# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND <br> PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION For MPWMD Board review on July 18, 2005 

1. PROJECT TITLE: Adoption of Ordinance No. 121, "2005 On-Site Redevelopment Project Water Credit Ordinance."

DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROJECT: Proposed Ordinance No. 121 (Attachment 3) would streamline on-site water credit provisions to facilitate governmental planning and operations for Redevelopment Project Sites pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law, found at California Health and Safety Code, section 33000, et seq. The ordinance would allow the ten (10) year limit to reuse water credits for such projects to be expanded twice, in five (5) year increments, to afford a maximum period of twenty (20) years to use on-site water credits in connection with a Redevelopment Project, as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code, section 33010.

Ordinance No. 119 applies within the boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), including the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, portions of Monterey County (primarily Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach Carmel Highlands and the Highway 68 corridor), and the Monterey Peninsula Airpori District. Each of these jurisdictions regulates land use within its individual boundaries and is responsible for CEQA review of individual projects that are proposed. The District does not regulate land use.
2. REVIEW PERIOD: The Review Period is June 21, 2005 through July 11, 2005. CEQA allows a 20-day comment period for issues of local importance.
3. PUBLIC MEETINGS: The first reading of Ordinance No. 121 will be considered at the MPWMD Board meeting of July 18,2005 . The second reading and adoption of the Ordinance and Negative Declaration is scheduled for public hearing on August 15, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (conference room), 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, Monterey, California.
4. LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS: The proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study, including supporting documentation and the administrative record upon which the Negative Declaration and Initial Study are based, and.copies of proposed Ordinance No. 121, are available
fox review Court, Bldg. G, Monterey, CA 93940 (Ryan Ranch). The staff contact is Stephanie Pintar at 831/658-5630.
5. PROPOSED FINDING SUPPORTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION: Based on the Initial Study and the analysis, documents and record supporting the Initial Study, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors finds that adoption of Ordinance No. 121 does not have a significant effect on the environment.

## PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Based on the finding that adoption of Ordinance No. 121, the 2005 On-Site Redevelopment Project Water Credit Ordinance, has no significant effect on the environment, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District makes this Negative Declaration regarding MPWMD Ordinance No. 121 under the California Environmental Quality Act.

## CEQA GUIDELINES APPENDIX G MPWMD ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FOR ORDINANCE NO. 121

## PRODECT INFORMATION

1. Project Title:
2. Lead Agency Name and Address:
3. Contact Person and Phone:
4. Project Location:
5. Project Sponsor's Name/Address:
6. General Plan Designation:
7. Zoning:

Adoption of Ordinance No. 121: "2005 On-Site Redevelopment Project Water Credit Ordinance"

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, PO Box 85, Monterey, CA 93942-0085 [Street address: 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey, CA 93940]

Stephanie Pintar, 831/658-5630
District-wide, see Attachment 1, map
MPWMD, see \#2 above
Varies throughout District
Varies throughout District
8. Description of Project: Proposed Ordinance No. 121 (Attachment 3) would streamline on-site water credit provisions to facilitate governmental planning and operations for Redevelopment Project Sites pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law, found at California Health and Safety Code, section 33000 , et seq. The ordinance would allow the ten (10) year limit to reuse water credits for such projects to be expanded twice, in five (5) year increments, to afford a maximum period of twenty (20) years to use on-site water credits in connection with a Redevelopment Project, as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code, section 33010
9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: Land uses within the District range from urban and suburban residential and commercial areas to open space/wilderness. The District encompasses the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City; Seaside, portions of Monterey County (primarily Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and the Highway 68 corridor), and the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (Attachment 1). Each of these jurisdictions regulates land uses within its boundaries. The District does not regulate land uses.

The Monterey Peninsula is dependent on local sources of water supply, which (directly or indirectly) are dependent on local rainfall and runoff. The primary sources of supply include surface and groundwater in the Carmel River basin, and groundwater in the Seaside Basin (Attachment 2).

Vegetation communities on the Monterey Peninsula include marine, estuarine, and riverine habitats; fresh emergent and saline emergent (coastal salt marsh) wetland communities; riparian communities, particularly along the Carmel River; a wetland community at the Carmel River lagoon; and upland vegetation communities such as coastal scrub, mixed chaparral, mixed hardwood forest, valley oak woodland, and annual grassland. These communities provide habitat for a diverse group of wildlife. The Carmel River supports various fish resources, including federally threatened steelhead fish and California red-legged frog.

## 10: Other public agencies whose approval is required: None

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

| $\square$ | Aesthetics | $\square$ | Hazards and Hazardous Materials | - | Public Services |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\square$ | Agricultural Resources | $\square$ | Hydrology and Water Quality | $\square$ | Recreation |
| $\square$ | Air Quality | - | Land Use and Planning | $\square$ | Transportation/Traffic |
| $\square$ | Biological Resources | $\square$ | Mineral Resources | - | Utilities \& Service Systems |
| $\square$ | Cultural Resources | [] | Noise |  |  |
| $\square$ | Geology/Soils | $\square$ | Population and Housing |  | Mandatory Findings of ignificance |

## DETERMINAIION (To be completed by the lead Agency)

I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project COULD have a significant effect on the environment, there WILL NOT be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect(s) on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets, if the effect is a "potentially significant impact" or is "potentially significant unless mitigated." An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there WILL NOT be a significant effect in this case because all potentially significant effects:

1) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards; and
2) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION; including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project.

The earlier EIR adequately analyzes the proposed project, so NO ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT or NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

Signature:
Printed Name:David A. Berger

Date:

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Title: MPWMD General Manager

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the entire action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less-than-significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVIII, EARLIER ANALYSES, may be crossreferenced).
5. The explanation of each issue should identify:
a. The significance threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
b. The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significant
6. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or Negative Declaration [Section 15063(c)(3)(D)]. In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
a. Earlier Analysis used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
b. Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analyses.
c. Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "less Than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
7. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated. A source list should be attached, and other sources used, or individuals contacted, should be cited in the discussion.
8. This checklist has been adapted from the form in Appendix $G$ of the State CEQA Guidelines, as amended effective October 26, 1998 (from website).
9. Information sources cited in the checklist and the references used in support of this evaluation are listed in attachments to this document.

| ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES <br> (See attachments for discussion and information sources) |  | Potentially Significant Impact | Less Than <br> Significant with Mitigation Incorporated | Less Than Significant Impact | No Impact |
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|  | 1. AESTHETICS. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Affect a scenic vista or scenic highway? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Have a demonstrable negative aesthetic effect? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | Create adverse light or glare effects? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| 11. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | Involve other charges in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| Note: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agricultural and farmland. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | III. AIR QUAIITY: Would the project: |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| d) | Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |


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| e) | Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| Note: Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the above determinations. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | IV. BIOLOGICAI RESOURCES. Would the projec |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish \& Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish \& Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| d) | Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as tree preservation policy or ordinance? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| V.: CULTURAL RESOURCES. Would the proposal: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Sec. 15064.5? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |


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| b) | Cause substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Sec. 15064.5? | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | T |
| c) | Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| d) | Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| VI. GEOLOGIC AND SOILS. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including risk of loss, injury or death involving: | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| i) | Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquidt-Priolo Earthquake Fault zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| ii) | Strong seismic ground shaking? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| iii) | Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | - | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| iv) | Landslides? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| b) | Result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| c) | Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on-or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | n |
| d) | Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater? | $\square$ | $\square$. | $\square$ | $\square$ |


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| VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAIS. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | I |
| b) | Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accidental conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | $\square$ | - | $\square$ |  |
| d) | Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| f) | For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| g ) | Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? |  | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| h) | Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Violate any water quality standards or waste | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |



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| IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Physically divide an established community? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
|  | Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| W. MMERAI RESOURCES. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and residents of the state? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
|  | Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| XI. NOISE. Would the project result in: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| b) | Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| c) | A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| d) | A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |



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| substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) | Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| XV. TRANSPORTATIONTRAFFIC. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| b) | Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads and highways? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| c) | Result in a change to air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| d) | Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| e) | Result in inadequate emergency access? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| f) | Result in inadequate parking capacity? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | , |
| g ) | Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| XVI. UTMLITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS. Would the project: |  |  |  |  |  |
| a) | Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| b) | Require or result in construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |


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| existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? |  |  |  |  |  |
| c) | Require or result in construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| d) | Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| e) | Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has an adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | - |
| f) | Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| $\mathrm{g})$ | Comply with federal, state and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |

## XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIEICANCE

a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?
("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)

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| Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? |  |  |  |  |  |
| XVII. EARLIER ANALYSES |  |  |  |  |  |
| b) Impacts adequately addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of, and adequately analyzed in, an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards. Also, state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis. <br> c) Mitigation measures. For effects that are checked as "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Not applicable. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Authority: Public Resources Code Sections 21083 and 21087. <br> Reference: Public Resources Code Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21082.1, 21083, 31083.3, 21093, 21094, 21151; Sundstrom v. County of Mendocino, 202 Cal. App. 3d 296 (1988); Leonoff v. Monterey Board of Supervisors, 222 Cal. App. 3d 1337 (1990). |  |  |  |  |  |

## DISCUSSION OF CHECKLIST ITEMS:

For all categories, "No Impact" was checked. Adoption of Ordinance No. 121 itself has no physical impact on the environment as the ordinance is procedural and extends a timeline for reuse of water on a defined Redevelopment Site.

Based on this Initial Study, the MPWMD believes that adoption of Ordinance No. 121 would have no actual or potential environmental impacts. Furthermore, the MPWMD determines that there is an absence of substantial evidence from which a fair argument can be made that adoption of Ordinance No. 121 has measurable and meaningful actual or potential adverse environmental consequences.

Proposed Ordinance No. 121. would amend the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ("MPWMD" or "District") rules and regulations to modify standards and procedures pertaining to the timing of the reuse of water credits on a Redevelopment Project Site.

## "No Impact" Discussion

For all checklist items, the Initial Study conclusion is that Ordinance No. 121 would have "No Impact." Adoption of Ordinance No. 121 itself has no impact on the environment as the ordinance extends the time from a maximum of ten years to a maximum of twenty years for which a former water use may be revisited on a site specifically designated as a Redevelopment Project Site as defined by the California Health and Safety Code. Ordinance No. 121 would not change the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) limit on Cal-Am annual production from the Carmel River Basin; the Water District's limit on Cal-Am production from the Seaside Basin; the District's limit on total Cal-Am production through the Water Allocation Program, nor the individual allocations of water to jurisdictions.

The rationale for creation of this ordinance was an application to transfer Water Use Credits from a Redevelopment Project Site in the City of Seaside to the jurisdiction (Seaside) as a method to protect the water credits until needed to complete the Redevelopment Project. Credits transferred into a jurisdiction's allocation do not expire. In approving the transfer, the Board requested consideration of an ordinance that would specifically address the unusual time involved with completing a Redevelopment Project. Ordinance No. 121 responds to the Board's direction and the concept was supported by the Water Demand Committee at its January 11, 2005 meeting.
[Evidence: Minutes and staff reports from MPWMD Board meetings and Water Demand Committee, December 2004January 2005]

## Conclusions

Based on this Initial Study, the Board believes that adoption of Ordinance No. 121 would have no actual or potential environmental impacts. Any project resulting from the use of a water credit extended as a result of this ordinance will require CEQA review by the Redevelopment Agency. The Board is aware that CEQA requires preparation of a negative declaration if there is no substantial evidence that the project may cause a significant effect on the environment. (CEQA Guidelines $\S 15063(b)(2)$.) For these reasons, the Board intends to adopt a negative declaration regarding adoption of Ordinance No. 121.

Ordinance No. 121, as well as supporting materials and documents may be reviewed at the MPWMD offices, at the address and phone number listed above. These materials include (a) MPWMD Rules and Regulations, (b) approved Board of Directors meeting minutes of December 14, 2004, (c) the approved Water Demand Committee meeting minutes from January 11, 2005. Initial Study conclusions are also based on District staff professional assessments, knowledge and experiences. Public testimony and informal contact with members of the public and various local agency representatives also contribute to and support the Initial Study conclusions.

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# AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MODIFYING ON-SITE WATER CREDIT RULES APPLICABLE TO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS 

## FINDINGS

1. The Water Management District is charged under the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law with the integrated management of the ground and surface water resources in the Monterey Peninsula area.
2. The Water Management District has general and specific power to cause and implement water conservation activities as set forth in Sections 325 and 328 of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law.
3. Existing District Regulations, set forth at Rule 25, allow on-site water credits to be created, but limit their use on the originating site to a term not to exceed ten (10) years. By comparison, a parallel District Regulation set forth at Rule 28 B, allows a water credit to be transferred to a public jurisdiction's allocation for use on any site, without an expiration limit. Rule 25 was originally added to the District Rules and Regulations by Ordinance No. 60 (6/15/92) and was thereafter amended by Ordinance No. 64 (10/05/92) and by Ordinance No. 71 (12/20/93).
4. This ordinance modifies the on-site water credits provision of District Rule 25 to extend the expiration limit when the water credit is associated with a Redevelopment Project Site pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law, found at California Health and Safety Code, section 33000 , et seq. This ordinance shall modify District Rule 28 B. This ordinance shall also add a definition for the term "Redevelopment Project" to Rule 11, and clarify the meaning of the term "Site" within that same Rule.
5. The modifications enacted by this ordinance are intended to facilitate Redevelopment Project planning and implementation. Redevelopment Project approval, land acquisition and financing processes are often complex. The time required to implement a Redevelopment Projects can often exceed the ten (10) year limit set forth in Rule 25. A jurisdiction undertaking a Redevelopment Project facing such limits must transfer the water credit to its allocation in order to enable re-use on the affected site. This mechanism is cumbersome, and affords no practical advantage.
6. This ordinance shall amend and republish the Rules and Regulations of the Water Management District.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained as follows:

## ORDINANCE

## Section One: $\quad$ Short Title

This ordinance shall be known as the 2005 On-Site Redevelopment Project Water Credit Ordinance of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

## Section Two: Purpose

This ordinance shall streamline on-site water credit provisions to facilitate governmental planning and operations for Redevelopment Project Site pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law, found at California Health and Safety Code, section 33000, et seq. The ten (10) year limit for such projects shall be extended twice, in five (5) year increments, to afford a maximum period of twenty (20) years to use on-site water credits in connection with a Redevelopment Project, as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code, section 33010.

A second purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the meaning of the term "Site" within Rule 11 to resolve an ambiguity relating to the ownership of contiguous parcels of property.

## Section Three: Amendment to Rule 25.5

Rule 25.5 shall be amended to incorporate a new subparagraph, A (4), as shown below in bold italic type face. Except for this addition, no other change is made to Rule 25.5

## RULE 25.5 WATER USE CREDITS

A. Except where a permit has been canceled, returned or revoked under these Rules, a Person may receive a Water Use Credit for the permanent abandonment of some or all of the prior water use on that Site by one of the methods set forth in this Rule. A Water Use Credit shall enable the later use of that water on that same Site.

1. Person may apply to the District for a Water Use Credit in advance of the abandonment of capacity for water use, which that Person may cause on that Site. In such a circumstance, District staff (1) shall verify that the Reduction is one which is permanent, (2) shall quantify the capacity for water use which remains, (3) shall quantify the reduced water use (the abandoned capacity), (4) shall quantify the increment of reduction which exceeds the District's target of $15 \%$ conservation based upon the criteria used for the Water Allocation EIR, and (5) shall provide written confirmation of the Water Use Credit based upon the quantity set forth in element (4) above. Credit shall not be given for any reduction, which occurs by reason of a District, mandated or sponsored program (e.g. retrofit-on-resale). A Water Use Credit obtained pursuant to this method may be applied to, and shall allow future water use on that Site at any time within a period of 60 months. After the 60 th month, renewal of this Water Use Credit shall be allowed only upon proof by the applicant that some or all water savings represented by that Credit are current. If all savings are not current, a pro-rata reduction shall occur. A single renewal period of 60 months shall be allowed; thereafter any remaining unused Water Use Credit shall expire. Water Use Credits shall not be transferable to any other Site.
2. A Person who has not applied in advance to the District for a Water Use Credit (in advance of the abandonment of the capacity for water use) may still request that a Credit be given based on prior reductions in water use capacity which occurred on that Site within the preceding eighteen (18) months. In such a circumstance the applicant shall have the burden to quantify and verify both the reduction of water use capacity, and the date such reduction occurred. District staff shall determine the increment of reduction which exceeds the District's target of $15 \%$ conservation as set forth in the Allocation EIR and shall determine the effective date for that reduction in capacity for water use. Credit shall not be, given for any reduction, which occurs by reason of a District, mandated or sponsored program (e.g. retrofit-on-resale); credit shall not be given for any reduction which was completed more than eighteen (18) months prior to the date of the application for the Water Use Credit. The quantity of water determined by staff to be available for a Water Use Credit under this method, once the Water Use Credit has been granted, may be applied to, and shall allow future water use on that Site within thirty (30) months from the date the reduction first occurred, and upon proof by the applicant that those water savings are still current. After the 30th month, renewal of this Water Use Credit shall be allowed only upon proof by the applicant that some or all water savings represented by that Credit are current. If all savings are not current, a pro-rata reduction shall occur. A single renewal period of thirty (30) months shall be allowed; thereafter any remaining Water Use Credit shall expire. Water Use Credits shall not be transferable to any other Site. Residential Water Use Credits shall not be transferable to any other Site.
3. A Water Use Credit shall provide the basis for issuance of a permit for an Intensified Water Use on that Site provided (1) the credit is current (has not expired), and (2) provided the abandoned capacity (saved water) forming the basis for the Water Use Credit is determined not yet to have been used on that Site. There shall be no connection charge assessed for the capacity for water used pursuant to any Water Use Credit. Connection charges, however, shall apply to the capacity for water use, which exceeds the Water Use Credit, or for any expansion of use following the expiration of the Water Use Credit. No refund shall accrue by reason of water use reduction, or abandonment of capacity, whether or not reflected by a Water Use Credit. Issuance of a Water Use Credit shall not result in any change to a Jurisdiction's Allocation. Use of any Water Use Credit shall similarly not cause a change to a Jurisdiction's Allocation.
4. A Water Use Credit on a Redevelopment Project site may, in addition to the time limits and in the manner set forth above, have its expiration date extended for two (2) additional periods of sixty (60) months each, to afford any such Redevelopment Project a maximum period of two hundred forty (240) months to use that credit.

## Section Four: Amendments to Rule 11

A. The definition of the term "Redevelopment Project" shall be added to Rule 11, and defined as shown below in bold italic type face.

> REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - "Redevelopment Project" shall mean any undertaking in accord with the Community Redevelopment Law, found at California Health and Safety Code, section 33000, et seq. This term shall be given the same meaning as the term "Redevelopment Project" set forth in section 33010 of that Code.
B. The definition of the term "Site" as set forth in Rule 11 shall be amended as shown below, with
added language as shown in bold italic type face, and deleted language shown in strikeout type face.
SITE - "Site" shall mean any unit of land which qualifies as a parcel or lot under the Subdivision Map Act, and shall include all units of land: (1) which are contiguous to any other parcel (or are separated only by a road or easement), and (2) for which there is unity of ownership which have identical owners, and (3) which have an identical present use. The term "Site" shall be given the same meaning as the term "Parcel".

## Section Five: $\quad$ Publication and Application

The provisions of this ordinance shall cause the republication and amendment of the permanent Rules and Regulations of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

## Section Six: $\quad$ Effective Date and Sunset

This ordinance shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the 30th day after it has been enacted on second reading. This Ordinance shall not have a sunset date.

## Section Seven: Severability

If any subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining portions of this ordinance, or of any other provisions of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Rules and Regulations. It is the District's express intent that each remaining portion would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that one or more subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unenforceable.

On motion by Director $\qquad$ and second by Director $\qquad$ , the foregoing ordinance is adopted upon this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ , 2005, by the following vote:

## AYES:

NAYS:


#### Abstract

ABSENT: I, David A. Berger, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted on the $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 2005.


Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this $\qquad$ day of $\qquad$ 2005.

David A. Berger, Secretary to the Board

