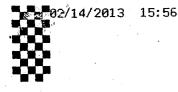


Supplement to 2/27/13 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between January 25, 2013 and February 14, 2013. These letters are also listed in the February 27, 2013 Board packet under item 19, Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Molly Erickson	MPWMD Board	2/14/13	Comments on Proposed Negative declaration and
			Initial Study of Proposed Ordinance No. 155
Mark McDonald	MPWMD Board	2/12/13	Support for Extra Capacity for Cal-Am's Desal Plant
Steve McNally	MPWMD Board	2/12/13	Support Cal-Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply
			Project
Walter Wagenhals	MPWMD Board	2/12/13	Back-up Proposal
John Narigi	MPWMD Board	2/12/13	Professional Opinion on Sizing Issue of the Desal
			Plant
Michael Waxer and	MPWMD Board	2/11/13	Public Comments to the MPWMD (2/12/2013 Public
Dan Curran			Hearing) Sizing for a Water Project for the Monterey
			Peninsula
Libby Downey	MPWMD Board	2/10/13	MPWMD Board Action Update
William Hood	MPWMD Board	2/9/13	Tuesday Night Special Meeting
Russ Hatch	MPWMD Board	2/8/13	MPWMD Board Action Update
Ron Weitzman	MPWMD Board	1/30/13	Open Letter to the JPA of Monterey Peninsula Mayors
Peter Allen	MPWMD Board	1/30/13	Open Letter to the JPA of Monterey Peninsula Mayors
Harvey Billig	CPUC	1/9/13	Testing of Slant Wells for Cal-Am Desal Project
Petitions submitted by	MPWMD	11/29/13	Desal Water Petition – Submitted at 2/12/13 MPWMD
George Riley/Said to			Special Board Meeting. (To view the petitions,
contain 1,800			contact the MPWMD office.)
signatures			



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February 14, 2013

Via Email
Dave Pendergrass, Board Chair
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Re: Comments on Proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study of Proposed Ordinance No. 155

Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Board of Directors:

This Office represents Save Our Carmel River (SOCR) and The Open Monterey Project (TOMP). SOCR and TOMP have taken an active role in water issues over the years. (E.g., Save Our Carmel River v. Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (2006) 141 Cal.App.4th 677.)

SOCR and TOMP object to proposed ordinance number 155, the initial study and proposed negative declaration. Our objections are based on several reasons, many of which echo our objections to previous versions of the ordinance. We incorporate by reference the objections made in our letter dated November 13, 2012. We present here some of the objections to the current ordinance.

The stated purpose of the proposed ordinance is to allow on-site paper water credits to be extended another 10 years, and to use the credits "in connection with a Redevelopment Project" (Ordinance, Section Two: Purpose). The "stated purpose" is materially misleading. The problem is that there can be no future redevelopment projects. Thus, the ordinance does not carry out the stated purpose.

On January 25, 2013, MPWMD staff Stephanie Pintar stated in an email the intent of the ordinance as follows:

The amendment of the definition of Redevelopment Project to accommodate an extension of Water Use Credits at Redevelopment Project Sites identified prior to ABx1 26 is consistent with the original intent of Ordinance No. 121, which was to facilitate Redevelopment Projects without going through the process of transferring Water Use Credits to a Jurisdiction.

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(Underlining added for emphasis.)

The MPWMD claim is that the proposed ordinance "is consistent with the original intent . . . to facilitate Redevelopment Projects." That claim is not supported in the law or facts.

Last year, redevelopment agencies were dissolved. There is no more redevelopment agency law in California. The successor agencies to the former redevelopment agencies cannot make new contracts for new redevelopment projects. Water use credits in former redevelopment areas are no different from any other water use credits. The ordinance would give those former Redevelopment Agency sites special treatment over identical projects that happen to be located on other sites that were not on the former property. That is favoritism and disparate treatment of property without valid or constitutional reason.

The proposed actions of MPWMD would be bad public policy. The initial study fails to present a rationale for the proposed change in MPWMD rules, and it fails to adequately describe the impacts of the project.

The cumulative impacts of the proposed ordinance were not adequately analyzed in the initial study. The ordinance would allow expired Water Use Credits to be revived at a date uncertain in the future, up to twenty years from now. The cumulative impacts of future uses should be evaluated in the initial study.

The proposed new language would allow new projects that are not redevelopment projects to use Water Use Credits. There can be no redevelopment purpose for the new projects, because there are no more redevelopment projects. The new projects could be residential, commercial, industrial, or anything else.

The initial study incorrectly claims that "Projects that use a Water Use Credit to offset the project's water capacity are first reviewed by the land use Jurisdiction. These projects are subject to CEQA review by the Jurisdiction, including consideration of the availability of sufficient water resources to supply the project." That claim simply is not true. Future use of the water credits could be approved through a ministerial process. No future CEQA analysis would be required. All that would be required is for the project to be located on the site that was designated as a Redevelopment Project site under former law. The future projects could be exempt from CEQA, and therefore not subject to CEQA review. The projects also could be subject to CEQA, but the existence of the paper water use credit foreseeably could be considered to be the water supply, without any consideration of the actual wet water resources available.

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The initial study claims as follows:

The prior water uses that make up the pool of Water Use Credit affected by this Project (i.e., Water Use Credit at Redevelopment Project Sites established before February 1, 2012) were active uses prior to State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) Order WR 95-10. The historic use or capacity for use was analyzed in the MPWMD Water Allocation Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) adopted in 1990 and in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (December 18, 1990) . . .

There is inadequate evidence that "The prior water uses that make up the pool of Water Use Credit affected by this Project . . . were active uses prior to "1995. There is inadequate evidence that Water Use Credits existing as of February 1, 2012 were based on active water use prior to 1990 (the two CEQA documents). There is no listing provided in the initial study. This is known and quantifiable information, because Water Use Credits that existed as of February 1, 2012 are documented by MPWMD.

Redevelopment areas within the MPWMD include the following:

- All of Sand City (over 350 acres, including large shopping centers).
- All of Monterey's downtown extending from City Hall on the west to El Estero Lake on the east, the Monterey Bay on the north and south of Fremont Street to the south, and including the conference center and Custom House area which contain large hotels with hundreds of rooms.
- All of Cannery Row.
- Vast swaths of Seaside, from General Jim Moore Boulevard to the east to Highway One to the west, and to LaSalle Street to the north and Hilby Avenue to the south. This area includes most of the downtown commercial areas along Fremont and Del Monte Boulevards and Broadway Avenue, as well as many of Seaside's core residential neighborhoods both east and west of Fremont Boulevard.
- The City of Seaside-Former Fort Ord Redevelopment Project Area, which
 is all former Fort Ord lands (approximately 3,937 acres) within the
 jurisdiction of the City of Seaside.
- Many acres of land in Del Rey Oaks.

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In total, there are thousands and thousands of acres and hundreds of businesses and residences that would qualify for this new expanded definition, and that would not qualify under the existing definition.

The initial study makes no attempt to describe the expansion that the new language would do, either in geographic terms, water demand terms, or any other terms. The initial study failed to investigate to what extent jurisdictions use the term "redevelopment project," if at all.

The MPWMD's proposed selective treatment of specific properties is poor planning and poor policy, and the CEQA review is inadequate. We urge the board to comply with CEQA and to vote against the ordinance and the proposed environmental documentation.

Very truly yours,

LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL W. STAMP

Molly Erickson

Exhibit A: MPWMD list of "Water Use Credits on Redevelopment Area Properties within MPWMD (January 16, 2013)"

Water Use Credits on Redevelopment Area Properties Within MPWMD (January 16, 2013)

Monterey	2 Portola Plaza	Retrofit urinals	001-567-019	0.480	03/25/1997	03/25/2007
Monterey	2 Portola Plaza	Installation of Ozone laundry system ,	001-567-017	2.478	12/28/2009	12/28/2014
Monterey	886 Cannery Row	Desalination project	001-017-002	2.408	03/01/1996	03/01/2016
Monterey	270 & 284 Cannery Row	Abandoned auto sales/service & warehouse	001-031-004	2.260	03/18/2002	03/18/2017
Monterey	271 Figueroa	\$325 sq ft grp 1	001-702-013	0.3720	04/06/2004	04/06/2014
Monterey	459-471 Alvarado Street	Demo 23202 gr 1, 3,157 sf grp 2 &	001-574-024 &	3.7400	02/07/2007	02/07/2017
		restaurant (81)	025			
Monterey	735 Pacific	Abandonment of Skilled Nursing	001-591-007	5,3380	04/27/2007	04/27/2012
Monterey	300 Bonafacio	Demo auto sales	001-695-011	0.1590	08/12/2003	08/12/2013
Monterey	256 Figeroa	Demo DJ Café	001-702-013	0.3840	10/15/2002	10/15/2014
Monterey	595 Munras Avenue	Demo public toilet, 2500 Gr 2, 8 gas	001-691-001	1.2890	09/08/2008	09/08/2013
Monterey	601 E. Franklin Street	Demo former lumber business/auto	001-703-003	0.3650	09/16/2003	09/16/2013
Monterey	1278 Munras Avenue	Demo Swim Poal	001-661-039	0.1400	11/23/2011	11/23/2016
Monterey.	619/625 Van Buren	Demo office/storage buildings	001-512-003 &	0.152	08/20/2004	08/20/2014
Monterey	613 Van Buren	Demo 1200 sf office building	001-512-018	0.084	08/20/2004	08/20/2014
Monterey	731 Munras	Abandonment of salon	001-682-009	0.342	03/04/1999	03/04/2009
Monterey	787 Foam	Remaining from permit	001-072-002	0.053	09/09/2009	09/09/2014
Monterey	401 Camino El Estero	Zero Water Urinals	001-994-001	0.319	08/27/2007	08/27/2012
Monterey	Wharf 1 public restroom	Zero Water Urinals .		0.683	08/27/2007	08/27/2012
Monterey	570 Pacific (Colton Hall)	Zero Water Urinals	001-524-002	0.115	08/27/2007	08/27/2012
Monterey	Police Department	Zero Water Urinals	001-512-008	0.159	08/27/2007	08/27/2012
Monterey	345 Washington (Sports	Zero Water Urinals	001-706-004 &	2.154	08/27/2007	08/27/2012
Sand City	691 Ortiz aka 1729 Holly	2,220 sf grp 1	011-197-006	0.155	08/15/2006	08/10/2016
Sand City	840 Fir Avenue	Abdondoned freezer operation	011-123-016 &	9.727	09/20/2002	09/20/2012
- 150			022			07/04/00/7
Sand City	860 Tioga	Demo SFD	011-122-011	0.087	08/01/2005	08/01/2015
Seaside	1667 Del Monte Blvd	Demo 786 sq ft	011-551-017	0.055	06/01/2002	06/01/2012
Seaside	1645 Del Monte Blvd	1227 sq ft	011-551-004	0.086	06/19/2002	06/19/2012
Seaside	1601 Fremont Blvd	Demo gas station	011-544-003	0.419	06/24/2004	06/24/2014
Seaside	1445 Fremont Blvd.	77 seat fast food	011-324-003	2.022	02/02/2005	02/02/2015
Seaside	845 Elm Ave	Dema SFD	011-294-007	0.087	05/02/2003	05/02/2013
Seaside	800 Palm Ave	Demo 2 units	011-294-001	0.174	04/28/2003	04/28/2013
Seaside	810 Palm Ave	Demo SFD	011-294-002	0.087	04/28/2003	04/28/2013
Seaside	826 Palm Ave	Demo 9660 warehouse	011-294-003	0.677	11/26/2002	11/26/2012
Seaside	835 Elm Ave	Demo 3 units	011-294-008	0.261	04/28/2003	04/28/2013
Seaside.	815 Elm Ave	Demo 2 units	011-294-009	0.174	04/28/2003	04/28/2013
Seaside	1500 Calaveras	Demo SFD	011-294-010	0.087	04/28/2003	04/28/2013
Seaside	1501 Fremont	Demo El Pergino Taquerla (1440 sf)	011-294-011	0.288	03/11/2003	03/11/2013
Seaside	1509 Fremont	Demo 625 used car sales lot	011-294-014	0.044	03/11/2003	03/11/2013
Seaside	1551-1557 Santa Barbara	Demo 25 seat restaurant and 1200 retail		0.584	08/14/2002	08/14/2012
Seaside	1667 Del Monte Blvd	Demo MFD & commercial use	011-551-007	0.142	06/01/2002	06/01/2012

Total 38.630

24645 Lower Trl **Carmel, CA 93923** February 12, 2013 Submitted at 2/12/13 Board Meeting Item 3

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District POB 85 Monterey, CA 93942

MPWMD:

Please consider adding extra capacity to the desal plant beyond the current use. My personal interest is as a homeowner. Many people have been told no to adding a sink to the kids bathroom, remodeling a kitchen, or other home project for a number of years. It is time to give us a chance to get those longdelayed projects done once the desal plant comes on line. Although everyone should conserve water, we don't need to live like monks avoiding the use of water entirely. It is natural and normal to use water. Please increase the desal plant by a small amount, say 10%, with that amount slated for home improvement projects.

The amount is small enough not to anger the no-growthers, since it won't be large enough for a new hotel or development. Moreover, the "water fund" could be just for owner-occupied homes. You have already heard from larger groups, such as the hospitality "bounce back", and Pebble Beach for thair valid water requiecte. This request is far the under-represented grown the Montereu-Area

Slocerely Mark McDonald



Submitted at 9 2/12/13 Board Meeting Item 3

February 12, 2013

Mr. David Pendergrass, Chair Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court Monterey, California 93940

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

The Monterey County Hospitality Association strongly recommends that the District decide tonight to support Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and at a size that will provide adequate water for vacant lots of record and build out of the local general plans.

The three desalination proposals have been thoroughly and publicly vetted by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority and their TAC. Mr. Stoldt is a member of that TAC. The MPRWA has voted to support the Cal Am project.

Much has been written and discussed in a myriad of venues throughout the Peninsula. This is clear:

- Cal Am's proposal is the only project application currently before the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Cal Am's proposal is the only project currently having an environmental impact report prepared.
- Cal Am is the only project proponent with the demonstrated technical, managerial and financial capabilities to build and operate a desalination facility.
- Cal Am, per the MPRWA commissioned SPI report, is the only project that has any possibility of being completed close to the Cease and Desist Order deadline.
- Neither Aquifer Storage and Recovery nor Groundwater Recharge should be part of this water supply project. The studies for those proposals are not complete and there are substantial challenges for both that, at this time, question their ability to provide a reliable, long term source of water.
- An adequately sized Project will not be a "green light" to large development. Each city and the county will have to continue to publicly review projects under their plans and ordinances and through their processes. Project impacts will have to be mitigated.

Support for the Cal Am project is essential if the Peninsula's residents and businesses are to have a realistic opportunity to avoid the dire consequences of a drastically reduced water supply and to have an opportunity to grow.

Please, act tonight to support the Cal Am water supply project.

Sincerely.

Steve McNally, Chair

Monterey County Hospitality Association

Submitted at 2/12/13 Board Meeting.

The Board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

From: Walter Wagenhals, 7 Abinante Way, Monterey CA 93940

Date: February 12, 2013 Subject: "Back-up" proposal

Chair, members of the Board:

To pursue a "back-up" is like playing for second place. Forget it!

Submitted at 2/12/13 Board Meeting Item 3

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

Members Include: Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial
Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce,
Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce,
Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Associated
General Contractors – Santa Clara-Monterey District

February 12, 2013

Mr. David Pendergrass, Chair Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Chair Pendergrass:

Attached for your review and record is a letter dated January 9, 2013 to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses position on a preferred water supply project. The letter also clearly states our professional opinion on the sizing issue of the desal plant.

Please consider the information provided in this evening's deliberations.

Sincerely,

John V. Narigi

Co-Chair

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General Contractors – Santa Clara-Monterey District

January 9, 2013

California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project

Dear Members of the Commission,

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses is an organization that was formed in 2011 with only one interest in mind, "to assist in finding a resolution to the Peninsula water challenges to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost". The Coalition is comprised of eight business organizations; chambers, property owners, trade associations and a hospital. A diverse concerned group.

We ask that the PUC stick to its intent to expedite in every way possible its processing of the Cal Am application; the CDO deadline is looming and no alternative to the Cal Am project has even the slightest chances of meeting the deadline. No other project discussed locally has the expertise nor the resources to meet the deadline.

- The economic and social consequences of not making the CDO deadline are unthinkable.
 - o The losses of jobs would exceed 15,000
 - o The losses of economic activity would exceed \$1.1 billion
 - o The losses of discretionary local revenues would exceed \$35 million
 - O Normal city services due to the economic impact would negatively impact the tremendous benefits this community for years has enjoyed. The tourism industry, the Peninsula's #1 economic engine, would be devastated.
- We ask the PUC to approve a project that provides for
 - o Replacement and replenishment
 - o Lots of record 1,181 acre feet annually (afa)
 - o General Plan needs of the six cities and the county 4,545 afa

- O Current water use plus a margin to accommodate a return to normal economic activity and job growth. Currently, the Peninsula's tourism industry demand is well below its peak of the late 90's and early 2000. Real estate, construction and other professions continue to stall, thus the water demand currently does not represent the "good times" for this community. Why approve a project with a desal plant that is limited to replacement and replenishment only? The augmented water supply need is a minimum 15,000 afa.
- O Cost to the rate payer remains a serious concern, but until a single project is selected and details finalized, little if any real work can be done to minimize future "rate shock".

The concept of aquifer storage and ground water recharge we would support for future consideration, but at this time we do not see it as reliable to meet our current needs or be available by the CDO deadline.

The size of the plant appears to be the major concern of special interest groups locally. Water historically, like roads, have been used to control economic growth for the Peninsula. We acknowledge the potential growth factor, but this topic has been studied and resolved and mitigated as needed in the general plans of the respective municipals and approved by our elected officials.

In closing, we ask that the PUC continue to expedite Cal Am's application and aggressively control this process. Sadly, our community remains divided on a viable long-term solution for our water needs and unable to build consensus. Time is running out.

Sincerely,

John V. Narigi

Co-Chair

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

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To: MPWMD

Date: February 11, 2013

MPWMD

Re: Public Comments to the MPWMD (2-12-2013 Public Hearing) Sizing for a water project for the Monterey peninsula

Dear Directors,

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to this very important water project for the Monterey peninsula. We understand the importance of providing for additional water source to address the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) that was issued by the SWRCB, requiring California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) to drastically reduce what has been defined as illegal water withdrawals from the Carmel Valley basin.

As Cal-Am pursues a Desalination project to address the CDO, and both the Mayors and the MPWMD have also been very involved in helping resolve this water shortage, the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has taken the lead role in analyzing and approving water solutions within the Cal-Am system.

The purpose of an EIR, per CEQA, is to analyze a project along with alternatives to that project. An EIR also provides a type of 'sensitivity analysis' to see if a potential impact is a linear function as relates to the project size. Similarly, an EIR should evaluate smaller sizes that could potentially eliminate certain impacts if there is another supply alternative (such as Ground Water Replenishment (GWR)).

We were present at the Mayors meeting on January 31, 2013 where the Mayors supported that the EIR further address the following in addition to providing for the full replacement water to resolve the CDO:

Existing Lots of Record...... 1181 AFY Pebble Beach entitlements.....325 AFY "Economic rebound".......500 AFY

At the Mayors meeting, Mayor Rubio questioned whether the EIR should evaluate the General Plan build-out as identified in each Jurisdiction's General Plan.

The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay Chapter (AIAMB) has followed the water situation closely over the past 25 years. Here are our recommendations:

The EIR should be sized to not only completely resolve the CDO, but must also include the 3 parameters outlined above, and recommended by the Mayors group as well, to include providing for water for existing lots of record, making the Pebble Beach entitlements whole, and providing for "economic rebound".



We also suggest that the EIR at least evaluate a demand to include General Plan Build outs, as suggested by Mayor Rubio. The obvious benefit of doing this is the EIR will then have some data as to how sensitive the sizing is to the potential impacts.

We are aware that some within our communities may have some discomfort providing water for 'growth'. Regardless of our profession, we feel this is a measured and logical suggestion. We need only to point out that the purpose of General Plans is for each jurisdiction to decide, as a community, how growth should be addressed looking 10 to 20 years into the future. Each General Plan requires its own environmental analysis. For those entities charged with providing utilities, not looking at the approved General Plans is tantamount to not doing their job.

We are not saying that the project needs to be resized for General Plan build out. However we are saying that it is very appropriate to analyze how that demand figure, and consequently that project size, would affect the environmental potential impacts and mitigations.

SUMMARY:

The Board of Directors of the AIAMB request the project size is increased to account for existing lots of record, making the Pebble Beach entitlements whole, and providing for "economic rebound". We believe these numbers are, respectively, 1181 AFY + 325 AFY + 500 AFY, or a total additional supply sizing of 2,006 AFY.

We also request the EIR analyze the potential impacts with regard to providing water sufficient to meet the approved General Plans of the jurisdictions within the Cal-Am service area.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and thank you for providing this forum.

Respectfully,

Michael Waxer, AIA, LEED AP Chairman for Government Affairs and Dan Curran, AIA President, 2013

Letter submitted via email

P.O. Box 310 Monterey, CA 93942 Phone 831.372.6527 www.aiamontereybay.org

Arlene Tavani

From:

Libby Downey <downey@monterey.org> Sunday, February 10, 2013 6:11 PM

Sent:

To: Subject:

Re: MPWMD Board Action Update

I don't support Cal Am increasing their af nor their figures on how much that would be. I appreciate your evaluation of the figures and also want to support your work on a desal to the fullest! Libby Downey

From: William Hood < wshood37@yahoo.com >

Date: February 9, 2013 10:47:17 PM PST

To: <sandcitymyr@aol.com>, <kmarkey65@comcast.net>, Judi Lehman

<jlehman@redshift.com>, <lewis4water@gmail.com>

Cc: Dave Stoldt < dstoldt@mpwmd.net > Subject: Tuesday Night Special Meeting

Dear Board Members:

I will be out of town on business and will be unable to attend your special meeting scheduled for this Tuesday night. In the Herald's article of yesterday, the focus of the meeting seems to be on soliciting public comment on the size of Cal-Am's desal plant. More or less casually mentioned, however, is the issue on which I would like to comment.

Mr. Stoldt is quoted as saying that the District could consider conditionally supporting the Cal-Am project, based on a number of conditions which I assume are identical to those discussed and adopted by the Regional Water Authority. The Herald article goes on to state that among these conditions include a commitment to a governance committee, and proposing addressing the \$99MM surcharge in a manner that will reduce ratepayers' costs.

My concerns are as follows: It was my distinct understanding that the District, in pursuing its so-called Plan B as an alternative to the Cal-Am plan which has significant risks and uncertainties, had also adopted, at least in principle, a position supporting public ownership. However, any reference to public ownership is conspicuously absent in the Herald article. Finally, with respect to the issue of public ownership, I have serious issues with the latest draft agreement that would implement a governance committee, and which has been offered to the Water Authority in lieu of public ownership.



22The deliberation memo prepared by the Regional Authority staff (with, I am sure, major input from some members of the the Authority Board) characterizes the governance committee, and I am paraphrasing here, as a vehicle to provide both public input and representation. The memo also describes the governance committee as an effective "balance" between Cal-Am and the public agencies with respect to major decisions that would be made regarding the design and construction of the proposed Cal-Am desal plant.

Unfortunately, any clear reading of the draft agreement indicates that the proposed governance committee is neither an effective balance nor a basis that provides real public input and representation. I recognize that the concept for the governance committee originated within the District and that, after negotiations with Cal-Am involving representatives of both the District and the Authority, the draft agreement was unanimously adopted by the Authority Board. If my memory is correct, your District Board also approved the agreement in an earlier form.

Nevertheless, I appeared before the Authority Board and its TAC on more than one occasion and expressed my concerns regarding what I perceive are shortcomings in the governance committee approach. Reaction to my comments, to the extent there was any, simply stated "It's Cal-Am's project and it isn't our responsibility to step in and try and manage it", and "If we did increase the level of control of Cal-Am by the public agencies, we could cross a fine line that could cause the role of Lead Agency shifting from the CPUC to one of the three public agencies", or words essentially to that effect.

Anyone familiar with large-scale construction contracts (and for the record, I have that familiarity - e.g., I negotiated the contract for DWR regarding construction of the Pyramid Dam, a major element of the State Water Project) knows that the owner (in this case, the "owner" should be the public, as it will be paying for the project) retains significant controls over the general contractor (in this case, Cal-Am). These controls include: requirements for competitive bidding for major elements of the project, specific reporting requirements as to content and date, incentives and penalties for failure to meet project schedule mileposts or for unacceptable performance, provisions for submission and approval of changed conditions requests, the posting of proper levels of liability insurance and performance bonds, and a process for rapid and efficient dispute resolution.

The governance committee agreement contains none of this, save an ineffective method for dispute resolution, whereby unresolved disputes are set aside for submission to the CPUC at a "future rate case", as opposed to an acceptable procedure, such as are common in construction contracts, that would allow timely and effective resolution.

Further, the only major decision retained by the public agencies relates to a decision as to whether the GWR project is viable as a benchmark for determining the size of the Cal-Am desal plant. With respect to all other decisions (including, for example, to ensure the design of the desal plant is consistent with architectural and community standards), the public agencies can only direct or advise Cal-Am, and Cal-Am can accept or reject any of those directives and advisories. How this procedure can be characterized as real governance puzzles me.

As to the concern that exercising too much control would trigger a change in Lead Agency from the CPUC, my reading of the Public Utilities Code indicates that is not an accurate statement. The Code defines a Lead Agency as the primary agency that has approval authority and concerns under CEQA; all other agencies with a concern are defined as "Responsible Agencies". Importantly, the Code states that Responsible Agencies retain discretionary authority to approve a project. Discretionary authority clearly does not mean rubber stamping or defaulting all authority to approve to the utility involved.

I am sending you this lengthy email in the hope that, as a Board, the District will aggressively continue to pursue a Plan B, and will seriously consider whether the governance committee in any significant way actually represents public ownership and the public's interests. In my

opinion, it does not.

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Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Bill Hood

Arlene Tavani

From:

MCSI <h2oman97@aol.com>

Sent:

Friday, February 08, 2013 11:22 AM

To:

Outreach

Cc:

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Subject:

Re: MPWMD Board Action Update

In my opinion we should build the largest plant possible and it should be located in Moss Landing. Taking water from the Salinas River Basin is a no-win situation due to the water rights issue. We have severely water short areas in North County and seawater intrusion all along the coast. A truly regional plant built in phases could sell water to Cal-Am and other agencies. "IF WE BUILD IT THEY WILL COME" to purchase and use the water beneficially. Limiting the size of a plant to control growth is short-sighted and will not solve the many water problems we have in this county. We need a strong regional agency dedicated to solving real water problems not political and environmental squabbles. Planning for our current regional needs and phasing in new facilities in the future is the most efficient a cost-effective way to provide new water. Every one knows that desal is probably the most expensive way to produce drinking water. If we are going to do it lets do it right the first time. I hope it isn't too late. Russell Hatch, Carmel Valley

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Subject:

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JAN 30 2013

Dear mayors:

MPWMD

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on 5 January 2010, I cautioned the supervisors not to approve the use of vertical or slant wells in the Regional Desalination Project because they were so vulnerable to legal and scientific challenges that they could kill the project, which I otherwise supported. That, of course, is exactly what happened. Now, you are poised to recommend that we repeat history in the hope of a more successful outcome this time. Albert Einstein is famous for a quote that describes this behavior. It goes roughly like this: Insanity is repeating the same activity but expecting a different outcome. I respectfully but strongly suggest that you reconsider making a recommendation of the Cal Am project. I am making this suggestion in writing now rather than by appearing before you at your 31 January meeting because I fear that appearing before you would have the same impact that my appearing before the supervisors had in 2010: zilch.

In addition to the wells, which alone are sufficient to kill the current project, you must be aware of the vast difference in cost to ratepayers of a publicly and a privately owned desalination facility. That difference itself should at the very least make you hesitant to act abruptly and I would say irresponsibly now. I have written extensively in our local print media

on this topic and invite you to visit the WaterPlus Web site if you wish to revisit this material: www.waterplusmonterey.com.

For now, however, I'll end by just reminding you of two things: (a) You have not even obtained the approval of your city councils and so you can hardly claim to represent a consensus Peninsula view, as seems to be your aim, and (b) in voting to endorse the Cal Am project you (I repeat, you) would be assuming responsibility for the failure to meet the CDO deadline because Cal Am has already admitted that its project cannot meet the deadline. Would you really like to take that responsibility on your own personal political heads? WaterPlus would not be alone in holding you responsible for that dreadful but avoidable outcome.

Ron Weitzman
President, WaterPlus

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JAN 30 2013

Dear Mr. Weitzman and Recipients of Mr. Weitzman's e-mail:

MPWMD

Because Mr. Weitzman's e-mail includes CPUC decision-makers on the pending Cal-Am application, it constitutes an ex parte contact under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and is subject to specific requirements and limitations as spelled out in those Rules. Please do not "reply all" to the below e-mail, as that would also be an ex parte contact.

Mr. Weitzman – please note that this is the second time you have copied CPUC decision-makers on a substantive communication ostensibly addressed to local officials, and that you were previously informed that this type of communication may be a violation of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. I will defer resolution of this matter to the Assigned ALJ, but as you were informed by my December 5, 2012 e-mail, while our rules do not limit your (or anyone else's) ability to communicate with the Monterey County Board of Supervisors or the JPA of Monterey Peninsula Mayors, do not include CPUC decision-makers on such communications.

Thank you, 🕝

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Submitted at 3 2/12/13 Board Meeting Oral Communications

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January 9, 2013

To the California Public Utilities Commission and all interested parties:

I would encourage the CPUC and all parties involved not to subject the ratepayers of the peninsula to a long drawn out testing of slant wells at ratepayers' expense. This process will not only result in significant delay in the arrival of desal water related to extensive testing time and anticipated lawsuits. but it is also not consistent with sound engineering experience.

The Water Reuse Association's white paper of June 2011 created by the Water Reuse Desalination Committee has concluded that large plants should use open intake and I cite several parts of their report which is attached.

- 1. Page 16: "Mainly due to the fact that favorable hydrogeological conditions for subsurface intake are often impossible to find in the vicinity of the desalination plant site, the application of this type of intake technology to date has been limited to plants of relatively small capacity."
- 2. Conclusion: At present, open intakes are by far the most widely used type of source water collection facilities worldwide because they are suitable for all sizes of desalination plants; they are more predictable and reliable in terms of productivity and performance; they are easier and more costeffective to operate and maintain; and they usually offer better economy of scale for desalination systems of capacity greater than 5 million gallons per day (MGD).

It is time to stop adopting approaches that only delay the arrival of desal water. Let's compare all the plant options and opt for deep water intake and the best financial result for the ratepayers.

Sincerely,

Harvey E. Billig, III, M.D.

Ratepayer

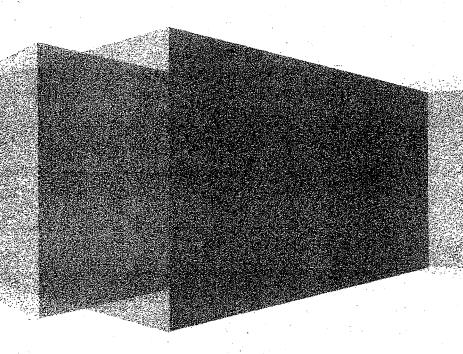


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Overview of Desalination Plant Intake Alternatives

White Paper June 2011

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The WateReuse Desalination Committee's White Papers are living documents. The intent of the Committee is to enhance the content of the papers periodically as new and pertinent information on the topics becomes available. Members of the desalination stakeholder community are encouraged to submit their constructive comments to white-papers@watereuse.org and share their experience and/or case studies for consideration for inclusion in the next issuance of the white papers.

WATEREUSE ASSOCIATION DESALINATION COMMITTEE

Overview of Desalination Plant Intake Alternatives

White Paper

INTRODUCTION

Over 75 % of the US population lives along the coast. Currently, many of our coastal communities are supplied by inland fresh water resources or low-salinity coastal aquifers. Because of the limited availability of these resources and their intensive use over the years, traditional sources of water supply are nearing depletion in many parts of the country, and reliance solely on such resources is no longer sustainable in the long run. Along with enhanced water reuse and conservation, seawater and brackish desalination provides a viable alternative for securing reliable and drought-proof water supplies for coastal communities.

The purpose of desalination plant intakes is to collect source seawater of adequate quantity and quality in a reliable and sustainable fashion so as to produce desalinated water cost-effectively and with minimal impact on the environment. Currently, there are two categories of widely used desalination plant source water collection facilities: open intakes and subsurface intakes (wells and infiltration galleries). Open intakes collect seawater directly from the ocean via on-shore or off-shore inlet structure and pipeline interconnecting this structure to the desalination plant. Subsurface intakes, such as vertical beach wells, horizontal wells, slant wells and infiltration galleries, tap into the saline or brackish coastal aquifer and/or the off-shore aquifer under the ocean floor.

This white paper presents an overview of alternative open-ocean and subsurface intake technologies for seawater desalination plants. While subsurface intakes (beach wells, infiltration galleries, slant wells, etc.) are often favored by the environmental community because of their potentially lower impingement and entrainment impacts on aquatic life, they have found limited application to date, especially in medium- and large-scale desalination projects. The white paper describes the main challenges associated with the use of subsurface intakes and discusses the key factors that determine their feasibility for the site specific conditions of a given desalination project.

Potential impingement and entrainment (I&E) impacts associated with the operation of open ocean intakes for seawater desalination plants are discussed in a separate WateReuse Association white paper entitled "Desalination Plant Intakes – Impingement and Entrainment Impacts and Solutions."





Submitted at 2/12/13 Exard Meeting | Oral Communications November 29, 2012

SAL WATER PETITION

from MONTEREY PENINSULA RATEPAYERS

To: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District CA Public Utilities Commission Elected Officials

Fact: We need a new water supply. Ratepayers are already struggling. Therefore, we support:

- 1. Lowest cost for new delivered water, using public bonds.
- 2. <u>Public ownership</u> and financing of new desal facilities by Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD).

This petition is circulated to support local leadership and to expedite decision making.

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Return signatures by January 7, 2013, to Citizens for Public Water, P.O.Box 1782, Monterey CA 93942 Questions?: George Riley, 645-9914, georgetriley@gmail.com

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