

DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION



Project Title:	Desalinization Ordinance Update Project
File Number:	REF220006
Owner:	N/A
Project Location:	County-wide
Primary APN:	N/A
Project Planner:	Erik V. Lundquist, AICP, Director
Permit Type:	Ordinance
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.

THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT HAS BEEN FOUND:

- a) That said project will not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment.
- b) That said project will have no significant impact on long-term environmental goals.
- c) That said project will have no significant cumulative effect upon the environment.
- d) That said project will not cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

Decision Making Body:	Board of Supervisors
Responsible Agency:	County of Monterey
Review Period Begins:	March 7, 2022
Review Period Ends:	April 6, 2022

Further information, including a copy of the application and Initial Study are available at the Monterey County Housing & Community Development, 1441 Schilling Place South, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901/(831) 755-5025