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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
ATTN: Technical Advisory Committee
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Dear Committee Members,

The Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) is a public benefit, non-profit corporation whose mission is to eliminate homelessness in Monterey County by promoting interagency coordination to develop and sustain a comprehensive system of housing and support services designed to maximize the self-sufficiency of individuals and families. There are twelve member agencies of the Coalition and three associate members and advisors.

As a collaborative we are seeking ways to increase the supply of affordable housing on the Monterey Peninsula since our agencies annually serve hundreds of low-income individuals in need of affordable housing. One of the options we are currently considering is the transfer of water credits to allow for more affordable housing. Our board of directors would like your committee to review our draft proposal:

Water credit transfer proposal

Purpose: In order to facilitate the development of more affordable housing on the Monterey Peninsula, the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers is proposing that the Rules and Regulations of the Water Peninsula Management District, revised November 2003, be modified.

Rule 28
Item B

Current- Water use credits for existing water use may be transferred from one property to another for commercial and industrial connections.

Proposed – Water use credits for existing water use may be transferred from one property to another for the purpose of commercial and industrial connections or the development of affordable housing. The housing must be a transitional or permanent rental housing project, with 75% or more of the units designated as affordable for rental to individuals and families at 60% of State Median Income or less.

Item B2

Current – Water use credit transfers shall only occur within a single jurisdiction.

Proposed – For the purpose of development of affordable housing as described above, water use credits can occur across jurisdictions.

Item B3

Current – Water use credit transfers shall only occur within a single water distribution system.

Proposed - For the purpose of development of affordable housing as described above, water use credits can occur across water distribution systems.

Item B9

Current -Water use credit transfers shall originate from prior documented commercial water capacity.

Proposed – Water use credit transfers can originate from prior documented residential or commercial water capacity.

In addition we would like the following added to the Rules and Regulations:

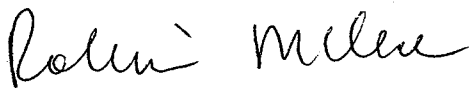
When new water conservation occurs water credits shall be voluntarily credited to affordable housing projects.

No selling of water credits shall be allowed

When retrofits occur at public facilities (or special districts), water credits shall be transferred to affordable housing projects.

We thank you for your consideration of this issue. We would like to be advised when this will be on your agenda so that we can have representation there.

Sincerely,



Robin McCrae, President
Coalition of Homeless Services Providers