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MONTEREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Item 17  
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Board Meeting

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Chair Markey and Members of the MPWMD  
Board of Directors  
5 Harris Court, Building G  
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**RE: Water Credits Associated with Mandatory District Conservation Requirements Resulting From Proposed Updates to Regulation XIV, Water Conservation**

Dear Chairperson Markey and members of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ("MPWMD") Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Monterey County Association of REALTORS® ("MCAR"), I would like to take this opportunity to voice our collective opinion as it relates to the direction of the proposed Conservation Regulation amendment.

The MPWMD Water Demand Committee has been reviewing and providing input on the development of a Conservation Regulation amendment ordinance. In so doing, an issue relating to credits granted for the installation of water saving devices has arisen, requiring further input and direction from the entire Board.

As you are well aware, Monterey Peninsula residents have led the way in water conservation efforts. Through proactive measures and collaboration with regulatory entities, Monterey Peninsula residents have effectively reduced the amount of water needed for their communities.

It's within this spirit of community conservation and involvement that we respectfully request that the Board consider providing direction in the form of continued dialogue and collaboration with community stakeholders as opposed to pursuing additional reductions in the availability of water use credits.

We appreciate the level of input and interaction MPWMD staff has allowed MCAR members on the development of this ordinance, and submit that additional constructive discussions could produce an appropriate response to this policy concern, (*Ref. Rule 25.5-B: Disallowing water use credits for water savings resulting from the fixtures required by the District's New Construction, Remodel/Addition, Change of Ownership and Change of Use retrofit requirements*) resulting in an environment of potential support from all interested parties.




Thank you again for the opportunity to weigh in on this issue. We look forward to continued efforts with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District as we cooperatively pursue appropriate water management practices.

Sincerely,



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