



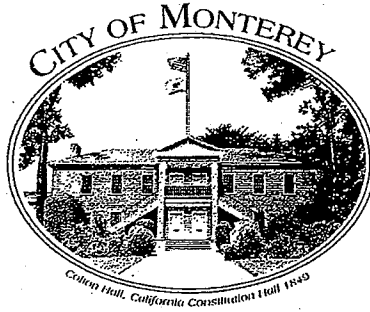
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SUPPLEMENT TO 7/20/09 MPWMD BOARD PACKET

Attached are copies of letters received between June 8, 2009 and July 7, 2009. These letters are also listed in the July 20, 2009 Board packet under item 19, Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Todd Bennett	Andrew Bell	6/10/09	Late Notice of Ex Parte Contract: CWP Comment Letter
Patricia Montanio	Kevin Urquhart	6/29/09	Project Title – Recovery Act – Restoring Steelhead Spawning Gravels and Improving Fish Passage in the Carmel River, Monterey Co., CA

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June 10, 2009

ANDREW M. BELL
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT ENGINEER
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Re: Late Notice of Ex Parte Contact: CWP Comment Letter

The City of Monterey inadvertently sent our letter commenting on the California American Water Company Coastal Water Project Public Review Draft EIR, prepared for the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), directly to the CPUC Chair, John Bohn. We have since been advised by the Administrative Law Judge Minkin that the letter constitutes an ex parte communication. As such, Judge Minkin has granted the City permission to provide all parties on the Coastal Water Project (CWP) Service List a copy of the letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (831) 646-3758.

Sincerely,

Todd Bennett
Senior Associate Planner

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March 24, 2009

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Commissioner John Bohn
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Coastal Water Project

Dear Commissioner Bohn:

The City of Monterey respectfully requests that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) support the Regional Alternative Project option identified in the California American Water Company Coastal Water Project Public Review Draft EIR prepared for the CPUC dated January 30, 2009.

The Monterey Peninsula has been experiencing a lack of adequate water resources for decades. Due to environmental and legal considerations, the actual amount of water available to the local jurisdictions from existing sources is severely restricted and will continue its downward spiral until a new water source has been identified and developed. To this end, the local water purveyor, California American Water Company (CAW), has proposed to develop a 10 MGD desal plant at Moss Landing. Due to the costs associated with the desal plant, which will be borne by the water consumers on the Peninsula, the CPUC's Division of Rate Payer Advocates supported efforts to consider alternatives to CAW's desal plant. Starting in 2007, the Water for Monterey County Coalition (WFMCC) was formed to investigate water supply alternatives. Supported by the Rate Payer Advocates, the WFMCC is made up of groups of citizens, public officials, water and wastewater agency managers, and non-government organizations. After years of work, the WFMCC has identified an alternative water supply solution that is more affordable than the alternatives, advantageous to ratepayers, environmentally beneficial, politically acceptable, and publicly owned.

As described in the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Coastal Water Project (www.cwp-eir.com), the "Regional Project" is considered by members of the WFMCC, including the City of Monterey, as the best solution analyzed in that report.

The decision to support the "Regional Project" has not been a hasty one. Citizens of the Monterey Peninsula with the best interests of all residents and businesses at heart created it. It has been discussed and refined for over two (2) years. The participants in the formation of this plan, as previously listed, represent one of the broadest coalitions to ever work together on a regional project.

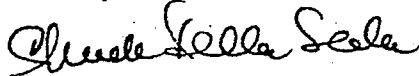
The DEIR determined that none of the evaluated projects is environmentally superior to the others. However, the Regional Project, if it includes Phase I and Phase II, would be the only project to provide water beyond that which is necessary to address the current environmental "emergencies" associated with the Carmel River overdraft and the Seaside Basin aquifer adjudication decision. The City of Monterey strongly believes that to be able

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to responsibly guide the future of the City, new water resources are essential. It is for this reason that the Monterey City Council passionately supports the basic tenants of Phase I of the Regional Project, and if approved by the CPUC, will closely monitor the development associated with a potential Phase II. Please note that the City of Monterey's support of the Regional Project does not include moving the Seaside Groundwater Basin Replenishment component into Phase I, but does support its continued inclusion in Phase II of the Regional Project.

Adopting the Regional Project as the preferred alternative will, in the end, be the best option for California-American Water, its shareholders, ratepayers and the residents and business interests of the City of Monterey.

Sincerely,



Chuck Della Sala, Mayor
 City of Monterey

- c: City of Monterey City Council
 City of Monterey City Clerk
 The Honorable Bill Monning, 701 Ocean Street, 318-B, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
 The Honorable Abel Maldonado, 590 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA 93940
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June 29, 2009

Mr. Kevin Urquhart
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Project Title - *Recovery Act - Restoring Steelhead Spawning Gravels and Improving Fish Passage in the Carmel River, Monterey Co., CA*

Dear Mr. Urquhart:

Thank you for submitting an application for funding consideration to the NOAA Coastal and Marine Habitat Restoration Project Grant Program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), however your project referenced above was not selected for funding.

NOAA received 814 applications for funding, for a total request of over \$3 billion. Rigorous technical and panel reviews were conducted, evaluating the proposed ecological and economic impacts, and readiness as outlined in the Federal Funding Opportunity announcement. Only 6% (50 proposals) were able to be awarded even though many more high quality and deserving projects were submitted. Please visit <http://www.noaa.gov/recovery/> for information about the selected projects and for other NOAA information related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

We commend your efforts for making coastal restoration and job creation such a high priority. The combined efforts of the habitat conservation community have overwhelmingly demonstrated the immediate need for healthy marine and coastal habitat, and NOAA continues to look forward in joining you to advance our common goals.

We will continue to announce NOAA habitat restoration funding opportunities on our Restoration Center website and encourage you to submit project proposals for consideration to those solicitations. Announcements are posted at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/restoration>

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Montanio,
Director, Office of Habitat Conservation

