

# Supplement to 11/17/2014 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between October 11, 2014 and November 12, 2014. These letters are also listed in the November 17, 2014 Board packet under Letters Received.

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Sam Teel	MPWMD Board	11/10/14	Outdoor Seating for Restaurants
John Narigi	MPWMD Board	11/10/14	Discussion and Development of Outdoor Seating Policy
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November 10, 2014

Honorable Dave Potter, Chair, and Members of the Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

5 Harris Court, Building G

Monterey, California 93942-0085

Re: Outdoor Seating for Restaurants

Dear Chair Potter:

We have reviewed the agendas and staff reports for the November 13<sup>th</sup> Technical Advisory Committee and Water Demand Committee meetings. Both Committees are scheduled to discuss a recommendation to the District Board regarding a policy(ies) for restaurants' outdoor seating. Your Board is scheduled to consider their recommendations on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Monterey County Hospitality Association believes any formal discussion of this question is premature until there is evidence of a problem. That evidence would be in the form of hard data to support a conclusion that the perceived upswing in outdoor seating actually increased the number of customers served and resulted in more water being used. Without solid data any decision made to count outdoor seating as an expansion of a restaurant resulting in the intensification of water use would be at best speculative. The data should include items such as:

- A baseline year upon which changes in seating and water use can be measured.
- The number of restaurant seats that have been added or lost since that baseline year.
- The increase or decrease in water use for restaurants from the baseline year.
- The number of outdoor seats that have been added since the baseline year.
- The potential number of outdoor seats that could be added based on the permitting requirements of the individual cities or the County.

Should the data clearly show that the addition of outdoor seating does in fact pose a serious threat to water conservation on the Peninsula, then a discussion of how to best address that issue would be warranted. MCHA is willing to meet and discuss these issues with your staff and work to a mutually agreeable end. However we do not believe those discussions would be beneficial until the data shows that the discussion is needed.

Sincerely.

Sam Teel, Chair V

Monterey County Hospitality Association

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#### Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

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

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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, Associated General Contractors-Monterey Division, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

November 10, 2014

Honorable Dave Potter, Chair, and Members of the Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court, Building G Monterey, California 93942-0085

Transmitted by fax to: 831-644-9560

Re: discussion and development of outdoor seating policy

Dear Chair Potter:

On November 13th both your Technical Advisory Committee and your Water Demand Committee will take up the issue of developing and recommending to the Board a policy for outdoor seating. Your Board is scheduled to take up the recommendations and adopt a policy on November 17th.

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses urges that you take more time to deal with this issue. As your agenda item staff report notes, outdoor seating has been an increasingly popular and useful phenomenon for the past two decades. The Coalition poses the following questions:

- In what studies has the District engaged to determine what effects outdoor seating has on water use or water consumption?
- Do you have any statistics on whether water use has increased, decreased or stayed the same while outdoor seating has increased?
- Do you have any studies that indicate whether overall eating establishment patronage has increased due to the availability of out door seating or whether the availability of outdoor seating simply persuades diners to change venues?
- Do you have any studies about whether individual eating establishment patronage increases absolutely or relatively based on the availability of outdoor seating?

Without taking the time to engage in such studies of water use, eating establishment patronage, and individual establishment seating preferences you are relegated to comparing hunches and opinions rather than dealing with facts – in short, you would be speculating. That is a poor way to establish policy and should yield to developing facts and factual information through proper study. The Coalition is ready to work with you if the studies indicate a policy response is necessary.

Sincerely,

John Narigi, Co-chair

Mike Zimmerman, Co-chair

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October 28, 2014

David Stoldt General Manager Monterey Peninsula Water Management District P.O. Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942

Dear Mr-Stoldt:

Congratulations on recently being honored as General Manager of the Year by the California Special Districts Association! I am incredibly appreciative of your successes, including securing funding for critical water projects and promoting transparency within the district. This recognition is well-deserved. With water being such an important issue, it is crucial we have leadership we can rely on.

Thank you for all that you have done for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and for the residents of the Monterey Peninsula. I wish you all the best. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Mark Stone

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Oct. 19, 2014

Dear Board Members:

I highly recommend Jay Bartow to you as an appointed member for District 2. Jay has those personal qualities which we need on the Board, and which each of you provides to the residents.

He is informed and willing to study.

He is open minded and listens.

He is experienced in working with people to find solutions to problems and challenges.

He is much respected and admired in the community at large.

He is a team player.

He will be an incredible asset to your Board, and I support him without reservations. You will enjoy working with him. I have known Jay for 35 years, and serving his community has always been his priority.

I look forward to working with you and Jay as together, we solve the Peninsula's water supply problem.

Please feel free to call on me for more on Jay and water in general.

Sincerely,

Clyde

Former and incoming Mayor of Monterey



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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Att: Dave Potter, Chair and Board Members 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G Monterey, CA 93942

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RE:

Request from City of Pacific Grove for Distribution of Funds from Local Water Project Funding Program

Dear Chair Potter and Board Members:

Monterey County Farm Bureau represents family farmers and ranchers in the interest of protecting and promoting agriculture throughout our County. We strive to improve the ability of those engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship of our local resources.

As an intervener in the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project process before the California Public Utilities Commission, Monterey County Farm Bureau has taken an active interest in development of water resource projects, including the proposed groundwater replenishment project under consideration as a component of the desalination solution. Sources of water for this project have come under scrutiny and a memorandum of understanding has been approved to formalize this process further, enhancing the goal of creating new source water for the replenishment program.

We offer our support for the City of Pacific Grove and their efforts to develop a Local Water Project (LWP), which we have followed nearly from inception. This project ultimately will generate additional source water to the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) recycling plant system through Phase II dry and wet weather storm water collection and capture. We anticipate that this additional water capture will be of benefit to the collective source water resources gathered for the groundwater replenishment project.

It's important to note that this additional water has not been available to MRWPCA as it is currently discharged to the Marine Sanctuary; new stormwater standards curtail untreated outflows to Special Areas of Biological Significance, like the Marine Sanctuary. This LWP proposes to accomplish this new requirement by capture and diversion to the MRWPCA facility.

Support for these types of LWPs is critical in solving our regional water needs; this is a good example of a project design that supports many beneficial uses while enhancing our local ecology.

Monterey County Farm Bureau urges your support and approval of the request from City of Pacific Grove for the \$100,000 LWP grant; the ability of this project to develop additional source water for injection to the groundwater basin is part of the larger solution for Monterey County's water resources.

Sincerely,

Norman C. Groot Executive Director

#### **Arlene Tavani**

From: Sent:

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Sent:

To: Subject: Friday, October 17, 2014 6:54 AM

Arlene Tavani

Jay Bartow's interest in being appointed to the MPWMB

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Dear members of the MPWMD,

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In the mid-1980's I served for several years with Jay Bartow on the Board of an organization dedicated to providing services for Central American refugees in our community.

We were a very diverse group of quite outspoken people who did not always agree on how to proceed. I was consistently impressed with the gentle, respectful ways in which Jay helped to move us toward a positive resolution on a variety of issues. Jay has a very sharp intellect combined with tremendous interpersonal skills (plus his natural temperment) which I'm sure were well honed in his many years presiding at First Presbyterian Church.

Frankly, I can't think of a better candidate for the position.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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