



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. _____

**RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE)
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY FIND)
THAT ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTION IS)
CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15306 OF)
THE CEQA GUIDELINES AS DATA COLLECTION, AND NO)
EXCEPTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15300.2 CAN BE MADE;)
REPEAL ORDINANCE NUMBERS 3660, 3717, AND 3718 AND)
ADOPT A NEW ORDINANCE TO AFFIRM THE WATER)
RESOURCES AGENCY'S AUTHORITY TO MONITOR)
GROUNDWATER WITHIN THE COUNTY, POTENTIALLY)
PROVIDE SERVICE TO OTHER ENTITIES WITH GROUNDWATER)
MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REQUEST, AND TO)
IMPLEMENT A GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM)
REGULATORY FEE; ADOPT A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING A)
GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM MANUAL; AND)
PROVIDE DIRECTION TO STAFF AS APPROPRIATE.)**

Upon motion of Director _____, seconded by Director _____, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Recommends that the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:
 - a. Find that adoption of this ordinance and resolution is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA guidelines as data collection, and no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 can be made;
 - b. Repeal Ordinance Numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718 and adopt a new ordinance to affirm the Water Resources Agency's authority to monitor groundwater within the County, to potentially provide service to other entities with groundwater management responsibilities upon request; and to implement a groundwater monitoring program regulatory fee;
 - c. Adopt a resolution implementing a Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual; and
 - d. Provide direction to staff as appropriate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **19th** day of **August 2024**, by the following vote, to-wit:

BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
General Manager