



FINAL

RESOLUTION 2018-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CERTIFYING FINDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND APPROVING THE LOS PADRES DAM GRAVEL AUGMENTATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is committed to mitigating the environmental impact of diversions from the Carmel River Basin; and

WHEREAS, The MPWMD certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for its Water Allocation Program and adopted a Mitigation Program as part of the EIR; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, and as part of the Mitigation Program, the District has carried out periodic gravel augmentation projects downstream of Los Padres Dam to improve spawning habitat for South-Central California Coast (S-CCC) steelhead.; and

WHEREAS, Los Padres Dam continues to trap spawning gravels and deprive downstream areas of gravels used by South-Central California Coast (S-CCC) steelhead for spawning; and

WHEREAS, The District has followed guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and prepared an Initial Study comprised of an environmental checklist and review of the impacts of a Program to augment spawning gravel downstream of Los Padres Dam; and

WHEREAS, The District published a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and circulated the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Los Padres Gravel Augmentation Program (the Project) in accordance with CEQA requirements; and

WHEREAS, The District responded to comments received on the IS/MND at a Public Hearing on July 16, 2018 and directed that a Final IS/MND be prepared that incorporates responses to comments;

WHEREAS, The District determined that removal of an abandoned Alaskan steep pass fish ladder within the Project site is a technical change that will have no new impacts and will require no new mitigation measures;

WHEREAS, The District has incorporated mitigation measures into the Project that will reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level;

WHEREAS, The District has prepared Findings of Environmental Review based on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and comments received;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

We, the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, certify the Findings of Environmental Review as a true and accurate statement of the environmental impacts from the Project; and

Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Addendum for the Project based on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project which found that, although the Project could have a significant effect on the environment, mitigation measures can be included that will reduce the potential impacts to less than significant levels;

Adopt the mitigation measures described for the Project;

Approve the project, direct staff to prepare a Final IS/MND, and file a Notice of Determination for the Project.

On motion of Director Byrne, and second by Director Evans, the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this 16th day of July, 2018 by the following votes:

AYES:	Directors Byrne, Evans, Adams, Clarke, Rubio and Lewis
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	Director Brower

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the 16th day of July, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 19th day of July, 2018.



David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board