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March 27, 2023

René Mendez, City Manager
City of Watsonville
451 Main Min Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Re: Support for the City of Watsonville's Wastewater Treatment Facility Headworks and Influent Pump Station Improvements Project

Dear Mr. Mendez:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, I write to convey our support of the City of Watsonville's critical Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Headworks and Influent Pump Station Improvements Project.

The County of Monterey owns and operates the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD), which provides sanitary sewer collection services to the unincorporated community of Pajaro and other nearby unincorporated areas. The PCSD collects wastewater from homes and businesses in these communities and conveys it to the City of Watsonville WWTF. This facility is critical for providing proper treatment of wastewater from PCSD to protect Monterey Bay.

The PCSD pays the City of Watsonville for its share of treatment services provided by the WWTF, as well as for ongoing maintenance and capital improvement projects. These costs are borne by PCSD customers in this small socioeconomically disadvantaged community. The County strives to provide quality services while minimizing costs to those in the community. Federal funding assistance on this project will assist the City in implementing this important project while also significantly reducing the financial burden to sanitary sewer service customers in Pajaro.

The County of Monterey supports the subject project funding request and appreciates your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Alejo, Chair
Board of Supervisors

cc: Danielle Green, P.E. - Assistant Director, City of Watsonville Public Works & Utilities
Randy Ishii, MS, PE, TE, PTOE – Director, Monterey County Public Works, Facilities and Parks