

EXHIBIT 9.A-1

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PROPOSITION 1A ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004
STATE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

WHEREAS, state government currently seizes more than \$5.2 billion annually in local property tax funds statewide from cities, counties and special districts, costing local governments more than \$40 billion in lost revenues over the past 12 years; and

WHEREAS, these ongoing shifts and raids by the state of local property tax funds and other funding dedicated to local governments have seriously reduced resources available for local fire and paramedic response, law enforcement, public health and emergency medical care, roads, parks, libraries, transportation and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, these funding raids also add pressure for local governments to increase fees and taxes to maintain basic local service levels; and

WHEREAS, this drain of local resources has continued even during periods when the state's budget has been overflowing with surpluses; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1A is a historic measure that will appear on the November 2004 statewide ballot that would limit the State's ability to take and use local government funding; and

WHEREAS, by protecting local government funding, Prop 1A would protect local public safety, healthcare and other essential local services; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A will not raise taxes and, in fact, will help reduce pressure for local fee and tax increases by limiting state raids of local government funding; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A does not reduce funding for schools or any other state program or service, and Prop 1A was carefully written to allow flexibility in the event of a state budget emergency; and

WHEREAS, Prop 1A is supported by a bipartisan, diverse coalition including Governor Schwarzenegger, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders, local government officials, public safety representatives, healthcare, business, labor and community leaders;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby expresses strong support for Proposition 1A, the statewide ballot initiative that will prevent the state from further taking local government revenues; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that we will send a copy of resolution to Yes on 1A – Californians to Protect Local Taxpayers and Public Safety. Fax: 916-442-3510 or 1121 L Street, #803, Sacramento, CA 95814

On motion by Director _____, and seconded by Director _____, the foregoing resolution is duly adopted this 18th day of October, 2004, by the following votes:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, David A. Berger, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted on the 18th day of October, 2004.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this ____ day of ____, 2004.

David A. Berger, Secretary to the Board