

**AVILA BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
AVILA BEACH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
DESALINATION EXECUTABLE SOLUTION AND LOGISTICS (DESAL) PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Avila Beach Community Services district ("District") provides water service within the District's service area pursuant to section 61100, subdivision (a), of the Community Services District Law; and

WHEREAS, adequate water for the people, economy and environment in San Luis Obispo County is needed in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, conflicts surrounding use of the limited existing water supplies are increasing, including limitations on groundwater use and transfers, limitations on surface water diversion and State policies that lead to water system consolidation mandates; and

WHEREAS, water use efficiency practices, low impact development, storm water capture and recycled water have been implemented to help extend the limited water supplies but are insufficient to overcome long term shortages and cannot be relied upon to sustainably meet future additional needs and maintain a reasonable quality of life; and

WHEREAS, despite conservation efforts which have reduced per capita consumption from 231 gallons per day to 146 gallons per day over the last 25 years¹, the County remains highly vulnerable to water shortages due to its isolated location and dependence on rainfall; and

WHEREAS, the future reliability of existing water supplies and infrastructure that depend on rainfall, such as groundwater and surface water reservoirs and streams, is uncertain due to changing hydrologic patterns, land use, environmental regulations, population growth and aging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, water-purveying agencies are best positioned to develop and utilize water supply projects that will reduce dependence on groundwater and surface water and can thereby relieve competition with individual well owners and the environment for those water supplies; and

WHEREAS, due to proximity to the ocean, and future water supply quantity, quality and reliability needs, the 2019 San Luis Obispo County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and 2012 Countywide Master Water Report identify desalination as a water resource management strategy to pursue; and

WHEREAS, while desalination can provide a local, reliable, and sustainable water supply for decades to come, desalination projects take a long time to plan for, permit and construct; and

¹ <https://www.ppic.org/publication/water-use-in-california/>

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District intends to develop the DESAL Plan over the next several years via a public process that, when complete, will ultimately contain balanced recommendations related to responsibly advancing the implementation of a regional desalination project that will benefit the people, economy and environment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the San Luis Obispo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District will be the lead agency and contract administrator for the DESAL Plan and is requesting that water-purveying agencies that wish to be evaluated during the development of the DESAL Plan adopt resolutions approving participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Directors of Avila Beach Community Services District, that:

1. The Avila Beach Community Services District wishes to be included in the development of the DESAL Plan and to be evaluated as a potential partner in such a regional desalination project in the future in order to inform our decision makers and constituents.
2. The District General Manager], or designee, of the Avila Beach Community Services District is hereby authorized and directed to participate in the development of the DESAL Plan, and to bring forward related recommendations.

On the motion of Director Najarian, seconded by Director Berry and on the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: Ara Najarian, Kristin Berry, Howie Kennett, John Janowicz, & Pete Kelley

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

The foregoing Resolution is hereby passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Avila Beach Community Services District this 13th day of December 2022.


Peter Kelley
President of the Board
AVILA BEACH COMMUNITY
SERVICES DISTRICT

ATTEST:


Brad Hagemann
General Manager
and Secretary to the Board