

County of Monterey

Government Center - Board Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:30 AM

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Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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Si elige no asistir a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores pero desea hacer comentarios del público en general o comentar un tema específico de la agenda, puede hacerlo de 2 maneras:

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NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered agenda items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to the corresponding Board Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

10:30 A.M. - Call to Order

Roll Call

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

General Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may respond briefly to the statement made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Consent Calendar

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Quitclaim Deed](#)
 [City of Salinas Carr Lake BSLT IT/MSD](#)

Adjournment



County of Monterey

Item No.1

Board Report

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Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-122

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The MCWRA and BSLT have been communicating on the Project and the easement since June 25, 2021, and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was received and reviewed by MCWRA which was found acceptable. BSLT provided the quitclaim deed and an informational presentation for the Project at the MCWRA Board of Directors June 2025 meeting.

The MCWRA staff has determined that the quitclaim deed and removal of a portion of easement for the Project has a negligible effect on existing facilities and results in no expansion of use to lands, which qualifies as Class 1 categorical exemption respectively pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c) - existing facilities for the purpose of public safety - no expansion of use; and there are no exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines CCR Section 15300.2.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

BSLT and County Counsel's Office.

FINANCING:

FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget of Zone 9 Reclamation Ditch (Fund 122) has sufficient appropriations to fund the preparation and execution of the quitclaim deed.

Prepared by: Jennifer Bodensteiner, Associate Water Resources Hydrologist (831) 755-4860

Approved by: _____
Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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**RECORDING REQUESTED BY AND
WHEN RECORDED MAIL TO;**

BIG SUR LAND TRUST
P.O. 4071
Monterey, CA 93942
Attn: Beth Febus, Associate Director of Conservation

WITH A CONFIRMED COPY TO:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency
P.O. Box 930
Salinas, CA 93902
Attn: Ara Azhderian, General Manager

APNs: 261-191-001-000 (portion); 003-212-007-000
(portion); 261-191-007-000 (portion)

SPACE ABOVE THIS LINE FOR RECORDER'S USE

Exempt from Documentary Transfer Tax – Rev. & Tax Code
§11911 (value or consideration is less than \$100).

QUITCLAIM DEED

FOR NO CONSIDERATION, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE AGENCY ("AGENCY"), a special act agency of the State of California with duties and responsibilities set forth in Chapter 52 of the California Water Code Appendix, as successor in interest to Reclamation District Number 1665, owns certain rights-of-way for canal or ditch purposes as described in the deed from Florida C. Cook, Sterling D. Carr, Mrs. Jessie R. Bryan and Albert C. Aiken to Reclamation District Number 1665 dated October 1, 1917, and recorded in the Official Records of Monterey County, California, on March 2, 1918, in Volume 156 of Deeds at Page 211 ("Ditch Right-of-Way"), a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, affecting certain the real property described in said deed ("Property"), which Property is owned in fee title by the BIG SUR LAND TRUST, a California non-profit public benefit corporation.

As part of a project to build and maintain a multi-benefit park and open space and restore riparian and wetland habitat ("Project"), BIG SUR LAND TRUST will remove a portion of the subject ditch on a portion of the Property affected by the Ditch Right-of-Way. In order to facilitate the removal of a portion of the ditch AGENCY does hereby **REMISE, RELEASE AND FOREVER QUITCLAIM "AS-IS"** to the BIG SUR LAND TRUST, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, all right, title, liability, and interest AGENCY holds in that portion of the real property described in **Exhibit B** attached hereto. Exhibits A and B are incorporated herein by reference.

Except as specifically remised, released, and quitclaimed herein by Agency, all the rights, obligations, terms and conditions contained in the above described Ditch Right-of-Way remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCE AGENCY
has executed this Quitclaim Deed as of the date set forth below.

[Signature Pages Follow]

GRANTOR
Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Date: _____

By: _____

Ara Azhderian, General Manager

A notary or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Monterey

On _____, 2025 before me, _____, personally appeared, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity on behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature _____

[Seal]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Dated: _____

By: _____

Kelly L. Donlon, Chief Assistant County Counsel

ACCEPTANCE AND CONSENT TO RECORDATION

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed by the quitclaim deed dated _____ from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, a special act agency of the State of California with duties and responsibilities set forth in Chapter 52 of the California Water Code Appendix, to BIG SUR LAND TRUST, a California non-profit public benefit corporation, is hereby approved the BIG SUR LAND TRUST on _____, and the BIG SUR LAND TRUST consents to recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.

BIG SUR LAND TRUST

Title: _____

Dated: _____, 2025

A notary or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California
County of Monterey

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Signature _____

[Seal]

Exhibit A

Ditch Right of Way

(attached)

Said property to revert to party of the first part....heirs or assigns, whenever the party of the second part shall fail to use the same for said purposes for five years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has hereunto set her hand.., the day and year first above written.

Witness to the annexed signature :-

Mary Haggerty

State of California)
(SS.
County of Los Angeles.)

On this 1st day of November, in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, A.D., before me ADA ELLIOTT..., a Notary Public in and for the said County of Los Angeles, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared MARY HAGGERTY...personally known to me to be the persons whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that she executed the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in said county the day and year in this certificate first above written. Ada Elliott Notary Public in and for Los Angeles County, State of California (Notarial Seal)

✓ Recorded at the Request of Reclamation Dist No 1665 Mar -2 1918 at 40 minutes past 10 A.M.

FLORIDA C. COOK
et al
TO

RECLAMATION DISTRICT
NUMBER 1665

THIS INDENTURE, made this 1 day

of Oct... 1917, between Florida C. Cook,

Sterling D. Carr, Mrs. Jessie R. Bryan and

Albert C. Aiken, the parties of the first

part, and RECLAMATION DISTRICT NUMBER 1665, in Monterey County, State of California, the party of the second part, WITNESSETH:- That said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of one dollar, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents release and forever quitclaim unto said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, a right-of-way over all of those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate in the County of Monterey, State of California, designated, bounded and described as follows to wit:-

✓ FIRST: A part of Lot D in El Sausal Rancho as shown on Lou G. Hare's Partition Map No. 2 of Lands belonging to the Estate of Jesse D. Carr filed on page 70 in the Map Book of "Surveys" in the office of the recorder of Monterey County, comprising a strip of land thirty-five feet wide lying along the northerly side of, and adjoining the center line of the Carr Ditch, beginning at the point where said center line intersects the easterly side of North Main Street in Salinas City, thence easterly up the center of said ditch a distance of one-

fourth mile, a little more or less, to the westerly line of California Avenue; containing 1.06 acres of land; Also,-

SECOND:- A part of Lot C in El Sausal Rancho as per Lou G.Hare's Partition Map No.2 aforesaid, comprising a strip of land seventy feet wide, lying thirty-five feet on each side of the center line of the Carr Ditch, beginning at the point where said center line intersects the easterly line of California Avenue in Salinas City; thence easterly up the center of said Carr Ditch a distance of 1350 feet, a little more or less, to Engineer's Station L 650 of the survey of Main Canal of Reclamation District No. 1665; containing 2.17 acres of land; Also,

THIRD:- Another part of said Lot C as per the aforesaid map, comprising a strip of land fifty feet wide lying twenty-five feet on each side of the center line of survey of Main Canal of Reclamation District No. 1665, beginning at Engineer's Station L 650, already mentioned herein, thence easterly up the center of the Carr Ditch a distance of 700 feet to Engineer's Station L 657 at the junction of the lateral ditches from Gabilan and Natividad Creeks; containing 0.8 acres of land; Also,-

FOURTH:- Another part of said Lot C as per the aforesaid map, comprising a strip of land thirty feet wide lying fifteen feet on each side of the center line of survey of Main Canal of Reclamation District No. 1665, beginning at Engineer's Station L 657 already described herein; thence southeasterly along the center of an old drain ditch a distance of 1600 feet, a little more or less, to the Partition Line between Lots B and C as per aforesaid map; containing 1.1 acres of land; Also,-

FIFTH:- Another part of said Lot C as per aforesaid map, comprising a strip of land thirty feet wide, lying fifteen feet on each side of the center line of survey of Gabilan Creek Lateral of Reclamation District No. 1665, beginning at Engineer's Station L 657, already described herein, thence in a general northeasterly direction following said center line of Gabilan Creek Lateral, a distance of 4625 feet, a little more or less, to the point where Gabilan Creek enters the Carr Tract; containing 3.2 acres of land; Also,-

SIXTH:- Another part of said Lot C as per aforesaid map, comprising a strip of land thirty feet wide lying fifteen feet on each side of the center line of survey of Natividad Creek Lateral of Reclamation District No. 1665, beginning at Engineer's Station L 657, already described herein, thence following said center line of Natividad Creek Lateral, a distance of 3000 feet, a little more or less, easterly and southeasterly to the Partition Line between Lots B and C, as per aforesaid map; containing 2.06 acres of land; Also,-

SEVENTH:- Another part of said Lot C as per the aforesaid map, comprising a strip of land fifteen feet wide lying along and adjoining the Partition Line between Lots B and C as per aforesaid map, beginning at the point where the

old drainage ditch from Natividad Creek leaves said Partition Line; thence easterly along said Partition Line to the point where the Natividad Creek Lateral intersects the boundary between the Carr Tract and Sherwood's Land, a distance of 2400 feet, a little more or less; containing 0.85 acres of land.

All of which is more fully set forth and described on Sheets Nos. 14, 15 and 32, of "Map and Profile of Main Canal and Laterals, Reclamation District No. 1665", on file in the office of the recorder of Monterey County, California, to which sheets and map reference is hereby made.

As and for the purposes of a canal or ditch only for the uses of the said party of the second part.

TOGETHER WITH the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the said premises, with the appurtenances, unto said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

Said right-of-way hereby granted to revert to parties of the first part, their heirs and assigns, whenever the party of the second part shall fail to use the same for said purposes.

Said parties of the first part for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, and for the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of each of them, hereby reserve, retain and are given the right to build and maintain bridges across said canals or ditches wherever they may so desire, and also to build and maintain gates in any S D C fences built by said party of the second part along said rights-of-way or ditches or canals, and further the right to pass over said rights-of-way, provided however, that all of such acts shall be done and performed in a reasonable and proper manner, and so as not to affect or obstruct the purposes for which these said rights-of-way are hereby granted. /

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands the day and year first hereinbefore written.

Witness to the annexed signatures:-

Elton B. Hebborn

Florida C. Cook

Sterling D. Carr

Mrs Jessie R. Bryan

Albert C. Aiken

State of California :
: ss.
County of Monterey :

On this 2nd day of October, A.D. 1917, before me, Frank S. Clark, a Notary Public in and for the said County of Monterey, personally appeared Elton B. Hebborn, known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, as a witness thereto, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed and said: that he resides in the County of Monterey, State of California; that he was present and saw FLORIDA C. COOK, STERLING D. CARR, MRS.

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JESSIE R.BRYAN and ALBERT C.AIKEN, personally known to him to be the same persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the said within instrument as parties thereto, sign the same; and that the said Florida C.Cook, Sterling D.Carr, Mrs.Jessie R.Bryan and Albert C.Aiken, each of them, duly acknowledged, in the presence of said affiant, that they executed the same, and that he, the said affiant, thereupon, and at their request, subscribed his name as a witness thereto. Witness my hand and official seal. Frank S.Clark
Notary Public in and for Monterey County, State of California..(Notarial Seal)

✓ Recorded at the Request of Reclamation Dist No. 1665 Mar -2 1918 at 41 minutes past 10 A.M.

✓ SPRECKELS SUGAR COMPANY
a corporation
-TO-
RECLAMATION DISTRICT
NUMBER 1665

THIS INDENTURE,
made this 5th day of December, 1917, between
SPRECKELS SUGAR COMPANY, a corporation
organized and existing under and by virtue
of the laws of the State of California, party of the first part, and RECLAMATION
DISTRICT NUMBER 1665, in the County of Monterey, State of California, party
of the second part,

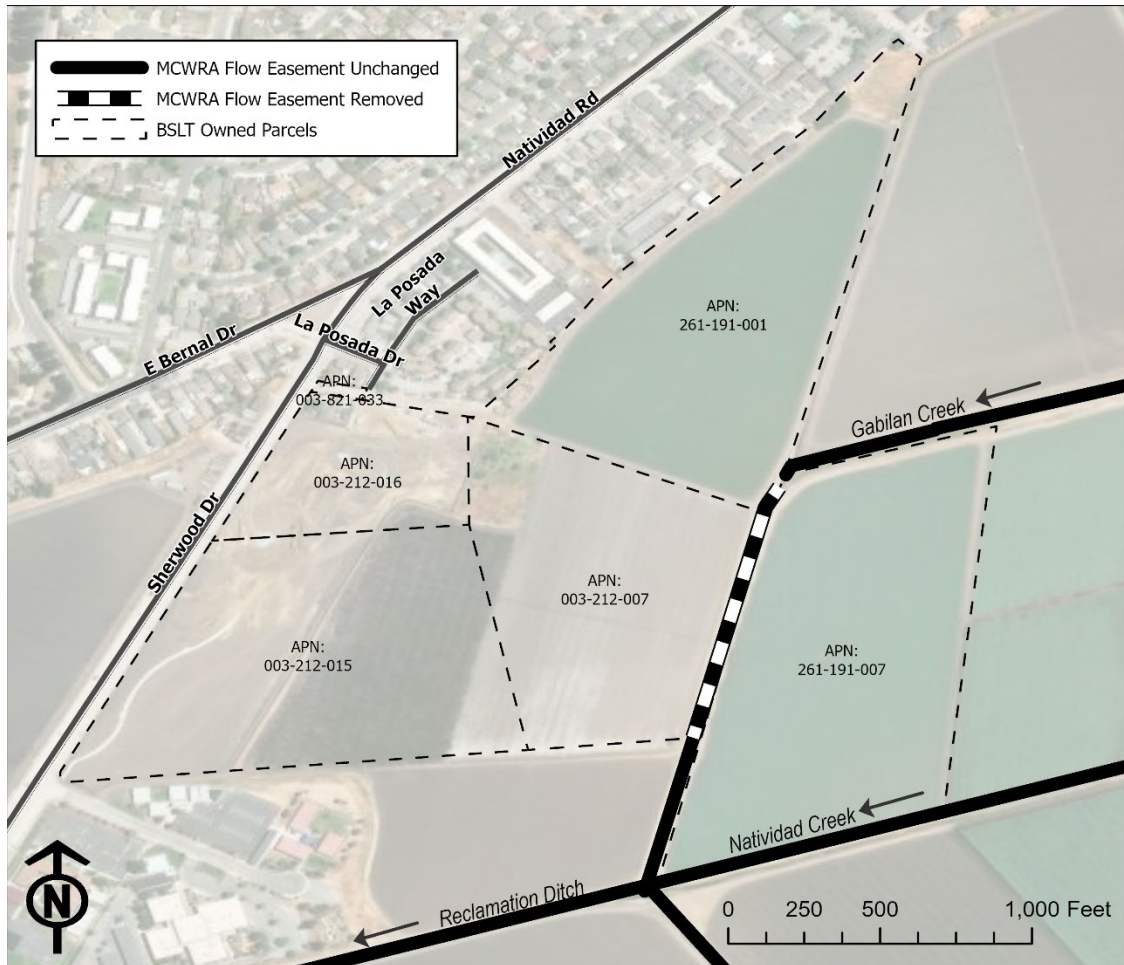
WITNESSETH: That the party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) lawful money of the United States of America to it in hand paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted and by these presents does grant unto the party of the second part the easement and right of way over the following described strip of land and the right to use said strip of land for the purposes of a canal or ditch for the uses of the party of the second part, said strip of land being located in the County of Monterey, State of California, and being more particularly described as follows, to wit:

A part of Lot V of Llano de Buena Vista Rancho as per Lou G.Hare's Map of Monterey County, comprising a strip of land 50 feet wide lying 25 feet on each side of the center line of the Survey of the Main Canal of Reclamation District Number 1665, beginning at a point in the boundary line between Lots IV and V of Llano de Buena Vista Rancho from which the intersection of said boundary with the center line of the S.P.R.R. bears S. 23° W., 1610 feet, a little more or less; thence in a general northeasterly direction 5240 feet to a point in the easterly boundary of the Llano de Buena Vista Rancho from which the common corner to Llano de Buena Vista, Buena Esperanza, Alisal and El Alisal Ranchos bears N. 8° 36' E., 943 feet, containing 6.01 acres of land.

Also a part of Lot V of Llano de Buena Vista Rancho as per Lou G.Hare's Map of Monterey County; comprising a strip of land 30 feet wide lying on each side of the center line of the Survey of the "Ronnie Thompson" Lateral of Reclamation District Number 1665, beginning at Station "L" 989+00 of the Main Line Survey

Exhibit B

Description of Property



MONTEREY COUNTY

WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

PO BOX 930
SALINAS, CA 93902
P: (831) 755-4860
F: (831) 424-7935
BRENT BUCHE
GENERAL MANAGER



STREET ADDRESS
1441 SCHILLING PLACE, NORTH BUILDING
SALINAS, CA 93901

Jun 25 2021

In Reply to:
Public Draft **City of Salinas Carr Lake BSLT IS/MSD**

Response to: **Thomas Wiles, Senior Planner**
thomaswi@ci.salinas.ca.us
City of Salinas
65 West Alisal Street
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mr. Wiles:

PUBLIC DRAFT, CITY OF SALINAS Carr Lake BSLT IS/MSD

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) has received the public draft of the above document. The purpose of this letter is to request the termination of related MCWRA easements and maintenance responsibility in the project area. To advise on this matter, the MCWRA has prepared the following comments:

REQUEST FOR QUIT CLAIM: HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

The Carr Lake Big Sur Land Trust proposal will result in zoning to allow establish and construct a new Park and Recreational use located on 73 acres at 618 Sherwood Drive in the Agricultural – Flood Overlay (A-F) Zoning District.

MCWRA Reclamation Ditch flowage easements:

- The project area lies entirely within the MCWRA's Zone 9, Benefit Assessment Zone for the Reclamation Ditch. The MCWRA operates and maintains most portions of the Reclamation Ditch system, including tributaries, and five pump stations. The Reclamation Ditch conveys storm water and provides critical flood protection for unincorporated Monterey County and the City of Salinas. Our research indicates the existing MCWRA flowage easements in this area will be realigned. The MCWRA is requesting the BSLT process and support a quit claim to remove any respective flowage easement(s) in the project area (see attached map).

The MCWRA appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Carr Lake BSLT IS/MND. If you have any questions, please contact me at bodensteinerjm@co.monterey.ca.us or (831) 755-4970.

Sincerely,

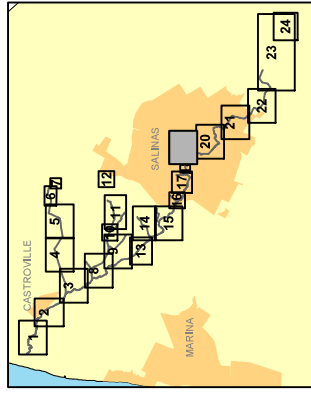
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Jennifer Bodensteiner, Associate Hydrologist
Operations and Maintenance Division

Cc: Big Sur Land Trust, via email

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Note: The scale and configuration of all information shown on this map are not intended as a guide for survey or design work.
Map Date: October 17, 2005





County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-122

August 19, 2025

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Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager to execute a quitclaim deed and any other associated documents to remove a flow ditch easement on a portion of property to the Big Sur Land Trust for the Carr Lake Restoration Project in the City of Salinas.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager to execute a quitclaim deed and any other associated documents to remove a flow ditch easement on a portion of property to the Big Sur Land Trust for the Carr Lake Restoration Project in the City of Salinas.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Big Sur Land Trust ("BSLT") is owner and representative of the 73-acre properties, in Carr Lake, and are requesting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA") to quitclaim the portion of flow ditch easement lying on Assessor Parcel Numbers 261-191-001-000, 003-212-007-000 and 261-191-007-000, as shown colored in hatched on Exhibit "B".

The BSLT has requested the quitclaim of the 30-foot wide flow easement to construct the Carr Lake Restoration Project ("Project") which includes the proposal to build and maintain a multi-benefit park and open space and restore riparian and wetland habitat.

The request for the quitclaim of the flow ditch easement can be granted since the easements are no longer being utilized by MCWRA and its retention is no longer necessary. MCWRA has no objection to the easement being quitclaimed.

The 30-foot wide flow ditch easement being quitclaimed was dedicated by and described in the deed to Reclamation District Number 1665, dated October 1, 1917, and recorded in the Official Records recorded on March 2, 1918, in Volume 156 of Deeds at Page 211, in the office of the County Recorder of Monterey County.

The MCWRA staff recommends the quitclaim for the existing maintenance easement, thus relieving the MCWRA of responsibility to maintain a portion of the ditch to be removed because of the BSLT restoration design. The flow ditch will be physically removed and the said easement in this portion of canal is no longer necessary allowing BSLT to construct an appropriate project to restore historic habitat in Carr Lake.

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The MCWRA and BSLT have been communicating on the Project and the easement since June 25, 2021, and the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was received and reviewed by MCWRA which was found acceptable. BSLT provided the quitclaim deed and an informational presentation for the Project at the MCWRA Board of Directors June 2025 meeting.

The MCWRA staff has determined that the quitclaim deed and removal of a portion of easement for the Project has a negligible effect on existing facilities and results in no expansion of use to lands, which qualifies as Class 1 categorical exemption respectively pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c) - existing facilities for the purpose of public safety - no expansion of use; and there are no exemptions pursuant to CEQA Guidelines CCR Section 15300.2.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

BSLT and County Counsel's Office.

FINANCING:

FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget of Zone 9 Reclamation Ditch (Fund 122) has sufficient appropriations to fund the preparation and execution of the quitclaim deed.

Prepared by: Jennifer Bodensteiner, Associate Water Resources Hydrologist (831) 755-4860

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Approved by:

Ara Azhdarian

Ara Azhdarian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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Attachments:

1. Quitclaim deed
2. Public Draft, City of Salinas Carr Lake BSLT IS/MND comments dated June 25, 2021