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The Honorable Dave Potter, Chair
And MPWMD Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942

Re: Agenda Items #12 and #13 – Selection of Director to Fill Vacancy in Voter Division 2 – SUPPORT for Appointment of Andrew Clarke

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board of Directors:

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (MPCC) urges your appointment of Andrew (Andy) Clarke to fill the vacancy in Voter Division 2. MPCC represents the interests of 800 members, both for profit and nonprofit organizations.

Andy will bring financial expertise to the board, which is critical during this challenging time of extended drought. His 9 years of experience as Assistant Controller in the Alisal Water Corporation makes him uniquely qualified to understand the fiscal realities and impacts of MPWMD's water supply decisions.

The Water Management District simply can't afford the cost of a general nor a special election. This is a critical time when a full complement of board members is needed, and any gap in representation is not fair to the ratepayers of Division 2.

Again, we urge you to demonstrate leadership in appointing Andy Clarke, a very well-qualified representative for Division 2 who is willing to serve.

Thank you for your favorable consideration.

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Best regards,

Jody Hansen

President and CEO

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