

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

RESOLUTION NO. 22-248

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to:

- a. Approve and authorize a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”), substantially as to form, between the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, and Big Sur Land Trust for the construction phase of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project (REF 140048); and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development to sign the MOU; and
- c. Approve Temporary Construction Easements with the Big Sur Land Trust and Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District for the construction of the CRFREE Project.

WHEREAS, the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project is a multi-benefit, green infrastructure project that will reduce flood risks and restore riverine habitat where natural and built environments intersect at the mouth of Carmel Valley;

WHEREAS, the CRFREE Project was approved by the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors in June, 2021, beginning a pre-construction final design, right of way, and permitting phase;

WHEREAS, a temporary construction easement (TCE) is necessary for the initial grading and floodplain restoration work on property owned by Monterey Peninsula Regional Parks District (MPRPD) and Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT);

WHEREAS, on November 24th, 2010, the County of Monterey (County), the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (WRA), the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), the California State Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and BSLT entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of coordinating planning activity for the CRFREE Project (the “2010 MOU”);

WHEREAS, the 2022 Memorandum of Understanding updates and restates the 2010 MOU, and adds MRPD as a signatory;

WHEREAS, the CRFREE Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in a public hearing on January 20, 2020, and the Project was approved June 15, 2021. Federal environmental review was completed April 23, 2021, when Caltrans, as lead

federal agency for the causeway portion of the Project, issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI), agreeing with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, as lead federal agency for the floodplain restoration portion of the project, who issued a FONSI on October 30, 2020. Environmental review for the CRFREE Project is complete;

WHEREAS, approval of this resolution will allow the Director of Housing and Community Development, or designee, to sign the 2022 MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby resolves to:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of June 2022, by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

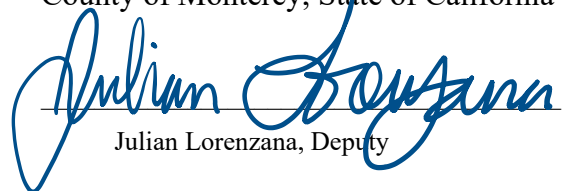
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting June 21, 2022.

Dated: June 24, 2022

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Agenda Item No.: 92

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



Julian Lorenzana, Deputy