

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

Resolution No.

Resolution in support of the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund proposals – including Governor Newsom’s budget trailer bill proposal, SB 200 (Monning), and AB 217 (E. Garcia) – which would establish a new State Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund to support short and long-term drinking water solutions and programs, such as to support operations and maintenance funding of drinking water treatment and address other critical drinking water needs.

WHEREAS, all Californians have a human right to safe and affordable drinking water for drinking, cooking and sanitation purposes; and

WHEREAS, drinking water safety and affordability issues affect California communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the County of Monterey became the first county in the nation to recognize the human right to safe and clean drinking water when the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution that requires County departments to consider this right when implementing policies and regulations pertinent to the uses of water for human consumption, cooking and sanitary purposes.

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey recognizes the adverse health risks associated with lack of safe and affordable drinking water to its constituents, with children and the elderly being particularly at risk; and

WHEREAS, for years, the State Water Resources Control Board and other policymakers have called for the creation of a sustainable funding source to support safe and affordable drinking water programs, including to ensure public water systems can afford to operate and maintain drinking water treatment systems to address contaminated drinking water; and

WHEREAS, the lack of a reliable funding source for operations and maintenance for drinking water treatment costs has meant many communities are either unable to afford the cost of drinking water treatment, or are forced to pass on burdensome drinking water costs to constituents who may then struggle to be able to afford their drinking water;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monterey County Board of Supervisors affirms its support for a new Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund – including Governor Newsom’s budget trailer bill proposal, SB 200 and AB 217 – which would provide both short term and long term programs and solutions for safe and affordable drinking water, including to help subsidize the high cost of operations and maintenance of drinking water treatment costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Monterey County Administrative Office transmit copies of this resolution to the California Legislature as follows: Governor Gavin Newsom, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, Senator Bill Monning, Senator Anna Caballero, Assemblymember Mark Stone, and Assemblymember Robert Rivas.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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 ____ for the meeting on ____.

Dated:

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