

RESOLUTION 2016-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CERTIFYING FINDINGS OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
AND
APPROVING THE SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD REARING FACILITY
RAW WATER INTAKE AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM UPGRADE**

WHEREAS, The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is committed to mitigating the environmental impact of diversions from the Carmel River Basin; and

WHEREAS, The MPWMD certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for its Water Allocation Program and adopted a Mitigation Program as part of the EIR; and

WHEREAS, One element of the Mitigation Program includes rescue of juvenile and adult steelhead from the lower Carmel River and to rear the rescued juvenile fish in the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility (Facility) adjacent to the Carmel River below the former San Clemente Dam site; and

WHEREAS, Changes in water supply, sediment, and debris flow negatively affect the Facility operations, which requires a Project to modify the river intake and plumbing for the Facility;

WHEREAS, The District has followed guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and prepared an Initial Study comprised of an environmental checklist and review of the impacts of the Project; and

WHEREAS, The District published a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and circulated the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Raw Water Intake and Water Supply System Upgrade (the Project) for the Facility in accordance with CEQA requirements; and

WHEREAS, The District responded to comments received on the IS/MND at a Public Hearing on November 14, 2016 and directed that a Final IS/MND be prepared that incorporates responses to comments;

WHEREAS, The District has prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that will reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level;

WHEREAS, The District has prepared Findings of Environmental Review based on the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and comments received;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

We, the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, certify the Findings of Environmental Review as a true and accurate statement of the environmental impacts of the construction of the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Raw Water Intake and Water Supply System Upgrade; and

Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project based on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project which found that, although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, mitigation measures can be included that will reduce the potential impacts to less than significant levels;

Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and incorporate the mitigation measures described into the Project;

Approve the project, direct staff to prepare a Final IS/MND, and file a Notice of Determination for the Project.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the 14th day of November, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this _____ day of _____, 2016.

David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board