## **MONTEREY COUNTY**

## RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** July 13, 2017

District 1 Supervisor Luis A. Alejo District 2 Supervisor John M. Phillips To: District 3 Supervisor Simon Salinas

District 4 Supervisor Jane Parker District 5 Supervisor Mary Adams

From: Carl P. Holm, AICP, RMA Director

Access Agreement between Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

Subject: Salinas Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Control and Restoration Program

(APN 245111006000)

cc: Lew C. Bauman, County Administrative Officer Eric Lauritzen, Agricultural Commissioner

Shawne Ellerbee, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

The Resource Management Agency (RMA) was contacted by the Resource Conservation District (RCD) regarding Monterey County's Salinas River Invasive Plant Control Program. Since 2014, RCD has been controlling arundo and tamarisk on the Salinas River with grant funding from the Wildlife Conservation Board and works closely with the County's Agricultural Commissioner (AC). RCD is expanding their program into King City area which includes a parcel on the river that is owned by the County of Monterey (San Lorenzo Park, APN 245111006000),

The RCD requires the landowner permission to perform work on County property. The treatment on our parcel would consist of foliar application of glyphosate-based aquatic-formulated herbicide and would follow up with retreatment as needed for five years. RCD is requesting to enter into an Access Agreement with the County of Monterey for the above referenced APN 24511006000 for a term of ten (10) years. For the first five (5) years of this Agreement, all Project costs would be the sole responsibility of the RCD. For the remaining five (5) year of this Agreement, the County would be responsible for treating remaining arundo. The County would not be responsible for treating new arundo invasions from upstream sources, or for treating any arundo that has received less than three (3) total years of treatment by the RCD within the first five (5) years of this agreement. The cost for treating arundo during the final five years of this Agreement is estimated to no more than 1 hour of labor per acre, plus herbicide and equipment which would be funded under the RMA or AC. Attached you will find RCD's Restoration Program Overview and the proposed Access Agreement.

RCD's project schedule reflects needing access to perform Arundo eradication before the end of July, as required by permit conditions. Due to timing constraints with bringing this item to the Board of Supervisors I am informing you of my intent to sign the Access Agreement, and will bring this agreement to the Board in August 2017.