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

Resolution No. _____)
Approving a water allocation policy for the)
California American Water Company service)
area of the Monterey Peninsula Water)
Management District applicable to the)
unincorporated areas of Monterey County,)
for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual.)
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WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (“MPWMD”) adopted Ordinance No. 197, allocating 72 acre-feet per year (“AFY”) to the County of Monterey (“County”) in anticipation of completion of the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Expansion Project (“PWMEEx”); and,

WHEREAS, the County does not have a water allocation policy for management of the finite water resources within the Cal-Am service area of the MPWMD (“service area”); and,

WHEREAS, absent a policy for the management of finite water resources, the past practice of the County has been to allocate water within the service area on a “first-come, first-served” basis. This included approval of water prior to issuance of construction permit applications and consideration of water allocations in the discretionary review process with water reserved for a project after discretionary approval and until a construction permit was ready to issue; and,

WHEREAS, recent changes to state Housing Element law and specifically Government Code section 65589.7 require jurisdictions prioritize water and sewer services for proposed developments that include housing units affordable to low-income households; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to prioritize allocation of water to uses and development that furthers the County’s goals and interests; and,

WHEREAS, the attached Policy has been created to establish a procedure for water allocation in unincorporated areas of the service area that carries out the requirements of state law and furthers the County’s goals and interests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey approves for inclusion in the Board Policy Manual, the attached Water Allocation Policy for the unincorporated area of the service area.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2026, 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

By _____
, Deputy