

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

Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County)
Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) to:)

Approve the FY 2026-27 (FY27) Groundwater Monitoring)
Program fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration,)
\$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82)
per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well)
for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for)
Groundwater Quality Monitoring.)

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 5426, which authorizes MCWRA to allocate and recover costs associated with the development, implementation, enforcement, and perpetuation of a regulatory groundwater monitoring program through adoption of a resolution by the Board;

WHEREAS, the Groundwater Monitoring Program (“GMP”) consists of well registration, groundwater extraction reporting, groundwater level monitoring, and groundwater quality monitoring of public and private wells within the 180/400-Foot Aquifer, Eastside Aquifer, Forebay Aquifer, Langlely Area, Monterey, and Upper Valley Subbasins of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 5426 requires the adoption of annual resolutions by the Board to continue the regulatory fees for the GMP;

WHEREAS, the FY27 Initial Well Registration Fee will be \$160.16 per well for newly registered wells;

WHEREAS, the FY27 Annual Well Registration Renewal Fee will be \$21.86 per well to renew well registration annually;

WHEREAS, the FY27 Groundwater Extraction Reporting Fee will be \$64.82 per well for registered wells extracting more than 2 acre-feet per year for domestic purposes;

WHEREAS, the FY27 Groundwater Level Monitoring Fee will be \$117.68 per registered well;

WHEREAS, the FY27 Groundwater Quality Monitoring Fee will be \$73.92 per well for registered wells located in the 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin, Eastside Aquifer Subbasin, Langlely Area Subbasin, and Monterey Subbasin;

WHEREAS, the GMP regulatory fees reflect no more than the actual and reasonable cost of the service received by the payor and burdened on MCWRA. Any discount applicable to these surcharges has a de minimis impact on the MCWRA budget and implementation of that discount does not result in increased fees or costs for other patrons;

WHEREAS, by definition, these fees are not a “tax” and are exempt from voter approval pursuant to Article XIII C, section 1(e)(3) of the California Constitution (charges imposed for the reasonable regulatory costs to a local government for issuing licenses and permits); and

WHEREAS, this action to add fees for the GMP is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) because it is a governmental funding mechanism which does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines section 15273.)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors hereby:

1. Finds the above recitals are true and correct and substantial evidence supports them.
2. Adopts the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried 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