



Supplement to 03/21/2022 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between February 16, 2022 and March 15, 2022. These letters are listed in the March 2022 Board packet under Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Remleh Scherzinger	General Manager	March 2, 2022	California- American Water Extraction Wells 1 & 2
Melodie Chrislock	Board of Directors	February 18, 2022	Letter to LAFCo- Ron Weitzman, re: District's Reconsideration Application to LAFCo
Melodie Chrislock	Board of Directors	February 18, 2022	Herald – Letters to the Editor on Leffel
Melodie Chrislock	Board of Directors	February 18, 2022	Open Letter to LAFCo, Re: District's Reconsideration Application to LAFCo
Karin Locke	Board of Directors	February 22, 2022	Agenda Item No. 10 on the MPWMD Board of Director's Agenda for February 24, 2022, re: Internet License for Water Wise Gardening in Monterey
Michael Baer	Board of Directors	February 22, 2022	MPWMD Resolution No. 2022-06- LAFCo Resolution "In Support of of Activation of Latent District Powers"
Ralph Porras	Board of Directors	February 22, 2022	Property Tax-Related Issues in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Application/Proposal to LAFCO
Mary L. Adams	Board of Directors and GM	February 23, 2022	Regional Water Forum – MoCo Board of Supervisors Meeting on March 15, 2022
Daniela Bryan	David Stoldt	February 24, 2022	1 Ave. Maria Road- Accessory Dwelling Unit Conversion, re: Water Permit WP040794



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March 2, 2022

Mr. Ian Crooks
California-American Water Company
511 Forest Lodge Road, Suite 110
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Re: California-American Water Extraction Wells 1 & 2

Dear Mr. Crooks,

It has come to Marina Coast Water District's (District) attention that California-American Water (CalAm) is currently in the project/design development phase for its proposed extraction wells 1 & 2. Currently, the proposed extraction wells are located within the District's jurisdictional boundaries and adjacent to the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course. The District will soon be delivering advanced treated water to irrigate the golf course pursuant to the City of Seaside's Groundwater Storage and Recovery Agreement with the Seaside Basin Watermaster. We believe your proposed extraction wells will adversely impact that program and other District projects currently being considered.

We simply request that CalAm relocate these facilities outside of the District, away from the golf course and away from Seaside City Well No. 4. District staff will provide all necessary planning and coordination support as needed to prevent any further delays in your project.

Regards,


Remleh Scherzinger MBA, CSDM, P.E.

Cc. MCWD Board of Directors
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From: mwchrislock@redshift.com
Sent: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:15 AM
To: Alvin Edwards; Amy Anderson; Clyde Roberson; Dave Stoldt; George Riley; Joel Pablo; Karen Paull; District 5; SAFWAT MALEK
Subject: Letter to LAFCO - Ron Weitzman
Attachments: open letter to Lafco for reconsideration[1].pdf

Note: According to MPWMD the tax loss estimate is \$1,257,974 (not \$1.7 million) because all the schools (except Carmel and PG) and MPC are backfilled.

Chuck Cech, George Riley and three other PWN members prepared the first chart in Michael's letter that Ron is referring to.

Melodie Chrislock

Water Plus

To: LAFCO commissioners and alternates
 From: Ron Weitzman, president, Water Plus
 Subject: Reconsideration of decision on MPWMD application for latent powers
 Date: 16 February 2022
 Attachment: Letter to Monterey LAFCO from Michael Baer

In this memo, I am supporting and expanding on the attached letter from Michael Baer and, with him, doing so on behalf—and in memory—of Chuck Cech, who prepared the first table in Michael's letter.

The total amount of money recorded in that table that Monterey Peninsula water ratepayers have paid and are continuing to pay in surcharges on projects and water never used or removal of projects no longer usable is, to date, almost \$164 million

Add to that the total of over \$184 million spent to date on Cal Am's proposed desal project, which is almost 60 percent of its total estimated cost of \$339 million before construction has even begun, and you get a total of \$348 million Cal Am has charged and expects to charge its local water ratepayers for nothing.

That is \$348 million going out of the county with nothing in return to anyone, not

only ratepayers but also all others, who live here.

Contrast that amount with the trivial annual loss of \$1.7 in property taxes to county agencies if the MPWMD purchases and operates the utility. At that annual rate, it would take the county almost 205 years to recoup all the money it has already lost to Cal Am by continuing the property tax. In those 205 years, Cal Am—continuing along the path it has pursued so far---is almost certain to cost ratepayer at least another \$384 for promised but undelivered water.

Commissioners, please, reverse your decision, and get this Cal Am monkey off our backs.

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Subject: Herald LTE on Leffel
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 8:05:55 AM

Because Leffel signed the ballot argument against Measure J should she have been recused from her LAFCO vote for bias?

Melodie

From: Beverly Bean <beverlygb@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, 17 Feb 2022 20:43:37 -0800

Mary Ann Leffel was a founder of the Monterey County Business Council and president of the Chamber of Commerce. She never met a development she didn't like. She was a leader in the fight for Monterey Downs and signed the ballot argument against Measure J.

On Thu, Feb 17, 2022 at 7:47 PM susan schiavone <s.schiavone@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Monterey Herald | February 17, 2022

Water is critical infrastructure

LAFCO Commissioner Mary Ann Leffel should be recalled for defying her constituency-approved goal to acquire California American Water Co. for the public benefit and for misrepresenting facts to the Del Rey Oaks City Council.

Leffel's community service includes serving as secretary of the board for the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance, a 501c(3) nonprofit, whose explicit mission is to support

and grow Monterey Bay Area National Security Assets, notably the Defense Language Institute and Naval Postgraduate School. The chair of MBDA, Fred Meurer, recently claimed the threat to our military assets on the Monterey Peninsula is the “lack of workforce housing and adequate critical infrastructure.”

Did Leffel’s legal responsibility as a nonprofit board member of MBDA, conflict with her role as LAFCO commissioner and the public’s interest by denying the voters’ wish to acquire Cal Am’s critical infrastructure? It is no wonder that confidence in our electoral process is at an all-time low.

The California State Attorney’s office should launch an investigation into Monterey County’s election integrity by identifying those groups and individuals lobbying to subvert the will of the people as demonstrated by this ballot referendum.

Bill Ray, Monterey

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Subject: Open Letter to LAFCO
Date: Friday, February 18, 2022 9:13:51 AM
Attachments: [open letter to Lafco for reconsideration.pdf](#)

Michael,

Thanks for your letter to LAFCO (attached) on the reconsideration of MPWMD's application. And thanks for the reminder of all our money that Cal Am has wasted!

The 2017 Food & Water Watch update showed we had the most expensive water in the country and our bills have gone up since then.

I don't agree that \$125 for 5,000 gallons of water is not a lot to pay. And of course that is only the tip of the tiered iceberg that forces many Cal Am bills up into hundreds of dollars per month. Just to be clear, the costs below (which I complied) are the current total cost to the consumer, surcharges and all. These reflect all the costs you have pointed out.

Your point is well taken that Cal Am's waste and mismanagement has raised our water costs. Now they are more than double what others in Monterey County pay for water.

Melodie Chrislock

Residential Water Bills in Monterey County

Cal Water Salinas

5,000 gallons – \$50.12
10,000 gallons – \$76.56
15,000 gallons – \$131.70

Marina Coast

5,000 gallons – \$66.38

10,000 gallons – \$96.50
15,000 gallons – \$133.32

Cal Am Monterey Penn

5,000 gallons – \$125.00
10,000 gallons – \$320.00
15,000 gallons – \$625.00

Cal Am Chualar

5,000 gallons – \$30.02
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From: [Karin Locke](#)
To: [comments](#)
Cc: [karin locke](#)
Subject: Agenda item 10 consent agenda 2/ 24/22
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 12:54:43 PM

Board of Directors, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Comments on Item 10 on the consent agenda.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PURCHASE OF INTERNET LICENSE
FOR WATER WISE GARDENING IN MONTEREY

Providing education and resources for the community and outdoor watering is essential to the community. Please approve this item on the consent agenda in case it is pulled.

Sustainable landscaping provides for a healthy environment.

Thank you,

Karin Locke

The more clearly we can focus our attention on the wonders and realities of the universe about us, the less taste we shall have for destruction. Rachel Carson

From: [Michael Baer](#)
To: [Joel Pablo](#)
Cc: [Dave Stoldt](#)
Subject: Baer writing MPWMD
Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 1:29:35 PM

Hello Joel,

Please distribute in time for the FEB 24, 2022 regular meeting. Thanks, mb

Esteemed Board Members of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District,

Please move to strike the following sentence from page 3 of Resolution 2022-06, Exhibit 19-A, page 162 of your packet

In furtherance of the commitments cited above, the District will discuss and negotiate outcomes satisfactory to LAFCO.

I believe The District and it's Director has bent over backwards to accommodate LAFCO requests over this *entire past year* and the time for negotiating and discussions no longer needs to be highlighted as a strategy. Striking this sentence from the resolution in no way changes the meaning, intent, or action of the board in this resolution. It in no way forbids further discussions or negotiation with LAFCO.

My concern is that this sentence leaves an opening for LAFCO commission members, who have demonstrated repeatedly that they are not acting in good faith, to find nefarious ways and means to prolong the process with some new request for information or action that the District will then feel obliged to follow-up on to demonstrate good faith. A judge might also get hooked by this sentence and direct further negotiations leading to delay but not to resolution on latent powers. Just leave it out. It serves no purpose at this point in the process, the opportunity for discussions and negotiations is always implied, and the statement might come back to haunt you in some unanticipated way.

Thank you all for your consideration of this request and all your hard work for the benefit of Peninsula water-users.

Michael Baer

cc: David Stoldt



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February 22, 2022

Via Email: dstoldt@mpwmd.net

Mr. David Stoldt, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Re: MPWMD Application to LAFCO

Dear Mr. Stoldt:

Thank you for your correspondence dated December 28, 2021, regarding property tax-related issues in Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's (hereon "MPWMD" or "District") proposal to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County (LAFCO). We understand that MPWMD has submitted an application to LAFCO requesting reconsideration of the "activation" of the District's latent powers authority to provide and maintain potable water production and distribution services for retail customers, as well as the annexation certain parcels. We also understand that LAFCO expected MPWMD to address tax loss impacts. District staff will continue to monitor the status of your LAFCO proposal including the item currently scheduled for February 28, 2022.

The Pacific Grove Unified School District appreciates MPWMD's commitment towards negotiating with each affected tax receiving entity, as it relates to a reasonable basis to mitigate revenue impacts. Being that a significant number of parties could potentially be impacted, we believe that future discussions on mitigating tax revenue losses could benefit from a unified approach. We would appreciate you including the District in unified discussions with affected school districts and other impacted taxing entities. We look forward to such discussions following the conclusion of LAFCO's formal review of your District's application.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (831)646-6509 or schinbendib@pgusd.org.

Sincerely,

Ralph Porras
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Subject: FW: Regional Water Forum - letter to Boards from Chair Adams

Date: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:59:10 PM

Attachments: [Regional Water Forum Press Release.pdf](#)
[Regional Water Forum Chair ltr to agencies.pdf](#)

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached Press Release and Letter from the Board of Supervisors Chair Adams.

Thank you,

Alice Henault
Senior Secretary – Confidential
MCWRA
1441 Schilling Pl., Salinas, CA 93901
831-755-4843

For Immediate Release
February 23, 2022

Monterey County Board of Supervisors to Hold Regional Water Forum

On March 15, 2022 at 1:30pm, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will be holding a forum to discuss regional water issues in northern Monterey County.

The purpose of the forum is to provide an overview of current efforts regarding water management and sustainability, and to initiate a comprehensive discussion on regional water supplies and solutions. The focus will be on over drafted areas in the 180/400-Foot Aquifer, Monterey, Langley and Eastside Subbasins and areas of northern Monterey County outside of those subbasins.

Presentations will be provided by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and Monterey One Water.

The meeting will provide a clear picture of how the regional water situation is now influenced by the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act's required outcomes. An understanding of the larger regional water picture is important to forge a consensus approach for water agencies and County leaders. This meeting will be the first in a series of three meetings planned to address these issues. Subsequent conversations will be planned for the summer and fall of this year.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at 168 W. Alisal St., Salinas, CA or by zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>. For more information, please contact Chair Supervisor Mary L. Adams at district5@co.monterey.ca.us.

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MARY L. ADAMS, SUPERVISOR – FIFTH DISTRICT

1200 Aguajito Road, Suite #1, Monterey, CA 93940

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February 23, 2022

**To: Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors
Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) Board of Directors
Marina Coast Water District GSA Board of Directors
Monterey One Water Board of Directors**

Re: Regional Water Forum, March 15, 2022 at 1:30pm

Dear Agency Board Members:

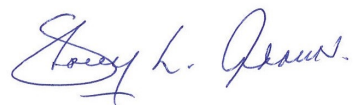
On March 15, 2022 at 1:30pm, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors will be holding a forum to discuss regional water issues in northern Monterey County. As Chair of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing this letter to express my appreciation to your agency staff for their collaborative efforts to put together the presentation for this forum, and to extend a personal invitation to you to participate in the forum.

The purpose of the regional water forum is to provide an overview of current efforts regarding water management and sustainability, and to initiate a comprehensive discussion on regional water supplies and solutions. The focus will be on over drafted areas in the 180/400-Foot Aquifer, Monterey, Langley and Eastside Subbasins and areas of northern Monterey County outside of those subbasins.

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Please note that this meeting is being held as a Board of Supervisors workshop. We have been advised that Board members of other agencies are able and welcome to participate during public comment or as part of a presentation by their agency. However, to avoid any Brown Act issues, a majority of your members must not confer among each other during the meeting on matters that are within the jurisdiction of your agency. It is hoped that your Boards will continue the discussion at your respective Board meetings following the forum, as we move toward collaborative, regional solutions to our water supply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mary" and last name "Adams" clearly legible.

Mary L. Adams, Chair
Monterey County Board of Supervisor, Chair
Fifth District

Cc: Brent Buche, MCWRA General Manager
Donna Meyers, SVBGSA General Manager
Remleh Scherzinger, MCWD General Manager
Paul Scuito, M1W General Manager

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DANIELA BRYAN

February 21, 2022

David Stoldt
General Manager
cc. Kimberly Cole - Community Development Director at City of Monterey
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Bldg G
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: 1 Ave Maria Road - ADU Conversion

Dear Mr. Stoldt,

The purpose of this letter is to determine a path forward and resolve the current discrepancies regarding Water Permit WP040794 and building permit MBP-19-2524 for my primary residence at 1 Ave Maria Rd, Monterey, CA.

On March 25, 2021, building permit MBP-19-2524 was pulled for an addition to my residence. Since then, construction has commenced and proceeded up to approximately a 95% completion, to the point where the final inspection had cleared on February 15, 2022. The intention has been to construct an addition to my single family residence and subsequently convert the space to an Auxiliary Dwelling Unit.

Concurrently with the building permit, a separate water permit by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District should have been issued prior to construction proceeding. I was not informed of this requirement by the City of Monterey Planning or Building Department until a meeting with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on January 24, 2022, 10 months into the construction process. At that same meeting on January 24, 2022, I was informed that the Water District does not accept wall mounted toilets to meet 0.8GPF UHET requirements. By that time, a 1.28/0.8GPF Geberit wall hung toilet was already plumbed for, installed and ready to be inspected as part of the previously approved construction documents. To note, this is the same model of toilet that is installed in the main residence of the house, with same flow specifications. The water permit (WP040794) was finally issued on January 28, 2022, notarized and the deed restriction was recorded.

Had the water permit been issued in conjunction with the building permit, when it was supposed to be issued (in March 2021), I would have been able to plumb and install a 0.8GPF floor mounted toilet. The lack of coordination between the planning/building department and the water district and failure to issue the water permit when it was supposed to, prior to commencement of construction, led to this mistake.

I see the following possible paths to resolution:

a) The Water District waive and sign off on the primary residence / non ADU 1.28/0.8GPF wall mounted toilet as a 0.8GPF toilet with the 1.28GPF flush functionally disabled, which has already been completed (your water inspector, Tricia/TJ, has already noted that on the water inspection report of 2/8/22). This may result in 0.5 water credits.

b) The Water District waive and sign off on two wall-mounted toilets as 0.96 (the average of one 1.28GPF and 2 x 0.8 GPF flushes = 0.96 GPF each) and assign each a value of 1.0 instead of 1.3 as it states right now, resulting in 0.6 water credit. (Please see the receipt from Bay Plumbing that the toilet carrier is a 1.28GPF/0.8GPF unit). I have installed the same toilet in the primary bathroom in 2018 and have been using it solely as a 0.8GPF toilet.

Both of these options result in 0.8GPF flushing capability only in each bathroom with the existing wall hung toilets.

c) The Water District, in conjunction with the building and planning department, assume responsibility for the cross-departmental error made by only issuing the building without the water permit prior to commencement of construction by funding the retrofit of a floor-mounted 0.8GPF toilet, which is estimated by my contractor to be \$15,548 (see estimate by Halderman Construction).

To be clear, I am operating the two toilets as 0.8GPF toilets already, so there would be no water savings by making me retrofit the toilets (see letter from Halderman Construction). I am doing everything I can to comply with all codes and standards and I have built the addition in good faith.

As you know both water and housing is scarce here on the Peninsula. The State of California is eager to get more housing by converting livable space into ADUs with various mandates and regulatory incentives. As a homeowner, who is deeply concerned about climate change and its affects here in Monterey, I am trying my best to do the right thing. Therefore, I have embarked on this 4-year, costly process and I implore the Water District to do everything you can to help me get this project across the finish line. It would be a shame to have the newly constructed 650 square feet of livable space in Monterey County go unused.

Please feel free to ask any question you might have. Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I am looking forward to a favorable response.

Respectfully,



Daniela Bryan

APN 001-622-009

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1ea	GEB 111.597.00.1 2X4 CONCEALED DUAL FLUSH CARRIER W/ TANK FOR 2X4 WALL INSTALLATION (1.28GPF/0.8GPF) ** SPECIAL ORDER NON-RETURNABLE **	498.960	498.96	
1ea	DURAVIT 2545090092 DARLING WALL MOUNT BOWL WHITE ** SPECIAL ORDER NON-RETURNABLE **	504.000	504.00	
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1ea	AMERICH KN6030TR-WH KENT 60"X30"X19" SOAKING TUB RIGHT HAND DRAIN - WHITE	800.000	800.00	
1ea	GEB 151.505.00.1 17-22 ABS 40 W&O (OLD PART# 151.191.00.1)	44.250	44.25	
1ea	GEB 151.551.21.1 PC W/O TRIM KIT (POL CHROME)(OLD P/N-240.722.21.1)	78.000	78.00	
1ea	GROHE 14468000 CONCETTO 3.0 TRIM W/ CARTRIDGE CHROME	121.680	121.68	
1ea	GROHE 35110000 GROHESAFE 3.0 ROUGH-IN VALVE	65.520	65.52	
1ea	GROHE 26513000 EUPHORIA 110 MASSAGE HAND SHOWER 1.75GPM, 3-SPRAY, CHROME ** SPECIAL ORDER NON-RETURNABLE **	66.240	66.24	
1ea	GROHE 27523000 NEW TEMPESTA 24" WALL BAR CHROME	47.520	47.52	
1ea	GROHE 28417000 59" TWIST FREE HOSE CHROME	91.440	91.44	
1ea	GROHE 28627000 WALL UNION - CHROME	71.280	71.28	

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February 16, 2022

Daniela Bryan
1 Ave Maria Road
Monterey, CA 93940

Subject: Wall Hung Toilet Modifications

Dear Daniela,

As the general contractor on the remodel in 2018 and the addition in 2021 to 1 Ave Maria Road, Monterey, California, I hereby attest that the solid flush function of the Geberit Actuator in combination with the Duravit Darling toilet in both bathrooms have been disabled and both toilets are functioning properly.

Sincerely,

Jim Halderman, President
Halderman Construction, Inc.

CA License #343668
373 Merk Road, Corralitos, CA 95076
(831) 722-0444
jim@haldermanconstruction.com

HALDERMAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.

Toilet Retrofit Budget Allowance

February 9, 2022

Daniela Bryan
1 Ave Maria Road
Monterey, CA 93940

SCOPE OF WORK:

To remove two existing wall-hung toilets, including in-wall carrier units, and replace with new floor mounted 0.8 gallon per flush toilets. Work to include demo; off-hauling; floor framing where required; new plumbing waste piping and water piping; drywall repair; tile repair to both floors and wainscot; painting; final cleanup. This is a preliminary allowance until the exact scope of work is determined.

PRELIMINARY ALLOWANCE:

Permit and Design Fees (if necessary)	TBD
Design Meetings & Const. Management Allowance (\$80/hr.)	960
Demolition & Off-hauling	1,150
Carpentry Materials & Labor	3,000
Rough and Finish Plumbing Labor & Materials	5,000
Tile	1,500
Floor Protection Allowance	180
Toilets	800
Painting Allowance	680
Portable Toilet Allowance	<u>250</u>

Subtotal	13,520
Overhead 15%	<u>2,028</u>
Total	<u>\$15,548</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Halderman, President

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