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**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT RELEASED FOR PURE WATER MONTEREY PROJECT**  
*MRWPCA Board to Consider Certification and Project Approval at Public Hearing*

**Monterey, Calif., September 25, 2015** –The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) are pleased to jointly announce the release of the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project’s Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR). The MRWPCA Board of Directors will consider certifying the Final EIR and approving the Project at a public hearing on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 3:30pm. The meeting will be held at the MRWPCA Administrative Office.

Pure Water Monterey is a multi-region, multi-benefit project that addresses the water supply needs of the Monterey Peninsula and the Salinas Valley. The project will deliver purified recycled water for replenishment of the Seaside Groundwater Basin and subsequent delivery to Monterey Peninsula urban water customers, and also deliver additional tertiary treated water to the Salinas Valley for agricultural irrigation and to help reduce groundwater pumping in that area.

“The future of water is here,” explained Paul A. Sciuto, General Manager of the MRWPCA, one of the project partners. “Pure Water Monterey addresses multiple water related issues including supply, treatment and environmental mitigation in two distinct regions, while delivering water for residential, business, industrial and agricultural uses.”

The Final EIR can be found at [www.purewatermonterey.org](http://www.purewatermonterey.org). The Draft EIR was released to the public in April of this year and provided the required 45-day review period for comment. The Final EIR addresses the comments received on the Draft EIR and also contains revisions, updates and clarifications to the Draft EIR in response to the public comments. Additional information can be found in the official Notice of Public Hearing which can also be accessed on the Pure Water Monterey website. Spanish interpretation will be provided at the hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held at the following location:

MRWPCA Administrative Office  
5 Harris Court, Bldg D • Monterey, CA 93940  
October 8, 2015 • 3:30pm

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***About Pure Water Monterey***

Pure Water Monterey will provide both purified potable water for domestic use, as well as a supply for irrigating one of the state’s most fertile agricultural areas in the Salinas Valley. The project will be the first of its kind to utilize not just wastewater, but stormwater, food industry processing water, and impaired surface waters of the State. It is a partnership between the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency with additional project participation by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the City of Salinas, the Marina Coast Water District and the Salinas Valley Agricultural Community.