

**RESOLUTION 2023-07**

**Approving the Project Specific Analysis for the  
Rancho Rico Community Fuels Treatment Project**

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County is a Special District organized under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and is defined in Section 3501 of the Government Code as a public agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors recognizes the critical need for forest health and fuel reduction projects to protect natural resources, people, and property within Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, the District will improve forest health on 101 acres of private lands in the Rancho Rico community, of which 101 acres are within the Coastal Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Vegetation Treatment Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (CalVTP PEIR) was certified by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in 2019 consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act to evaluate potential environmental effects of qualifying vegetation treatments to reduce the risk of wildfire in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the CalVTP PEIR was designed for use by state and local agencies to accelerate vegetation treatment project approvals by finding them to be within the scope of the PEIR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan (PWP) was designed to programmatically permit forest health and fire resilience projects in the Coastal Zone in Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has prepared a Project Specific Analysis for the Rancho Rico Community Fuels Treatment Project as supporting information to comply with both the CalVTP PEIR and the PWP;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Resource Conservation District Monterey County Board of Directors hereby approves the Project Specific Analysis for the Rancho Rico Community Fuels Treatment Project.

The foregoing resolution was approved and adopted on May 18, 2023, by the Board of Directors of the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County.

Attest:   
Benny Jefferson, Board President