



Supplement to 5/15/17 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between April 11, 2017 and May 8, 2017. These letters are listed in the May 15, 2017 Board packet under Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Michael Wegley, P.I.	Larry Hampson	4/28/17	Water Service to Santa Margarita and Fitch Middle School ASR Sites
Bill Kampe	George T. Riley (cc David Stoldt)	4/27/17	Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project

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April 28, 2017

Mr. Larry Hampson
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SUBJECT: Water Service to Santa Margarita and Fitch Middle School ASR Sites

Dear Mr. Hampson,

Marina Coast Water District (District, MCWD) is currently serving Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) potable water on a temporary account basis to two Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) sites owned by MPWMD. The two ASR sites are the Santa Margarita ASR site and the Fitch (or Seaside) Middle School ASR site. Attached is an image of the location of the two temporary meters serving the ASR sites.

The temporary services were for construction, startup and testing of the ASR wells which has been complete for a considerable amount of time. If the services are now intended to be used for operation and maintenance of the wells, MCWD requires converting the temporary accounts to permanent accounts. This letter is to serve notice that MPWMD must convert the services or request their removal. The physical connections themselves do not appear to be the challenging part for MPWMD to convert the services to permanent accounts.

In order to convert the services, MPWMD will need to obtain an allocation of water from the City of Seaside for the use of the MCWD water within their jurisdiction and determine the highest ASR annual water consumption (in units of Acre-Feet-per-Year, AFY to assess the appropriate water capacity charge payable (among other costs-to-connect) to MCWD.

The District is confident that MPWMD will make the necessary efforts to discontinue temporary service or convert to permanent account status so that the connections may remain without interruption of service. Please contact Mr. Brian True, P.E. at (831) 883-5937 to proceed or with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Michael Wegley, P.E.
District Engineer

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MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY



April 27, 2017

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Subject: Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project

Dear Mr. Riley:

We have received your letter of March 21, describing your concerns with the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). We thank you for your letter presenting your perspective on the current situation. This response to your letter describes a different view of both the slant well feasibility and the issue of water rights. Also, delays to the MPWSP as advocated by PWN could put the welfare and quality of life of all water users at risk of rationing.

The test well has been in operation for over 1 year with excellent operating results. It pumps water at the target rate, the water quality is as predicted, and the current monitoring indicates very minimal impact on local groundwater. The stated concern seems to be around possible impacts to groundwater aquifers. That concern is more related to the comments on water rights than to the type of well.

The DEIR/DIES for the project provides excellent background regarding water rights. It describes the specific circumstances for the current project and the general framework of law that applies. It is important to note that the proposed wells would draw water that is not suitable as potable water or as agricultural irrigation water. The DEIR is very clear that in such a situation, the State Constitution allows beneficial use of the water.

The DEIR/DEIS explains that "Essentially, if the extraction of otherwise unusable Basin groundwater will not harm lawful water users and any fresh water extracted can be returned to the Basin without injury to existing legal water users, then CalAm would have rights to the portion of feedwater that comes from the Basin because the MPWSP product water that contains such Basin water would be 'developed water'." The DEIR/DEIS also identifies possible harm,

notes a likelihood of very minimal impact, and outlines simple mitigations. Further, the DEIR/DEIS explains how the project plan for returning the fresh water to the basin, primarily in Castroville, satisfies the requirements of the Agency Act.

PWN has not proposed a specific preferred alternative to the MPWSP. The Regional Water Authority monitors progress on the open ocean intake alternatives. Open ocean intake for desalination is not preferred under the state Ocean Plan, and only acceptable if subsurface intake proves infeasible. That leads us back to the MPWSP, and why it is important to fully demonstrate feasibility, or lack of it, in this project. We also note that settlement agreements on the MPWSP show a high degree of support for the project as defined. The open ocean projects have not yet reached this point, and may find that environmental concerns erupt during CEQA review, or in the courts, especially if subsurface intake is not fully explored.

You have urged the CPUC to deny the EIR and delay the project. We believe such a course creates high risks for the water users of our area. Persistent delay raises a significant risk that the milestones in the State Water Resources Control Board's revised cease and desist order will be missed and the Peninsula will need to implement harsh water rationing to comply with the consequential reductions in available supply pursuant to the CDO's terms.

We urge Public Water Now to recognize the timely need for an alternate water supply, and the credible and substantial progress made so far on the MPWSP.

Sincerely,



Bill Kampe
President

c: CPUC Public Advisor, NOAA Sanctuary Advisory Council, California Coastal Commission, State Water Resources Control Board, CPUC Office of Ratepayer Advocacy, Monterey County Supervisors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Fort Ord Reuse Authority, Peninsula Mayors' Water Authority, Marina Coast Water District, Seaside Groundwater Basin Water Master, City Councils of Seaside, Monterey, Marina, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Sand City