

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

**Resolution No. 23-096**

- a. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2022-23 Adopted Budget to increase appropriations by \$200,000 for the County Administrative Office, Fund 001, Appropriation Unit CAO005, Budget Unit 8541, in support of the Emergency Operations Center’s FEMA recovery efforts, funded by a release of Cannabis Tax Assignment (001-3132) (4/5ths vote).
- b. Authorize the use of the Cannabis Tax Assignment (001-3132) for remaining costs of the FEMA recovery efforts in Fiscal Year 2023-24).

**WHEREAS**, winter atmospheric river events through California began on December 26, 2022 and continued into January of 2023. The winter storms damaged vital infrastructure and facilities belonging to the County of Monterey and other agencies such as the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA). On January 10, 2023, the Board of Supervisors ratified a Proclamation of a Local Emergency issued by the County Administrative Officer on January 4, 2023. On January 19, 2023, President Biden and Governor Newsom surveyed storm-ravaged areas in neighboring Santa Cruz County; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) operates and activates the Emergency Communications Center (EOC) during emergency conditions. Over the past months, the Department has activated the EOC for the emergency events resulting from the December/January and March rain events that have impacted communities through the County. To assist the County with cost recovery efforts, the DEM plans to use the services of AECOM Technical Services, Inc. The estimated cost of services for this agreement is \$750,000. The Department of Emergency Management estimates it will spend \$200,000 in FY 2022-23 and the rest in FY 2023-24. The Department does not have appropriations for the cost of the agreement in the current year. It estimates it will be 100% reimbursed for the contractor’s costs through FEMA reimbursements. The County Administrative Office recommends the use of the Cannabis Tax Assignment as the initial funding source for the cost of the agreement, as FEMA reimbursement can take a few years; and,

**WHEREAS**, AECOM Technical Services, Inc will provide the county with quarterly status reports on the cost recovery process and assist with state and federal recovery policies and grants to ensure maximum cost recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommends increasing the Department of Emergency Management’s appropriations in FY 2022-23 by \$200,000 to retain the services of an emergency response cost recovery contractor. The remainder of the agreement cost, \$550,000, will be included in the FY 2023-24 recommended budget. It is recommended that the Cannabis Tax Assignment be the initial funding source for the cost of the agreement. The cost for these services is estimated to be fully reimbursed by the FEMA Category Z funds which is the 5% of total projects approved by FEMA

for the disaster. Reimbursements for these costs will likely take numerous years. Once funds are reimbursed, the Cannabis Tax Assignment will be repaid;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, as follows:

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**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2023, by roll call vote:

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

NOES: None

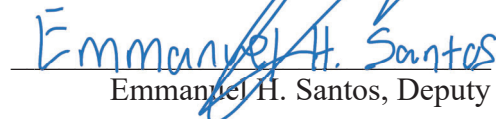
ABSENT: Supervisor Adams

Motions Passed 4 to 1

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 on March 21, 2023.

Dated: March 22, 2023  
File ID: A 23-081  
Agenda Item No. 25.2

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

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy