

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

Resolution No.: 22-328

Adopt a Resolution:

- a. Authorizing the submittal of a Financial Assistance)
Application to the State Water Resources Board for)
planning, design, and environmental review of a)
possible wastewater line to connect the CSA-75)
Chualar Wastewater System to the City of Salinas)
system; and)
- b. Authorizing the Director of Public Works, Facilities)
and Parks to sign and file the application on behalf of)
Monterey County and to act as agent for the County)
in processing all documentation to secure these)
funds.)

WHEREAS Monterey County is the owner and operator of the CSA-75 Chualar Wastewater System, approximately 8 miles south of Salinas, California; and

WHEREAS the CSA-75 Chualar Wastewater System, consists of a wastewater collection system within the community of Chualar and a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF), approximately 2 miles west of Chualar; and

WHEREAS the WWTF utilizes a series of unlined oxidation ponds to treat and dispose of wastewater. The ponds are adjacent to the Salinas River within the 100-year flood plain with no mechanism for reclaiming water for future reuse; and

WHEREAS Monterey County is interested in consolidating the Chualar WWTP with the Monterey One Water (M1W) regional sewer system through the City of Salinas' wastewater collection system, via connection to the Salinas system; and

WHEREAS Monterey County believes that such a connection would result in a cost effective, regulatory compliant, environmentally superior, and sustainable process by eliminating the treatment component from the CSA-75 Chualar Wastewater System and by doing so also provide benefits such as potentially connecting and converting proximal septic systems to regional treatment, as well as allow for recycled wastewater reuse; and

WHEREAS a new sewer line, approximately 7.5 miles in length, would be necessary to connect to M1W through the Salinas wastewater collection system; and

WHEREAS the State of California Water Resources Control Board, through its Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), has a financial assistance program which may be available to assist Monterey County with the costs of design and environmental work related to the possible consolidation of the CSA 75 Chualar wastewater treatment system; and

WHEREAS neither Monterey County nor the CSA-75 Chualar Wastewater System have funds available to pursue the consolidation without financial assistance; and

WHEREAS Monterey County wishes to apply for financial assistance from the State through the CWSRF Program to assist with the costs of necessary design and environmental work.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County hereby authorizes and hereby determines that:

1. The Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks or his/her designee (the “Authorized Representative”) is authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of Monterey County, a financial assistance application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the planning, design, and environmental review of a wastewater line to connect the CSA-75 Chualar Wastewater System to the City of Salinas system (“the Project”).
2. This Authorized Representative is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.
3. This Authorized Representative is designated to represent Monterey County in carrying out the County’s responsibilities under the financing agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the County and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.
4. The Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks is authorized and directed to submit this Resolution and any corresponding or necessary supporting materials to the State Water Resources Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of August 2022, by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

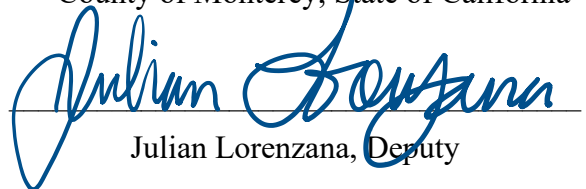
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting August 23, 2022.

Dated: August 26, 2022

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


Julian Lorenzana, Deputy