

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-42

A RESOLUTION OF CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE
2022 MONTEREY COUNTY

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (MJHMP)

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WHEREAS, the Carmel Area Wastewater District is vulnerable to natural hazards that may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Carmel Area Wastewater District anticipates climate change will exacerbate the severity, frequency, and impacts of natural hazards; and

WHEREAS, pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all cities, counties, and special districts to have adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan to receive pre-and post-disaster mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); and

WHEREAS, a coalition of Monterey County local governments and special districts embarked on a planning process to prepare for and lessen the impacts of specified hazards by updating the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP), which is the blueprint for reducing the Operational Area's vulnerability to disasters and hazards; and

WHEREAS, the update to the MJHMP has been prepared in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Carmel Area Wastewater District from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP planning partnership and Carmel Area Wastewater District completed a coordinated planning process that engaged the public, assessed the risk and vulnerability to the impacts of natural hazards, developed a mitigation strategy consistent with a set of uniform goals and objectives, and created a plan for implementing, evaluating, and revising the strategy; and

WHEREAS, each jurisdiction has been responsible for the review and approval of their individual sections of the Plan, and the Plan presents the accumulated information in a unified framework to ensure a comprehensive and coordinated hazard mitigation plan that covers the entire Monterey County Operational Area planning area that is aligned with the goals, objectives, and priorities of the State's multi-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the result of the countywide organizational effort is a two volume Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will result in a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) approved multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the MJHMP has been reviewed by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and FEMA, Region IX, and have tentatively approved it contingent upon its official adoption by the participating governing bodies; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan will allow the jurisdictional partners to collectively and individually become eligible to apply for hazard mitigation project funding and demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds this action exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (feasibility and planning studies) and Section 15061(b)(3) (common sense exemption).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the 2022 Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, consisting of Volume 1 in its entirety and Carmel Area Wastewater District's Annex in Volume 2.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors resolves to integrate the Monterey County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan by reference into the Public Safety Element of the General Plan in accordance with the requirements of Government Code sections 65302, 65302.6, and 8685.9.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors directs staff to:

1. Use the Plan to guide pre-and post-disaster hazard mitigation.
2. Pursue implementation of the identified mitigation actions subject to the limitations of available of funding and staff.
3. Coordinate the strategies in the plan with other planning programs and mechanisms under its jurisdictional authority.
4. Continue support of ongoing countywide mitigation efforts as included in the MJHMP.
5. Continue to participate in the regional planning partnership as described by the MJHMP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Carmel Area Wastewater District will submit this adopted resolution to the California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA Region IX officials to enable the Plan's final approval in accordance with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and to establish conformance with the requirements of AB 2140

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Carmel Area Wastewater District at a regular meeting duly held on June 30, 2022 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:



Ken White, President of the Board

ATTEST:



Domine Barringer, Secretary of the Board