

## **RESOLUTION NO. 19-144 C.S.**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY**

#### **AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) IN THE MONTEREY PENINSULA, CARMEL BAY, AND SOUTH MONTEREY BAY REGION**

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2007, Resolution 07-179 C.S., the City Council approved executing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to form a Regional Water Management Group (RWMG);

WHEREAS, the initial MOU to form the RWMG was fully executed on July 22, 2008 by the Big Sur Land Trust, the City of Monterey, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA), the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD);

WHEREAS, pending approval by a majority of the current RWMG members, this amended MOU reflects the addition of the following nine entities as members of the RWMG: California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB), Carmel Area Wastewater District, Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (a 501(c)3 organization), Carmel Valley Association, City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Pacific Grove, City of Sand City, City of Seaside, Monterey County Resource Management Agency;

WHEREAS, this amended MOU meets current Proposition 1 funding standards;

WHEREAS, the City of Monterey determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CCR, Title 14, Chapter 3 (CEQA Guidelines), Article 20, Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project.

Because the matter does not cause a direct or any reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY that it hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to execute an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Group in the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Bay, and South Monterey Bay Region.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	5	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Albert, Haffa, Smith, Williamson, Roberson
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

  
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Mayor of said City

  
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City Clerk thereof