

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (N.C.S.)

AGREEMENT SUPPORTING THE SALINAS RIVER STREAM MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, following the catastrophic floods of 1995, Salinas River landowners have organized and conducted self-funded work on the Salinas River to prevent flooding and damage along the river with assistance from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA); and

WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2014, landowners and growers worked closely with the MCWRA, the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County and The Nature Conservancy to revise their Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) for multiple-benefit management of Salinas River lands, leading to a river management unit approach; and

WHEREAS, landowners and growers along the river will have spent more than \$250,000 from 2014-2017 to perform work, acquire permits and conduct biomonitoring on the Salinas River in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, local and state government and project partners have contributed millions of dollars in matching expenditures to support this project; and

WHEREAS, the Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program's River Management Unit Association, Inc. was formed in July 2017 to fund and secure funding for floodplain management, public infrastructure safety and maintenance, and stream maintenance activities by landowner and operator members to improve the conditions for all farming and public facilities along the Salinas River in Monterey County, California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas has focused attention and resources on flood mitigation and disaster relief and sees the work conducted in the Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program as a valuable collaboration benefitting the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salinas and the Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program's River Management Unit Association, Inc. (Association), have the common interest in the successful implementation of Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program and the sustainable management of riverine lands in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALINAS, consistent with the authority granted to the City Council, the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Salinas and the Association for services related to Salinas River maintenance, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Salinas, and as its act and deed, to execute the attached MOA between the City of Salinas, a Charter City, and the Salinas River Channel Stream Maintenance Program's River Management Unit Association, Inc., a non-profit entity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager or his designee is authorized to execute extensions and/or modifications to the Agreement, as necessary.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4rth day of September, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Joe Gunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia M. Barajas, City Clerk