

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

**Resolution No. 23-185**

- a. Authorize the use of the General Fund Strategic Reserve up to \$20,131,960 to provide advance funding to the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department to fulfill the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Winter Storm Repair Projects to be repaid with reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other state and federal agencies; and )
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller to make fund balance designations in FY 2022-23 included in Attachment A (4/5ths vote required); and )
- c. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2022-23 adopted budget by increasing appropriations and estimated revenues and making the appropriate transfers included in Attachment A (4/5ths vote required) )

**WHEREAS**, winter atmospheric river events through California began on December 26, 2022 and continued into January of 2023. The winter storms damaged vital infrastructure and facilities belonging to the County of Monterey and other agencies such as the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA). On January 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors ratified a Proclamation of a Local Emergency issued by the County Administrative Officer on January 4, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, following the January 2023 Winter Storm events and damages, further winter atmospheric river events continued through California beginning on March 9, 2023 and continued into mid-March 2023. These winter storms further damaged vital infrastructure and facilities belonging to the County of Monterey and other agencies such as the MCWRA that were already damaged from the January events, as well as causing new damages. Furthermore, the Pajaro River Levee failed on or about March 10, 2023, causing interior flooding of the homes and businesses in the unincorporated community of Pajaro and surrounding homes and agricultural properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP) Department’s latest estimate for damages to its infrastructure and facilities total \$20.1 million. Most of the damage impacted County facilities in the town of Pajaro, including the Pajaro Mansion and Kents Court Apartment Community, with estimated damages of \$7.6 million. PWFP facilitated the community-wide residential debris removal program, largely in Pajaro, with estimated costs of \$2.2 million. Road damages are estimated at \$7.1 million and include roadway slope failures and erosion, roadway undermining and pavement damage, broken drainage culverts, and eroded and clogged/sediment-filled drainage ditches and basins. Two of the County’s sanitation systems in Pajaro and Chualar experienced damage to sewer lines and treatment facilities, with project repair costs of \$3.2 million. Jacks Peak Park has estimated damages of \$40,000 for well service line and pole repair; and

**WHEREAS,** The County Administrative Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of the General Fund Strategic Reserve as the funding source for the advanced funding of the winter storm projects pending FEMA and other state and federal agency reimbursement. Per Board ordinance, the Strategic Reserve may be used for natural disasters and currently has a balance of \$48.4 million. Reimbursements can take many years and the County Administrative Office will monitor reimbursements to replenish the Strategic Reserve. If approved by the Board, the \$20.1 million from the Strategic Reserve will be transferred to the Disaster Assistance Assignment, which will be the funding source for the recommended appropriation increases and fund transfers required to complete the winter storm repair projects listed in Attachment A of the Resolution.

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

- a. The County Administrative Office is authorized to release up to \$20,131,960 from the General Fund Strategic Reserve (BSA 001-3111) to provide advance funding to the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department to fulfill the 2022/2023 Winter Storm Repair Projects to be repaid with reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other state and federal agencies;
- b. The County Administrative Office and the Auditor-Controller are authorized to make the fund balance designations in FY 2022-23 included in Attachment A (4/5ths vote required); and
- c. The Auditor-Controller is authorized and directed to amend the FY 2022-23 adopted budget by increasing appropriations and estimated revenues and making the appropriate transfers included in Attachment A (4/5ths vote required).

**ATTACHMENT A: BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS PERTAINING TO THE 2022/2023 WINTER STORM REPAIR PROJECTS**

- A. Authorize the County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller to make the following fund balance designations and fund balance changes in Advantage, respectively, in FY 2022-23:
1. Transfer up to \$20,131,960 from the Strategic Reserve (BSA 001-3111) to the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
- B. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the following changes to the FY 2022-23 adopted budget and related fund transfers:
1. Increase appropriations by \$10,341,960 in the CAO budget (001-CAO017-8038) financed by a release of \$10,341,960 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
    - a. Transfer \$7,115,000 to the Road Fund (002-PFP004-8558).
    - b. County Service Areas (CSAs) transfer: Transfer \$2,225,000 to the Chualar CSA (093-PFP046-8566) and \$1,960 to Rancho Tierra Grande CSA (057-PFP011-8566).
    - c. Transfer \$1,000,000 to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (151-PFP047-8567).
  2. Increase appropriations by \$9,750,000 in the PWFP Facilities budget (001-PFP054-8552) financed by a release of \$9,750,000 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
  3. Increase appropriations by \$40,000 in the PWFP Parks budget (001-PFP058-8556) financed by a release of \$40,000 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
  4. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$7,115,000 in the PWFP Road Fund budget (002-PFP004-8558) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund budget (001-CAO017-8038) (4/5ths vote required).
  5. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$2,225,000 in the Chualar CSA budget (093-PFP046-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund budget (001-CAO017-8038) (4/5ths vote required).
  6. Increase appropriations and estimated revenue by \$1,960 in the Rancho Tierra Grande CSA (057-PFP011-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund budget (001-CAO017-8038) (4/5ths vote required).
  7. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,000,000 in the Pajaro County Sanitation District budget (151-PFP047-8567) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (001-CAO017-8038) (4/5ths vote required).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

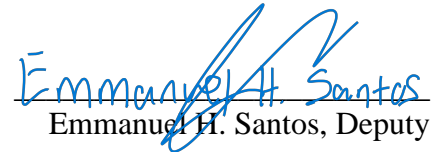
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on May 23, 2023.

Dated: May 24, 2023

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Agenda Item No. 9.1

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

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy