

# MONTEREY COUNTY ELECTIONS



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Registrar of Voters

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## Certificate to Initiative

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Voters, in his capacity as the Elections Official for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, accepted The Monterey Peninsula Water System Local Ownership and Cost Savings Initiative on April 2, 2018.

WHEREAS, the petition consists of 1,331 sections and 11,557 signatures;

WHEREAS, each section contains signatures purporting to be the signatures of qualified Electors of this county; that attached to each petition at the time it was filed was an affidavit purporting to be the affidavit of the persons who solicited the signatures, and containing the dates between which the purported qualified electors signed the petition; that the affiant stated his or her own qualifications, that he or she had solicited the signatures upon that section, that all of the signatures were made in his or her presence, and that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief each signature to that section was the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code § 9309, of the 11,557 signatures submitted, Elections verified a random sampling of 500 signatures by examining the records of registration of this County, current and in effect at the respected purported dates of such signing, to determine what number of qualified electors signed the petition;

WHEREAS, Elections Code § 9310 requires the initiative petition to be signed by voters not less in number than 10 percent of the voters in the district, where the total number of registered voters is less than 500,000 and, as of the Report of Registration to the Secretary of State made prior to the publication of the notice of intention the number of registered voters in the District was 60,586.

WHEREAS, of the 500 signatures verified in the random sampling, 408 signatures were deemed valid, 92 signatures were found not sufficient.

WHEREAS, the projected number of valid signatures on said petition is 8,409 signatures or 13.9% of the number of registered voters of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sufficiency of said petition, Elections Code § 9310 requires the District Board to do either of the following: (1) Adopt the ordinance, without alteration, either at the regular meeting at which the certification of the petition is presented, or within 10 days after it is presented, or (2) Submit the ordinance, without alteration, to the voters pursuant to Section 1405.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Claudio Valenzuela", is written over a horizontal line.

Claudio Valenzuela, Registrar of Voters  
County of Monterey



**EXHIBIT 16-A**

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