

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE SAN BENITO COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
TO OBTAIN A GRANT UNDER THE
WaterSMART SMALL-SCALE WATER EFFICIENCY PROJECTS (SWEP)
TO FUND A TURF REMOVAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Through WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP), Reclamation provides financial assistance to water managers for projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently and accomplish other benefits that contribute to sustainability in the West; and

WHEREAS, California, including San Benito County, has been experiencing drought the last three year; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor water use is the largest portion of residential water use, especially in hotter inland areas and cities with larger lots. While lawns have value for recreation and aesthetics, replacing existing turf lawns with well-designed low-water landscapes that incorporate native and climate-appropriate shrubs, grasses, and trees, along with mulch varieties that replenish soil and retain water, can have many benefits; and

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement of turf to drought-tolerant landscape will result in significant residential water savings, thus supporting the District's water conservation goals; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior- Bureau of Reclamation (funding agency) issued Funding Opportunity Announcement No. R22AS00195 for the "WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2022" which funding for small-scale water efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Water District desires to apply for the "WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2022".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1) The District Manager of the San Benito County Water District is hereby authorized and directed to make application and submit a proposal to the funding agency to obtain a "WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects for Fiscal Year 2022" grant in an amount up to \$80,000, to support a Turf Removal Program.

2) The District Manager of the San Benito County Water District, or designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the funding agency to receive a 2022 Small-Scale Water Efficiency grant in an amount up to \$80,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Board is authorized to sign said Resolution, on behalf of this Board and District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the San Benito County Water District this 30th day of March 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: DIRECTORS: Tonascia, Flores, Shelton, Tobias and Williams

NOES: DIRECTORS: None

ABSTAIN: DIRECTORS: None

ABSENT: DIRECTORS: None

/s/ Joseph Tonascia
Joseph Tonascia
President

ATTEST: /s/ Sara Singleton
Sara Singleton
Assistant Manager