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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Att: Dave Potter, Chair and Board Members
5 Harris Court, Bldg. G
Monterey, CA 93942

**RE: Request from City of Pacific Grove for Distribution of Funds from
Local Water Project Funding Program**

Dear Chair Potter and Board Members:

Monterey County Farm Bureau represents family farmers and ranchers in the interest of protecting and promoting agriculture throughout our County. We strive to improve the ability of those engaged in production agriculture to provide a reliable supply of food and fiber through responsible stewardship of our local resources.

As an intervener in the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project process before the California Public Utilities Commission, Monterey County Farm Bureau has taken an active interest in development of water resource projects, including the proposed groundwater replenishment project under consideration as a component of the desalination solution. Sources of water for this project have come under scrutiny and a memorandum of understanding has been approved to formalize this process further, enhancing the goal of creating new source water for the replenishment program.

We offer our support for the City of Pacific Grove and their efforts to develop a Local Water Project (LWP), which we have followed nearly from inception. This project ultimately will generate additional source water to the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) recycling plant system through Phase II dry and wet weather storm water collection and capture. We anticipate that this additional water capture will be of benefit to the collective source water resources gathered for the groundwater replenishment project.

It's important to note that this additional water has not been available to MRWPCA as it is currently discharged to the Marine Sanctuary; new stormwater standards curtail untreated outflows to Special Areas of Biological Significance, like the Marine Sanctuary. This LWP proposes to accomplish this new requirement by capture and diversion to the MRWPCA facility.

Support for these types of LWPs is critical in solving our regional water needs; this is a good example of a project design that supports many beneficial uses while enhancing our local ecology.

Monterey County Farm Bureau urges your support and approval of the request from City of Pacific Grove for the \$100,000 LWP grant; the ability of this project to develop additional source water for injection to the groundwater basin is part of the larger solution for Monterey County's water resources.

Sincerely,



Norman C. Grodt
Executive Director