



## Board Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

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**SUMMARY/ DISCUSSION:**

The Monterey County Health Department's Public Health Laboratory (PH Lab) serves as the area's Regional Laboratory and has provided the necessary water testing for a variety of agencies such as, the City of Salinas, City of Soledad, City of Gonzales, Salinas Valley State Prison, the City of Hollister, Pinnacles National Monument, and over 100 community water systems. Due to the volume of testing required, PH Lab coordinates testing with other cost-effective laboratories, including BSK Analytical Laboratories (BSK), and ships the samples for the client as a value-added service.

State and Federal regulations require monitoring of drinking water supplies and wastewater discharge for toxic chemicals and disease-causing microbes. There has been an increasing utilization of the PH Lab to perform these tests to assure the health and safety of the public.

PH Lab performs microbiological, general mineral and inorganic analysis in-house. Reports of ground water contamination have increased concern over the safety of the local water supply. The California Department of Public Health and the Environmental Protection Agency have mandated that drinking water systems be monitored for specific toxins.

This work supports the Monterey County Health Department 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Empower the community to improve health; and
2. Enhance public health and safety through prevention; and
3. Ensure access to culturally and linguistically appropriate, customer-friendly, quality health services. It also supports the following three of the ten essential public health services, specially: 3. Communicate effectively, to inform and educate people about health; factors that influence it, and how to improve it; and 7. Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy; and 8. Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Office of the County Counsel, Risk Management, and Auditor Controller have reviewed and approved this Agreement as to legal form, non-standard indemnity provisions, and fiscal provisions, respectively.

FINANCING:

The estimated expenditures for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 are \$200,000 and the revenue and appropriations to accommodate them are included in Public Health Bureau's Adopted Budget (001-4000-8124-HEA003). Estimated revenue and appropriations will be included as part of the Requested Budgets for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

Check the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives:

Economic Development:

- Through collaboration, strengthen economic development to ensure a diversified and healthy economy.

Administration:

- Promote an organization that practices efficient and effective resource management and is recognized for responsiveness, strong customer orientation, accountability and transparency.

Health & Human Services:

- Improve health and quality of life through County supported policies, programs, and services; promoting access to equitable opportunities for healthy choices and healthy environments in collaboration with communities.

Infrastructure:

- Plan and develop a sustainable, physical infrastructure that improves the quality of life for County residents and supports economic development results.

Public Safety:

- Create a safe environment for people to achieve their potential, leading businesses and communities to thrive and grow by reducing violent crimes as well as crimes in general.

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Approved by:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attachments:

Agreement  
Exhibit A