

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
TOWARD MATCHING GRANT FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Castroville Community Services District (“District”) is a Community Services District created pursuant to Government Code Section 61000;

**WHEREAS**, the District supplies municipal drinking water service to approximately 7,000 customers in the unincorporated community of Castroville;

**WHEREAS**, the District’s existing water source is from four (4) groundwater wells in the 400 foot aquifer and one (1) in the deep aquifer, which wells in the 400 foot aquifer are subject to seawater intrusion;

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) received a grant to help fund the *Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley* project, which grant is funded in part by a Proposition 1 implementation grant from the State Water Resources Control Board (Agreement No. D1912532). The grant project consists of destruction of approximately one hundred (100) inactive and abandoned wells in the coastal Salinas Valley to prevent the migration of nitrate-and seawater-contaminated groundwater into aquifers that are a source of municipal drinking water, including wells that supply water for the Castroville Community Services District;

**WHEREAS**, the grant is providing \$4,927,729 which represents fifty-four percent (54%) of the money needed for the project. The MCWRA is committed to providing matching funds for the remaining \$4,197,795, or forty-six percent (46%) of the project, through a combination of in-kind services and \$2,663,300 in other funding match. The \$2,663,300 in other funding match will be applied to two tasks in the grant: planning/permitting of well destruction work (\$22,199) and direct well destruction costs (\$2,641,101);

**WHEREAS**, the grant project is integral to the regional efforts to combat the vertical migration of impaired groundwater and protect the District’s drinking water supplies;

**WHEREAS**, the District is also faced with the potential need to destroy District Well #3, as a result of ongoing seawater intrusion, the cost of which is estimated to be approximately \$120,000;

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the overall effort to protect of the District’s groundwater supply, the cost to destroy the District’s Well #3 is included in the grant project; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCWRA seeks a contribution of \$83,000 (approximately \$40 per service connection) from the District toward the \$2,663,300 in matching grant funds for the grant project, including protection of the District’s groundwater supply.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Castroville Community Services District Board of Directors:

1. Authorizes a contribution of \$83,000 (approximately \$40 per service connection) to the MCWRA to be used specifically toward the \$2,663,300 in matching grant funds for the grant project, including protection of the District's groundwater supply.

2. In exchange for making said contribution, the MCWRA shall assure the District that:
- (a) the MCWRA is carrying out MCWRA's responsibilities under the Grant Agreement;
  - (b) the MCWRA will use said funds solely for the purpose for which they are contributed;
  - (c) the District is not a project applicant, nor in any manner responsible for implementation of the grant project; and
  - (d) any District funds contributed, and not so expended, shall be returned to the District.

3. The District's General Manager is authorized to finalize any documentation related to the District's contribution and the MCWRA's assurances as set forth above, and take any other actions necessary to complete the transaction.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Castroville Community Services District duly held on the 16th day of February 2021, by the following vote.

Ayes: Director(s) Melapza, Stefani, Dania, Padilla, & Cochran

Noes: Director(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: Director(s) Ø

Abstained: Director(s) Ø

ATTEST:

Lidia Santos

Lidia Santos, Secretary  
(SEAL)

James R. Cochran  
James R. Cochran, Board President

