

EXHIBIT 17-A



United States Department of the Interior

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
California Water Science Center
6000 J Street, Placer Hall
Sacramento, CA 95819

October 7, 2022

Mr. David Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Mgmt. Dist.
Post Office Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Dear Mr. Stoldt:

Enclosed are two signed originals of our standard joint-funding agreement for the project(s) California Water Science Center Water Resources Investigations, during the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$17,370 from your agency. U.S. Geological Survey contributions for this agreement are \$7,340 for a combined total of \$24,710. Please sign and return one fully-executed original to Irene Rios at the address above.

Federal law requires that we have a signed agreement before we start or continue work. Please return the signed agreement by **December 1, 2022**. If, for any reason, the agreement cannot be signed and returned by the date shown above, please contact Anthony Guerriero by phone number (831) 460-7494 or email aguerrie@usgs.gov to make alternative arrangements.

This is a fixed cost agreement to be billed annually via Down Payment Request (automated Form DI-1040). Please allow 30-days from the end of the billing period for issuance of the bill. If you experience any problems with your invoice(s), please contact Cade Castro at ccastro@usgs.gov.

The results of all work performed under this agreement will be available for publication by the U.S. Geological Survey. We look forward to continuing this and future cooperative efforts in these mutually beneficial water resources studies.

Sincerely,

Alissa Coes
Acting Director, USGS California Water Science
Center

Enclosure
23ZGJFA03000022 (2)

**Form 9-1366
(May 2018)**

**U.S. Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Joint Funding Agreement
FOR
Water Resource Investigations**

**Customer #: 600000949
Agreement #: 23ZGJFA03000022
Project #:
TIN #: 94-2535586**

Fixed Cost Agreement YES[X] NO[]

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into as of the October 1, 2022, by the U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, California Water Science Center, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, party of the first part, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Mgmt. Dist. party of the second part.

1. The parties hereto agree that subject to the availability of appropriations and in accordance with their respective authorities there shall be maintained in cooperation Water Resource Investigations (per attachment), herein called the program. The USGS legal authority is 43 USC 36C; 43 USC 50, and 43 USC 50b.

2. The following amounts shall be contributed to cover all of the cost of the necessary field and analytical work directly related to this program. 2(b) include In-Kind-Services in the amount of \$0.00

- (a) \$7,340 by the party of the first part during the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
- (b) \$17,370 by the party of the second part during the period October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
- (c) Contributions are provided by the party of the first part through other USGS regional or national programs, in the amount of: \$0

Description of the USGS regional/national program:

- (d) Additional or reduced amounts by each party during the above period or succeeding periods as may be determined by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.
- (e) The performance period may be changed by mutual agreement and set forth in an exchange of letters between the parties.

3. The costs of this program may be paid by either party in conformity with the laws and regulations respectively governing each party.

4. The field and analytical work pertaining to this program shall be under the direction of or subject to periodic review by an authorized representative of the party of the first part.

5. The areas to be included in the program shall be determined by mutual agreement between the parties hereto or their authorized representatives. The methods employed in the field and office shall be those adopted by the party of the first part to insure the required standards of accuracy subject to modification by mutual agreement.

6. During the course of this program, all field and analytical work of either party pertaining to this program shall be open to the inspection of the other party, and if the work is not being carried on in a mutually satisfactory manner, either party may terminate this agreement upon 60 days written notice to the other party.

7. The original records resulting from this program will be deposited in the office of origin of those records. Upon request, copies of the original records will be provided to the office of the other party.

8. The maps, records or reports resulting from this program shall be made available to the public as promptly as possible. The maps, records or reports normally will be published by the party of the first part. However, the party of the second part reserves the right to publish the results of this program, and if already published by the party of the first part shall, upon request, be furnished by the party of the first part, at cost, impressions suitable for purposes of reproduction similar to that for which the original copy was prepared. The maps, records or reports published by either party shall contain a statement of the cooperative relations between the parties. The Parties acknowledge that scientific information and data developed as a result of the Scope of Work (SOW) are subject to applicable USGS review, approval, and release requirements, which are available on the USGS Fundamental Science Practices website (<https://www.usgs.gov/about/organization/science-support/science-quality-and-integrity/fundamental-science-practices>).

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9. Billing for this agreement will be rendered **annually**. Invoices not paid within 60 days from the billing date will bear Interest, Penalties, and Administrative cost at the annual rate pursuant the Debt Collection Act of 1982, (codified at 31 U.S.C. § 3717) established by the U.S. Treasury.

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Department of Interior

Monterey Peninsula Water Mgmt. Dist.

Signature

Signatures

By _____ Date: **10/07/2022**
Name: Alissa Coes
Title: Acting Director, USGS California Water Science Center

By _____ Date: _____
Name:
Title:

By _____ Date: _____
Name:
Title:

By _____ Date: _____
Name:
Title:

FY 2023 USGS Cooperative Water Program
Agreement Period Oct 1, 2022 - Sept 30, 2023
Agreement # 232GJFA14300
10/7/2022

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Mr. David Stoldt, General Manager
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Program Total = \$24,710
USGS Cooperative Matching Funds = \$7,340
Cooperator Total = \$17,370

Type	Station Number	Station Name	Activity	Activity Cost	USGS Funds	Cooperator Funds
SW	11143250	Carmel River near Carmel CA	Streamflow, continuous (CMF)	\$ 24,710	\$ 7,340	\$ 17,370