

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

**Resolution No.: 25-019**

Resolution of the County of Monterey Board of  
Supervisors: )

- a. Finding that submittal of a grant application to the  
California Coastal Commission to work on Local  
Coastal Program amendments addressing sea level rise  
and coastal hazards, and entering into a grant  
agreement should that application be awarded, is not a  
project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines  
section 15738(b)(4); )
- b. Approving grant application package to the California  
Coastal Commission to provide financial and planning  
assistance, under authority of the California Coastal  
Act, in the amount of \$938,960.00 to fund phased  
Local Coastal Program amendments to address sea  
level rise and coastal hazards within the Moss Landing  
Community Plan area; )
- c. Designating the Director of Housing and Community  
Development as the authorized representative on  
behalf of the County of Monterey for the grant; )
- d. Authorizing the Director of Housing and Community  
Development to execute and submit the grant  
application package to the California Coastal  
Commission; and )
- e. Authorizing the Director of Housing and Community  
Development of the County of Monterey to execute,  
on behalf of the County of Monterey, a standard grant  
agreement for the work described in the grant  
application package, in substantially the same form  
and subject to final County Counsel review; and )
- a. Directing the Director of Housing and Community  
Development to take all steps necessary to implement  
the grant scope of work, as appropriate. )

[GPZ090005 – Moss Landing Community Plan Update].

**WHEREAS**, the Budget Act of 2021 provides up to \$31 million to support the Coastal Commission's Local Coastal Programs' (LCP) Local Assistance Grant Program which awards grants to local governments to support coastal resiliency and updates to Local Coastal Programs (LCPs);

**WHEREAS**, the California Coastal Commission (CCC), under the authority of the California Coastal Act, may provide financial assistance to support coastal planning and has approved a grant program to provide such financial assistance for LCP planning;

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the grant program is to develop new or updated LCPs in conformance with the California Coastal Act and to promote coastal resiliency and address the effects of climate change;

**WHEREAS**, grant proposals submitted under this grant program must complete LCP planning work with special emphasis on coastal resiliency and addressing the effects of climate change and sea-level rise;

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey (County) has an effectively certified LCP;

**WHEREAS**, the County desires to pursue a project that would result in the completion and submittal for certification by the CCC of an amendment to the LCP, specifically the Moss Landing Community Plan (MLCP), which is Chapter 5 of the North County Land Use Plan (LUP), and Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan (CIP), that would address coastal resiliency and the effects of climate change and sea-level rise within the MLCP area;

**WHEREAS**, should the grant be awarded to the County, CCC LCP, the Local Assistance Grant Program ("Grant Program") would provide funding for a two phased LCP amendment to the MLCP, including the LUP and CIP, addressing coastal resiliency and the effects of climate change and sea-level rise within the Moss Landing Community Plan area;

**WHEREAS**, the County commits to and agrees to fully support a planning effort intended to amend a certified LCP pursuant to the provisions of the California Coastal Act, with full public participation and coordination with the Coastal Commission staff;

**WHEREAS**, if awarded the grant, the County could receive up to \$938,960 towards the preparation, adoption and implementation of amendments to the Moss Landing Community Plan and address Public Resources Code Division 20.6.9, Sea Level Rise Planning and Adaptation, requirements. Therefore, if the County is awarded its share of the grant, the funding of up to \$938,960 will be used to focus on the two phased LCP amendment which includes partial funding for preparation of the associated EIR;

**WHEREAS**, there is no additional negative impact to the County General Fund as a result of receiving this grant. Staff cost associated with updating the MLCP is budgeted within the Grant Program application. The \$938,960 in grant funds will fund the County's MLCP update which accounts for staff cost, consultant cost, and any additional costs associated with the update; and

**WHEREAS**, approval of the action consists of directing the Director of the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD Director) or their designee to submit the CCC LCP, Local Coastal Assistance Grant Program application to facilitate a two phased LCP amendment and entering into a grant agreement should that grant be awarded. CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4) specifically states that government fiscal activities which do not involve a commitment to any specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment are not a project subject to CEQA. Applying for the Grant Program would not commit the County to any specific project but is instead financing the planning and environmental review necessary for phased amendments to the County's LCP, including an EIR that the County is currently preparing for the MLCP update. The LCP amendments would go through review and approval processes by both the County and California Coastal Commission. Therefore, approval of and entering into the grant are not a project under CEQA.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors does hereby:

- a. Find that submittal of a grant application to the California Coastal Commission to work on Local Coastal Program amendments addressing sea level rise and coastal hazards, and entering into a grant agreement should that application be awarded, is not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4);
- b. Approve the grant application package, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, to the CCC to provide financial and planning assistance, under authority of the California Coastal Act, in the amount of \$938,960 to fund phased Local Coastal Program amendments to address sea level rise and coastal hazards within the Moss Landing Community Plan area and as more particularly described in the grant application package;
- c. Designate the Director of Housing and Community Development as the authorized representative on behalf of the County for the grant;
- d. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to execute and submit the grant application package to the California Coastal Commission;
- e. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development of the County to execute, on behalf of the County, a standard grant agreement for the work described in the grant application package and attached hereto as Exhibit 2, in substantially the same to form and subject to final County Counsel review; and
- f. Direct the Director of Housing and Community Development to take all steps necessary to implement the grant scope of work, as appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

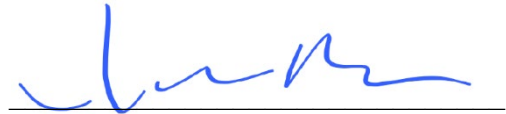
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting January 28, 2025.

Dated: January 31, 2025

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Agenda Item No.: 35

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

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Vicente Ramirez, Deputy