

Board of Directors
Monterey Regional Waste Management District

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
IN RECOGNITION OF THE OFFSET PROJECT'S TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY
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WHEREAS, The Offset Project (TOP) has served the Greater Monterey Bay region for ten years as a community benefit organization that works to reduce waste, decrease greenhouse gas emissions and accelerate the adoption of cost-effective carbon-free transportation, renewable energy, sustainability, and environmental protection initiatives through collaborative community action; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Regional Waste Management District was TOP's first partner in 2007 when few special events had recycling and food scrap compost programs in place; and

WHEREAS, TOP has earned an exemplary record for delivering grant funded projects successfully including the first CalRecycle grants to implement zero waste strategies at local events including the AT&T Golf Tournament and the Big Sur International Marathon; and

WHEREAS, TOP launched the Monterey Bay Carbon Fund in 2010 which has raised over \$500,000 for local offset projects such as new solar photovoltaic systems on local schools and electric vehicle charging stations in the City of Monterey.

WHEREAS, in 2014 TOP implemented an 80 Kilowatt solar energy project on the campus of Rancho Cielo where students are trained to be solar installers and the complete project will offset the school's annual \$20,000 energy bill, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District that it commends The Offset Project on their 10th anniversary and extends its appreciation for their leadership in the region and what started as a small nonprofit organization with ambitious ideas and 15 volunteers is now at the forefront of a fast-growing local effort to invest in solar and electric vehicle-charging stations, as well as promoting bike ridership and achieving zero waste at special events throughout Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting by the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Waste Management District duly held on September 22, 2017, by the following votes:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Bruce Delgado, Chair

ATTEST:

Timothy S. Flanagan
General Manager/Secretary