

FINAL RESOLUTION NO. 2019-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT TO ADOPT THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, CARMEL BAY, AND SOUTH MONTEREY BAY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS, the State of California desires to foster Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) planning and encourages local public, non-profit, and private (for profit) entities to define planning regions appropriate for managing water resources and to integrate strategies within these planning regions; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) is charged with the responsibility to manage, augment, and protect water resources for the benefit of the community and the environment within the District boundaries; and

WHEREAS, MPWMD has facilitated the formation of an IRWM planning Region with water resources that are linked hydrologically, geographically, and ecologically; and

WHEREAS the planning Region consists of the six Monterey Peninsula cities of Carmelby-the Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Pacific Grove, Monterey, Sand City, Seaside, and extends into portions of the unincorporated area of Monterey County in the Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach and the inland areas of Carmel Valley and the Laguna Seca area; and

WHEREAS water resources management authority and interests in the planning Region are currently distributed among various public agencies and other entities with a range of legal powers, regulatory responsibilities and interests; and

WHEREAS, sensible water resources planning and management frequently requires actions in multiple jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, MPWMD recognizes that continued coordination is necessary among local entities with responsibilities and interests in managing water resources; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the July 2016 Proposition 1 (The Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014) Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program Guidelines by the Department of Water Resources, MPWMD undertook a collaborative planning effort with the stakeholders in the planning Region including public agencies, water providers, non-profit entities, residential water users, community, recreation, and environmental organizations to formulate water management goals, strategies, and objectives for the planning Region and to prioritize projects that address watershed and regional issues; and

WHEREAS this planning effort has resulted in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update to achieve multiple benefits, encompass multiple watersheds and groundwater basins, meet short-and long-term water resource needs, coordinate with other IRWM Plans, and address state and federal priorities; and

WHEREAS, the IRWM Plan is a living document, reviewed and updated over time; and Whereas, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors held a public hearing on September 16th, 2019 to receive public input on the Draft IRWM Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors reviewed the Draft IRWM Plan Update with its staff and the general public at its regular Board meeting on September 16th, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby adopts the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Update as a voluntary document that provides broadly supported, identified goals, objectives, strategies, and projects to meet the integrated water needs of the people and the environment within the planning Region.

On a motion by Director Edwards and second by Director Byrne the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this 16th day of September 2019 by the following votes.

AYES:

Directors Edwards, Byrne, Adams, Evans, Hoffmann and Riley

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Director Potter

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the 16th day of September 2019.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 14th day of October 2019.

David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board

