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

Resolution No.

Resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board)
of Supervisors to execute a funding agreement)
with the Salinas Basin Agricultural Water)
Association regarding the initial funding of the)
Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater)
Sustainability Agency)

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2014 the California legislature adopted, and the Governor signed into law, three bills (SB 1168, AB 1739, and SB 1319) collectively referred to as the “Sustainable Groundwater Management Act” (“SGMA”), that initially became effective on January 1, 2015, and that has been amended from time-to-time thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the stated purpose of SGMA, as set forth in California Water Code section 10720.1, is to provide for the sustainable management of groundwater basins at a local level by providing local groundwater agencies with the authority, and technical and financial assistance necessary, to sustainably manage groundwater; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires the designation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (“GSAs”) for the purpose of achieving groundwater sustainability through the adoption and implementation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (“GSPs”) or an alternative plan for all medium and high priority basins as designated by the California Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, SGMA requires that the Basin have a designated GSA by no later than June 30, 2017, and an adopted GSP by no later than January 31, 2020, if a high or medium priority basin in critical overdraft, and no later than January 31, 2022, if a high or medium priority basin; and

WHEREAS, SGMA authorizes a combination of local agencies to form a GSA by entering into a joint powers agreement as authorized by the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Chapter 5 of Division 7 of Title 1 of the California Government Code) (“Act”); and

WHEREAS, representatives of the County, including the CAO’s and County Counsel’s Offices, have been participating in meetings with other local agencies, stakeholders and interested parties in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin (“Basin”) in a collaborative effort to develop a single GSA for the Basin; and

WHEREAS, a consensus formed regarding the structure of a GSA for the Basin, and the content of a joint powers authority agreement (“JPA Agreement”) to form the GSA, to be called the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“Agency”); and

WHEREAS, the County, the Cities of Salinas, Gonzales, and Soledad, the Water Resources Agency, the Castroville Community Services District, and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency have elected to become members of the Agency; and

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WHEREAS, the JPA Agreement provides that the Members will make annual contributions for two fiscal years, commencing July 1, 2017, in order to provide start-up funding for the Agency so that the Agency can become financially self-sustaining; and

WHEREAS, the County's initial financial contribution to the Agency is \$670,000 per year for two years; and

WHEREAS, a consortium of agricultural interests in the Basin, called the Salinas Valley Agricultural Water Association, will serve as a nominating body to the County Board of Supervisors for certain director positions on the Agency's Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, while consortium cannot be a Member of the Agency, it desires to contribute to the funding of the Agency during its first two fiscal years, and has offered to defray a portion of the County's initial two-year financial contribution to the Agency in the amount of \$250,000 per year for two years; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized and directed to execute for and on behalf of the County the Agreement for Financial Contribution to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, together with any modifications that, in the opinion of the County Administrative Officer and County Counsel are not material.
3. Staff is authorized and directed to take such other a further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of _____, _____, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 _____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____, Deputy