



Supplement to 9/16/2019 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between August 10, 2019 and September 10, 2019. These letters are listed in the September 16, 2019 Board packet under Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
John Moore	MPWMD	9/3/19	Pine Cone Editorial About Drinking Water
John Moore	MPWMD	8/23/19	Drinking Water Notification Levels Issued for PFOA and PFOS
Ken Dursa	MPWMD	8/19/19	Assistance for low income wastewater and water customers
Michele Mark Levine	MPWMD	8/7/19	Qualified for GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

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Arlene Tavani

From: John Moore <jmoore052@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:17 AM
To: Carmel Pine Cone; Marge Jameson; mheditor@montereyherald.com; Monterey County Weekly; Geoff Arnold; Arlene Tavani; Bob Jaques; WB-DDW-RecycledWater; Molly Evans; erickson@stamplaw.us; Rudy Fischer; Jim Johnson; Joe Livernois; john moore; Ken Churchill; Larry; david8@1hope.org; public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov; Heidi Quinn; Ron Weitzman; Sweigert, Jan@Waterboards; Adam Urrutia; Keith Van Der Maaten; Vince Tuminello
Subject: Pine Cone Editorial About Drinking Water

Editor;

Last weeks editorial dehumanizing anyone or group that opposes the proposed slant well desalinization project, or, the Pure Water Monterey experimental attempt to treat toxic agriculture waste. deserves this rebuttal.

Objection to the slant well desalinization project is primarily related to its cost and questionable legal footing. Several recent deep water desalinization projects produce drinking water at about \$2200 per acre-foot; the estimated cost of the Cal Am slant well project is about \$8,000 per acre-foot. In addition, there will be a lengthy and expensive legal battle about the projects effect on the legal rights of the owners of affected ground water.

The Pure Water Monterey's attempt to treat legacy toxic agriculture waste for drinking water is without precedent in the world; there is not even theoretical scientific comment about such a dramatic experiment. Most importantly, because there has never been a project that treated toxic agriculture waste for potable uses, there is not even a sample for scientific analysis. So the tests to be met to determine whether the water is safe are simply the current tests used for checking treated municipal sewage sources. The water may pass those tests, but there are no tests of the toxins contained in agriculture waste, a basket of toxins dramatically different than those in municipal sewage.

Over the last eighteen months, I have repeatedly requested that the "Watermaster" for the Seaside Basin obtain the opinion of one or more neutral medical experts about the health safety of the final product, the so-called potable water produced by the reclamation project. That correspondence is on file with the county Superior court for public study(Action M66343 Ca. America Water vs. City of Seaside et.al.). Those requests have been rejected. How could such a common sense request be denied, unless there is a high probability that no bona fide medical safety expert would ever vouch for the safety of the reclamation project's final product.

It is important to understand that in the entire approval process for the reclamation project, not a single medically trained expert, or, even an engineer, has so much as implied that the final product will be safe for potable uses. Instead, Pure Water Monterey points out that the five lay persons on the Central Valley Water Resources Board approved the project, so that is that.

I agree that there is no valid objection to the new pump station in the valley. If Cal Am ever gets a new water source, it will be needed.

But to dismiss valid objections to the two projects and describe concerned citizens as narcissistic freaks is just so Paul Miller. His view is build at any cost. Global warning is pie in the sky to him, events like Dorian be damned.

John M. Moore(licensed but retired lawyer; JD Stanford School of Law; current lawyer rating "Preeminent."

Your editorial said: "Originally, some of the local water activists shouted their opposition to the reclamation project from the rooftops, based on the scientifically disprovable notion that reclaimed water would be dangerous to drink." In fact, all such activists complained that because there was zero research or data to investigate about the reclamation of toxic agriculture waste, there was/is no way to determine the level of toxins that beat the treatment process.

In addition to the objections reiterated above, I have asserted that the Seaside Basin, the repository of all Cal Am drinking water prior to distribution, is probably contaminated with PSOs and PSAs because it sits under Ft. Ord area 39, recently found by the base clean up scientists to be heavily contaminated by those toxins(from fire fighting chemicals). My evidence: it rains every year and the water seeps into the basin toxins and all. Also, the entity " The Seaside Basin Watermaster" is careful to avoid testing of the water for PSAs and PSOs because if they are present in illegal parts, the district's entire water supply would be legally contaminated.

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From: John Moore <jmoore052@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 7:12 PM
To: Jim Johnson; Marge Jameson; Joe Livernois; Ron Weitzman; Robert Pacelli; Sweigert, Jan@Waterboards; Molly Evans; Laura Dadiw; Asaf Shalev; Arlene Tavani
Subject: Fwd: Drinking Water Notification Levels Issued for PFOA and PFOS

FYI. Site 39 of Ft. Ord sits over the Seaside Basin and contained PSOs and PSAs. During the rains, water leaches from that site into the Basin. The new restricted levels are nine times more restrictive than the prior limit. PSOs and PSAs cause a variety of cancers, including testicular. The PWM project will not test for PSOs and PSAs per the current test schedule. Someone please tell me that I am wrong about the no tests. JMM(human)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: <lyris@swrcb18.waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: Fri, Aug 23, 2019 at 5:24 PM,
Subject: Drinking Water Notification Levels Issued for PFOA and PFOS
To: john moore <jmoore052@gmail.com>



This is a message from the State Water Resources Control Board.

Hello Community Water Systems, Non-Transient Non-Community Water Systems, Recycled Water concerns, and Interested Parties:

On August 22, 2019, under the authority of the Deputy Director of the Division of Drinking Water (DDW), California issued updated drinking water notification levels (NL) of 5.1 parts per trillion for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and 6.5 parts per trillion for perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). These notification levels supersede the interim notification levels established in July 2018.

Notification levels are nonregulatory, health-based advisory levels established for contaminants in drinking water for which maximum contaminant levels have not been established. Notification levels are established as precautionary measures for contaminants that may be considered candidates for establishment of maximum contaminant levels, but have not yet undergone or completed the regulatory standard setting process prescribed for the development of maximum contaminant levels and are not drinking water standards.

State Water Board establishment of a notification level is not subject to the Administrative Procedures Act.

For more information on the PFOA and PFOS notification levels please visit:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/PFOA_PFOS.html

For information on the notification level process please visit:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/NotificationLevels.html

If there are any questions on this, please contact Dr. Eric Miguelino at

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Thank you

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The Coalition strongly supports assistance for all low income wastewater and water customers. Eligibility for low income assistance needs to be revised and qualification limits on income raised to a realistic level.

To justify Special Request 17 and the Monterey Wastewater High Cost Fund, the testimony of Jeffery Linham on pages 94-98 and Appendix 9 uses a bogus median income for the entire Central Coast of \$70,300. Mr. Linham wants us to believe that the median income for Chualar equals that of Pebble Beach. 93908 is in fact the highest median income zip code in Monterey County actually under states the median income as the zip includes Old Stage Road down to Chualar. 93908 also contains the overwhelming majority of the active wastewater system. According to the U.S. Census:

https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml

93908 Population 13,043 (Las Palmas, Hwy 68, River Road) 2010 Demographic Profile
Median Household Income

\$ 127,070 **Source:** 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The 93923 zip code of Carmel/Pebble Beach

Population 12,073 **Source:** 2010 Demographic Profile

Median Household Income

\$ 92,778 **Source:** 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Cal Am needs to provide copies of its applications and supporting information to the public

Aside from the failures over the years to mail or publish notices, Cal-Am no longer places copies of its applications and ALL supporting documents in the public libraries. There was exactly one copy of Cal Am's A.16-07-002 available to the public; it was located on the locked 2nd floor of Cal Am's Pacific Grove office ...which closes at 4pm. In 2008, there were 11 locations.

Since 2004 when Cal-Am took over the Spreckels and Oak Hills systems, what we have gotten are bogus numbers, happy talk and lawyers rather than capital investment and service. It took a Motion to Compel Discovery to learn that 40% of the gross income from the passive systems goes to "Allocated General Office Costs".

We lastly suggest the MPWMD place transcripts of the CPUC hearings on its website.

Respectfully submitted, Central Coast Coalition of Communities for Wastewater Equity

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Excerpts from:

**PROTEST OF Central Coast Coalition of Communities for Wastewater Equity
filed with the Public Utilities Commission July 29
To Cal Am APPLICATION 19-07-004**

Interest in This Proceeding and Background

In 2004, California-American Water Company, Cal-Am, purchased the passive wastewater systems of Spreckels and Oak Hills from Watertek. In its application, A.04-09-011, Cal-Am eloquently promised lower rates, capital investment, better service and delineated its extensive wastewater experience in other areas. Rates were initially reduced in the first two years with a nominal rate increase in the 3rd. Any illusions of the preceding ended in 2008. Then Cal Am’s A.08-01-023 sought to combine all wastewater units, active and passive, into a single unit with the same rate for all. The resulting rate increases would have been 135% for Oak Hills and 163% for Spreckels. The Coalition, representing the 700 passive wastewater systems ratepayers of Oak Hills and Spreckels was formed in response. In decision Decision 09-07-022, Judge Bushey denied the combination of units and the single rate for all.

Relief for All Low Income Ratepayers as opposed to Special Request #17 “Monterey Wastewater High Cost Fund ”. Relief is needed but it needs to be directed to those most in need. Special Request #17 does little to address the needed assistance of low income ratepayers in the active system and nothing for those in the passive system **AND NOTHING FOR LOW INCOME WATER USERS.**

According to the Coalition’s Data request to Cal Am those receiving low income assistance:
Active: 25 customers, Passive: 18 customers for a total of 43.

CAL-AM'S RESPONSE:

Please see the below table –

Waste Water Low Income Customers as of March 2017

	via Applications	via Data Sharing	Total
White Oaks			
Spreckels	1	5	6
Village Green	1	0	1
Oak Hills	0	11	11
Las Palmas	5	14	19
Indian Springs	0	2	2
Carmel Valley	0	3	3
Pasadera	0	0	0
Laguna Seca	0	1	1
Total	7	36	43

Number of persons in household	Total gross annual household income*
1-2	\$42,000 or less
3	\$40,500 or less
4	\$39,000 or less
5	\$37,500 or less
6	\$36,000 or less
7	\$34,500 or less
8	\$33,000 or less
9	\$31,500 or less
10	\$30,000 or less
Each additional person, add	\$8,500

*Based on 2017 federal poverty guidelines. Total gross annual household income includes all income received through May 31, 2017.



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August 7, 2019

Molly Evans
Board Chair
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Dear Ms. Evans:

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended 2018 qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele Mark Levine".

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services Center



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The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

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