

Attachment A

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

Resolution No.: _____

Acting as the Board of Directors of the Pajaro County Sanitation District, adopt a Resolution:

- a. Approve acceptance of a Financial Assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Service for funding of restoration and repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWFP), or designee, to execute the Grant Agreement and associated documents and act as agent for the County of Monterey/PCSD in processing all documentation to secure these funds and to satisfy the conditions associated with the grant on behalf of the County of Monterey/PCSD; and
- c. Add a project for Restoration and Repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program starting in the current Fiscal Year (FY 2024-25)

WHEREAS the County of Monterey (County), Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) is the owner and operator of the PCSD Wastewater System, approximately 23 miles northwest of Salinas, California; and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System consists of a wastewater collection system within the communities of Pajaro, Las Lomas, and Bay Farms; and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System collects and then transports wastewater to the Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) for disposal and treatment (located adjacent to the Pajaro River, approximately 2 miles west of the community of Pajaro); and

WHEREAS the PCSD Wastewater System sustained substantial damages as a result of winter storms which began in late Calendar Year 2022 and continued through the first quarter of 2023; and

WHEREAS the two-mile-long transmission line (force main) which conveys collected wastewater from the PCSD system to the regional WWTP in Watsonville sustained multiple leaks and a wholesale rupture due to the series of storm events which began on December 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS to prevent the release of wastewater and infiltration of groundwater into the wastewater conveyance system, as well as to minimize the potential for future force main breaks, the County of Monterey/PCSD must replace the entire reach of force main; and

WHEREAS there were other internal collection and pumping system damages within the Pajaro CSD Wastewater collection system sustained because of the storms which began in Calendar Year 2022; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Service announced a funding opportunity through their Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program, which was potentially available to assist the County of Monterey/PCSD with the costs of the needed repairs, including all related design, environmental work, land acquisition, and construction; and

WHEREAS an initial grant application was submitted in December 2023; however, in March 2024, USDA staff requested that the planned work be broken into two separate and individually submitted projects; and

WHEREAS a project with a focus on Internal System Repairs was then submitted in April of 2024; and

WHEREAS on January 15, 2025, the Director of PWWP received notice that a grant in the amount of \$4,075,000 had been awarded to the County of Monterey /Pajaro County Sanitation District for the second of the two projects submitted (Internal System Repairs), and

WHEREAS neither the County of Monterey nor the PCSD have funds available to pursue the needed wastewater system repairs without financial assistance; and the County of Monterey wishes to accept financial assistance from the USDA through their CY 2022 Disaster Water Grants Program to assist with all the costs for needed repairs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey hereby authorizes and hereby determines to:

- a. Approve acceptance of a Financial Assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Service for funding of restoration and repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWWP), or designee, to execute the Grant Agreement (\$4,075,000) and associated documents and act as agent for the County of Monterey/PCSD in processing all documentation to secure these funds and to satisfy the conditions associated with the grant on behalf of the County of Monterey/PCSD; and
- c. Add a project for Restoration and Repairs to the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Wastewater System to the 5-Year Capital Improvement Program starting in the current Fiscal Year (FY 2024-25); and
- d. Authorize the Director of Public Works, Facilities and Parks (PWWP), or designee, to represent the County of Monterey/PCSD in carrying out the County’s/PCSD’s responsibilities under the financial assistance agreement, including certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the County/PCSD and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and
- e. Authorize and direct the Director of Public Works, Facilities, and Parks to submit this Resolution and any corresponding or necessary supporting materials to the USDA.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of February 2025 by roll call vote:

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 resolution of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____, for the

