



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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### Board Order

#### Resolution No. 18-385

Upon motion of Supervisor Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Salinas and carried by those members present, the Board of Supervisors hereby:

Adopted Resolution No. 18-385 and proclaimed the establishment of County policy that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes and that this right is extended to all residents of Monterey County including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 4th day of December 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Salinas, Phillips, Parker and Adams

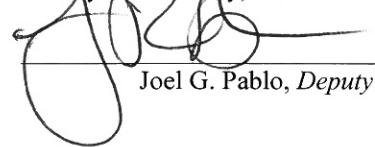
NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 81 for the meeting December 4, 2018.

Dated: January 9, 2019  
File ID: RES 18-163

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



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Joel G. Pablo, *Deputy*

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

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Proclaim the establishment of County policy that every )  
human being has the right to safe, clean affordable and )  
accessible water adequate for human consumption, )  
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to all residents of Monterey County, including )  
disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities )  
in rural and urban areas.....)

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2012, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 685 (AB 685) establishing a state policy that every human being has a human right to safe, clean, affordable and accessible drinking water; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 685, colloquially known as the Human Right to Water Bill, became effective on January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, AB 685 added section 106.3 to the California Water Code, which provides, in part, "It is hereby declared to be the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes." (Cal. Water Code §106.3(a)); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey desires that Monterey County, through this proclamation, to become the first county in California, and in the nation, to recognize the human right to safe and clean drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors further desires to declare that this human right to water extends to all residents of Monterey County, including disadvantaged individuals, groups and communities in rural and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors intends for relevant County departments to consider this policy when implementing policies and regulations, when those policies or regulations are pertinent to the uses of water for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes; and

WHEREAS, this proclamation is not intended to expand any obligation of the County to provide water or to require the expenditure of additional resources to develop water infrastructure beyond the obligations that may exist pursuant to law; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of this proclamation shall not infringe on the rights or responsibilities of any public water system; and

WHEREAS, through this proclamation, the County intends to establish the public policy of safe and clean water for human use as County policy and intends for this policy to inform the County when implementing policies and regulations affecting water supply and usage and to help the County to focus on the issue of drinking water pollution in certain Monterey County domestic wells and water systems as

well as potential future threats due to drought and a lack of available drinking water, while not impacting water rights or expanding or creating new County obligations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim as follows:

It is hereby declared to be the established policy of the County of Monterey that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes and that the human right to water extends to all residents of Monterey County, including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas.

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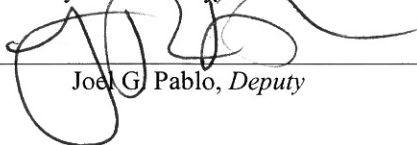
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