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The Monterey Peninsula Water Service Local Ownership and Cost Savings Initiative

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 67659, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is deemed a "district" for purposes of initiative and referendum, with the voters of the authority being the voters of said district.

WHEREAS, On January 3, 2014 the initiative petition was submitted to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2014 the initiative petition was transferred to the Registrar of Voters office for signature verification.

WHEREAS, the petition contained 8,517 signatures for verification.

WHEREAS, Elections Code section 9309 allows for the Registrars office to use a random sampling technique for verification:

9309. (a) Within 30 days from the date of filing of the petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, if, from the examination of petitions pursuant to Section 9308, more than 500 signatures have been signed on the petition, the district elections official may use random sampling technique for verification of signatures. The random sample of signatures to be verified shall be drawn in such manner that every signature filed with the elections official shall be given an equal opportunity to be included in the sample. A random sampling shall include an examination of at least 500 or 3 percent of the signatures, whichever is greater.

(b) If the statistical sampling shows that the number of valid signatures is within 95 to 110 percent of the number of signatures of qualified voters needed to declare the petition sufficient, the district elections official, within 60 days from the date of the filing of the petition, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, shall examine and verify each signature filed.

(c) In determining from the records of registration, what number of valid signatures is signed on the petition, the district elections official may use the duplicate file of affidavits maintained, or may check the signatures against facsimiles of voters' signatures, provided that the method of preparing and displaying the facsimiles complies with law.

(d) The district elections official shall attach to the petition, a certificate showing the result of this examination, and shall notify the proponents of either the sufficiency or insufficiency of the petition.

(e) If the petition is found insufficient, no action shall be taken on the petition. However, the failure to secure sufficient signatures shall not preclude the filing later of an entirely new petition to the same effect.

(f) If the petition is found to be sufficient, the district elections official shall certify the results of the examination to the governing board of the district at the next regular meeting of the board.

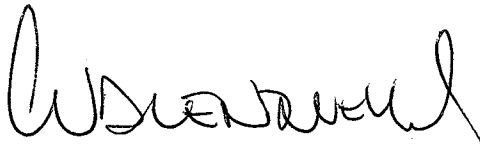
WHEREAS, Elections Code section 9310 provides that the minimum number of signatures required for an initiative petition submitted to a district is not less than 10 percent of the voters in the district, and there are 56,237 voters in the district.

WHEREAS, of the 8,517 signatures submitted for verification, 500 signatures were verified by the Registrars office in the random sampling.

WHEREAS, of the 500 signatures verified in the random sampling, 444 (88.8%) were deemed valid.

WHEREAS, the projected number of valid signature on said petition is 7,563.

NOW, THEREFORE, this office has determined that the initiative petition submitted to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on January 3, 2014 contains 134 percent of the qualified voters needed.



~~Claudio Valenzuela~~
Acting Registrar of Voters
County of Monterey

21st day of January, 2014