultural leaders, solid waste haulers, community members and business representatives, formed to identify and address the causes of illegal dumping and littering in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the task force have sixteen separate programs to increase recycling, haul away waste directly from residences, and allow customers to freely dispose of a wide range of items including used oil, paint, antifreeze, batteries, other household wastes, e-waste, tires, and bulky items; and

WHEREAS, members of the task force conduct separate public outreach efforts throughout the year for these services such as the Clean-Up Day events held annually since 2006, and the Disposal Voucher Coupon Program to fund the cost of solid waste disposal at local landfills, for use by victims of illegal dumping, or by community groups in litter abatement activities; and

WHEREAS, illegal dumping is reportable by contacting the Monterey County Public Works Department (831) 755-4800, the Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau (831) 755-4505, CalTrans, (831) 753-0187 or the Public Works Department of the city where the waste is located, or is reportable online through www.keepmontereycountyclean.org; and

WHEREAS, integrating the timing of these existing services in close cooperation with the agricultural community can reduce the amount illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Sheriff Office and the California Highway Patrol have been provided the location of dumping *hot spots* and have committed to increase patrols in these areas; and

WHEREAS, the Illegal Dumping and Litter Abatement Task Force has established an End-of-Season Illegal Dumping Campaign to coincide with the seasonal dumping patterns to coordinate these resources in an integrated way, thereby unifying existing efforts and activities to significantly reduce the threats to the environment caused by illegally disposed solid waste, and to promote a clean and healthy Monterey County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby proclaims October 24th through November 21st, 2015 as the **End-of-Season Illegal Dumping Prevention Campaign**, and salutes the entities and volunteers who participate in preventing illegal dumping activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of October 2015.

Supervisor Simón Salinas, Chair

Supervisor Jane Parker, Vice Chair

Supervisor Fernando Armenta

Supervisor John M. Phillips

Supervisor Dave Potter