


The background of the slide is a light gray gradient, decorated with numerous realistic water droplets of various sizes. Some droplets are at the top, some at the bottom, and some on the right side, creating a fresh and clean aesthetic.

PROCLAIM 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.***



BACKGROUND

- **ASSEMBLY BILL 685 (AB 685)**
 - **JANUARY 2012, UC DAVIS REPORT ADDRESSING NITRATES IN CALIFORNIA DRINKING WATER**
 - **MONTEREY COUNTY DRINKING WATER CHALLENGES**
 - **IMPACTED WATER SYSTEMS**
 - **DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES**
 - **STATE WATER BOARD SAMPLING PROGRAMS**
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POLICY INTENT

- *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 QUALITY 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.*