## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-49**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN FOR THE "CARMEL RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION & ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT (CRFREE) MITIGATION PIPELINE UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT" (PROJECT #19-21) PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT -000-

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 6 (Sections 15070-15075) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines (CEQA), the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD), as Lead Agency, has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration, and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was submitted to the State Clearinghouse and was posted on June 16th, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Intent and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration was posted on the District website on June 16th, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the District published the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration in the local newspaper on June 18th, 2021 and June 25th, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the District sent the Notice of Intent by mail to residences adjacent to the project area, and interested parties, and

WHEREAS, the public review period occurred over 30 days where all documents and project reports were available to the public for review, and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there is no substantial evidence, based on the record as a whole that would support a fair argument that the project, as designed and mitigated, may have a significant environmental impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District that it does hereby adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and the accompanying Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the "CRFREE Mitigation Pipeline Undergrounding Project."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District duly held on August 26th, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: BOARD MEMBERS: PRESIDENT WHITE, DIRECTORS:

D'AMBROSIO, TOWNSEND, RACHEL AND SIEGFRIED

NOES: BOARD MEMBERS:

ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: BOARD MEMBERS:

President of the Board

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board