

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

**Resolution No. 23-038**

- a. Authorize the use of the General Fund Strategic Reserve up to \$21,752,475 to provide advance funding to the Public Works, Facilities & Parks Department and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to fulfill the 2022/2023 Winter Storm Repair Projects to be repaid with reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other state and federal agencies; and
- b. Authorize the County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller to make fund balance designations in FY 2022-23 included in Attachment A; and
- c. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY 2022-23 adopted budget by increasing appropriations and estimated revenues and making the appropriate transfers included in Attachment A (4/5ths vote required).....

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Works, Facilities & Parks (PWFP) Department’s latest estimate for damages to its infrastructure and facilities total \$17.6 million. Most of the damage impacted the County’s road system, costing an estimated \$12.3 million. Damage includes roadway slope failures and erosion, roadway undermining and pavement damage, broken drainage culverts, and eroded and clogged/sediment-filled drainage ditches and basins. At Laguna Seca Recreational Area, slope failure repairs and road damage are estimated at \$3.3 million. At Lake Nacimiento, early assessments include \$203,000 in project costs for facility repairs, tree removal, and navigational signage replacement. Two of the County’s sanitation systems in Pajaro and Chualar also experienced damage to sewer lines and treatment facilities, with project repair costs of \$1.3 million. Damage to drainage culverts, ditches, and ponds also occurred in various County Service Areas, costing \$112,000. Minor damages at various County facilities and parks total \$348,475; and

**WHEREAS**, from the \$17.6 million in damages assessed by PWFP, only \$14.8 million requires advancing funding now. Laguna Seca Recreational Area has \$3.3 million in damages, but the largest of the projects, with a total cost of \$2.8 million, is pending further FEMA review. PWFP doesn’t expect to begin two projects at Lewis Creek and North Fork roads, with a total cost of \$800,000, until FY 2023-24. If the Board approves the use of the Strategic Reserve, the two projects will be in the FY 2023-24 recommended budget; and

**WHEREAS,** Damages to the MCWRA facilities include portions of the Pajaro Levee, the slide gate and levee road of Salinas River Lagoon, the Nacimiento Reservoir spillway plunge pool, and other flood control facilities and supporting infrastructure. The preliminary repair cost of damages to MCWRA infrastructure is estimated at \$16.0 million. On January 21, 2023, the County and the MCWRA entered into an advanced funding agreement not to exceed \$7.0 million for the MCWRA winter projects; and

**WHEREAS,** The County Administrative Office recommends that the Board of Supervisors authorizes the use of the General Fund Strategic Reserve as the funding source for the advanced funding of the winter storm projects pending FEMA and other state and federal agency reimbursement. Per Board ordinance, the Strategic Reserve may be used for natural disasters and currently has a balance of \$79.3 million. Reimbursements can take many years and the County Administrative Office will monitor reimbursements to replenish the Strategic Reserve. If approved by the Board, the \$21.8 million from the Strategic Reserve will be transferred to the Disaster Assistance Assignment, which will be the funding source for the recommended appropriation increases and fund transfers required to complete the winter storm repair projects listed in Attachment A of the Resolution;

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

- a. The County Administrative Office is authorized release up to \$21,752,475 from the General Fund Strategic Reserve (BSA 3111) to provide advance funding to the Public Works, Facilities & Parks Department and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to fulfill the 2022/2023 Winter Storm Repair Projects to be repaid with reimbursements from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other state and federal agencies.
- b. The County Administrative Office is authorized to make the fund balance designations in FY 2022-23 in Attachment A and the Auditor-Controller is authorized and directed to make the fund balance changes in Advantage in Attachment A.
- c. The County Administrative Office is authorized make the appropriation and estimated revenues increases and transfers, as appropriate, in FY 2022-23 and the Auditor-Controller is authorized and directed to make changes in Advantage as described in attachment A (4/5ths vote required).

**ATTACHMENT A: BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND FUND BALANCE DESIGNATIONS  
PERTAINING TO THE 2022/2023 WINTER STORM REPAIR PROJECTS**

- A. Authorize the County Administrative Office and Auditor-Controller to make the following fund balance designations and fund balance changes in Advantage, respectively, in FY 2022-23:
1. Transfer up to \$21,752,475 from the Strategic Reserve (BSA 001-3111) to the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126).
- B. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to make the following changes to the FY 2022-23 adopted budget and related fund transfers:
1. Increase appropriations by \$20,604,000 in the CAO budget (001-CAO017-8038) financed by a release of \$20,604,000 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
    - a. Transfer up to \$7,000,000 to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Dam Operations (116), Administration (111), and Pajaro Levee (112) funds.
    - b. Transfer up to \$11,505,000 to the Road Fund (002-PFP004-8558).
    - c. County Service Areas (CSAs) transfers: Transfer \$1,155,000 to the Chualar CSA (093-PFP046-8566), \$20,000 to the Oak Hill CSA (075-PFP029-8566), \$17,000 to the Rioway Tract No. 2 CSA (077-PFP031-8566), and \$75,000 to the Arroyo Seca CSA (080-PFP034-8566).
    - d. County Sanitation Districts (CSDs) transfers: Transfer \$177,500 to the Pajaro CSD (151-PFP047-8567) and \$1,500 to the Boronda CSD (156-PFP049-8567).
    - e. Transfer up to \$203,000 to the Lake Nacimiento enterprise fund (452-PFP060-8565).
    - f. Transfer up to \$450,000 to the Laguna Seca enterprise fund (453-PFP067-8579).
  2. Increase appropriations by \$19,500 in the PWWP Facilities budget (001-PFP054-8552) financed by a release of \$19,500 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
  3. Increase appropriations by \$328,975 in the PWWP Parks budget (001-PFP058-8556) financed by a release of \$328,975 in the Disaster Assistance Assignment (BSA 001-3126) (4/5ths vote required).
  4. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$11,505,000 in the PWWP Road Fund budget (002-PFP004-8558) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
  5. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,155,000 in the Chualar CSA budget (093-PFP046-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
  6. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$20,000 in the Oak Hill CSA budget (075-PFP029-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
  7. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$17,000 in the Rioway Tract No. 2 CSA budget (077-PFP031-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).

8. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$75,000 in the Arroyo Seca CSA budget (080-PFP034-8566) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
9. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$177,500 in the Pajaro CSD budget (151-PFP047-8567) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
10. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$1,500 in the Boronda CSD budget (156-PFP049-8567) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
11. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$203,000 in the Lake Nacimiento budget (452-PFP060-8565) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).
12. Increase appropriations and estimated revenues by \$450,000 in the Laguna Seca budget (453-PFP067-8579) financed by an operating transfer in from the general fund (4/5ths vote required).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, and Adams

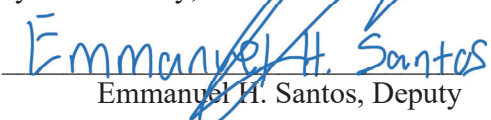
NOES: None

ABSENT: Supervisor Root Askew  
(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 on February 14, 2023.

Dated: February 14, 2023  
File ID: RES 23-022  
Agenda Item No. 14

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

  
Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy