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<u>APPROVAL OF FUNDING FROM CALIFORNIA STREAM GAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY STREAM GAGE UPGRADE PROJECT</u>

Congratulations. Your request for funding from the Department of Water Resources' (Department) California Stream Gage Improvement Program (Program) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Stream Gage Upgrade Project (Project) has been approved. The tentative level of funding is \$76,000 and will be confirmed during the agreement process, which is the next step. Additionally, the term of funding will be from the time of agreement execution through March 2027.

This letter serves to inform you of this award and is a reminder that a resolution from your agency's governing body is needed before the agreement can be executed. To confirm you received this approval notification and to confirm your agency is intending on completing the agreement process, we request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter by signing and returning to Jessica Boyt by email at Jessica.Boyt@water.ca.gov within 10 business days.

The Stream Gage Improvement Program is funded by the Budget Act of 2023 (Stats. 2023, Ch. 189, Section 43). The intent of the Program is to improve the stream gaging network statewide following the recommendations in the SB19 recommendations (SB19 2022 Technical Report).

The funding award for this project is consistent with these recommendations and includes implementing the following items:

• One upgraded stream gage on the Salinas River (064-2791-01).

A draft funding agreement is being developed and will be sent to you for review and ultimately your agency's execution. You may begin incurring costs once the agreement is fully executed. No reimbursement of Eligible Project Costs will be issued until after the funding agreement is executed. Any costs incurred are at your own risk and liability until the funding agreement is executed. For guidance as to what are Eligible Project Costs and what type of documentation is required for reimbursement, please see the *Guidelines for Funding Public Agencies under the California Stream Gage Improvement Program* which may be found at: Stream Gage Improvement Program (ca.gov).

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The Department is grateful for your participation in improving the stream gaging network and are hopeful this program helps inform your agency in surface water matters. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the agreement, please contact Radley Ott by email at radley.ott@water.ca.gov or by phone at (530) 945-0985.

Sincerely,

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Teresa Connor Manager, Northern Region Office Department of Water Resources

ACCEPTED:

Peter Kwiek, Associate Hydrologist
Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Date: ______