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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION MONTEREY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monterey County Housing & Community Development has prepared a draft Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA, for the Desalinization Ordinance Update Project (File Number REF220006) (see description below). The proposed ordinance revision would apply throughout the County, and multiple sites throughout the county are on a hazardous materials site list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

The Negative Declaration and Initial Study, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at Monterey County Housing & Community Development – Planning, 1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor, Salinas, California. The Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review in an electronic format by following the instructions at the following link: <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/resources/environmental-documents/pending> .

The Board of Supervisors will consider this proposal at a meeting on May 3, 2022, at 1:30 pm in the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 168 West Alisal, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California. Written comments on this Negative Declaration will be accepted from March 7, 2022, to April 6, 2022. Comments can also be made during the public hearing.

Project Description: Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code (MCC) outlines the requirements for obtaining a permit to construct and operate water desalinization treatment facilities within the county. Section 10.72.030(B) of the existing code requires that “each facility will be owned and operated by a public entity.” The project would revise Section 10.72.030 to remove this requirement, allowing both public and private ownership and operation of water desalinization treatment facilities within the county. All other requirements of Chapter 10.72 would remain in effect. Regardless of the type of operator, all future desalinization projects within the county would be subject to the same federal, state, regional, and local regulations regarding development and environmental protection.

We welcome your comments during the 30-day public review period. You may submit your comments in hard copy to the name and address above. The Agency also accepts comments via e-mail or facsimile but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that the Agency has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to:

CEQAcomments@co.monterey.ca.us

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address and include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that the entire document was received. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of

comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact the Agency to ensure the Agency has received your comments.

Facsimile (fax) copies will be accepted with a cover page describing the extent (e.g. number of pages) being transmitted. A faxed document must contain a signature and all attachments referenced therein. Faxed document should be sent to the contact noted above at (831) 757-9516. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed above. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please contact the Agency to confirm that the entire document was received.

For reviewing agencies: Housing & Community Development requests that you review the enclosed materials and provide any appropriate comments related to your agency's area of responsibility. The space below may be used to indicate that your agency has no comments or to state brief comments. In compliance with Section 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines, please provide a draft mitigation monitoring or reporting program for mitigation measures proposed by your agency. This program should include specific performance objectives for mitigation measures identified (CEQA Section 21081.6(c)). Also inform this Agency if a fee needs to be collected in order to fund the mitigation monitoring or reporting by your agency and how that language should be incorporated into the mitigation measure.

All written comments on the Initial Study should be addressed to:

County of Monterey
Housing & Community Development
Attn: Erik V. Lundquist
1441 Schilling Pl South 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901

Re: Desalinization Ordinance Update Project; File Number REF220006

From: Agency Name: _____
Contact Person: _____
Phone Number: _____

- No Comments provided
- Comments noted below
- Comments provided in separate letter

COMMENTS: _____

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