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1 Introduction and Project Description

1.1 Project Title

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1.2 Lead Agency/Project Sponsor Name and Address

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1.3 Contact Person and Phone Number

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1.4 Project Location

The project location encompasses the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) service area. The Pure Water Monterey/Groundwater Replenishment (PWM/GWR) project, and the additional water supply discussed throughout this Addendum, would serve the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, and Sand City; the Monterey Peninsula Airport District; the Department of Defense; and portions of unincorporated Monterey County including Pebble Beach, Carmel Highlands, and Carmel Valley.

1.5 Project Context

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

MPWMD was formed in 1978 under the enabling legislation found in West's California Water Code, Appendix Chapters 118-1 to 118-901. The District serves approximately 105,911 people within the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Seaside, and Sand City; the Monterey Peninsula Airport District; and portions of unincorporated Monterey County including Pebble Beach, Carmel Highlands, and Carmel Valley. MPWMD has established five main goals:

1. Increase the water supply to meet community and environmental needs;
2. Assist California-American Water (Cal-Am) in developing a legal water supply;
3. Protect the quality of surface and groundwater resources and continue the restoration of the Carmel River environment;
4. Instill public trust and confidence; and
5. Manage and allocate available water supplies and promote water conservation (MPWMD 2023a).

MPWMD Water Allocation

Historical Water Allocation Programs

MPWMD's first allocation program was originally adopted and implemented in April 1981. At that time, the MPWMD Board determined that the allocation program was categorically exempt from CEQA. The allocation program operated without challenge until 1986, when the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea requested an allocation increase and suggested that the program should be subject to environmental review under CEQA. In 1987, Carmel-by-the-Sea was granted an additional 100 acre-feet (AF) of water per year as part of an "interim allocation," and the MPWMD Board initiated preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (MPWMD 1990a).

The 1990 water allocation program included three components:

- A limit on how much total water may be produced annually from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System, and a limit on how much of this can be produced by Cal-Am, given the need to protect instream fish and wildlife resources, protect riparian resources, provide for drought protection, and prevent seawater intrusion.
- A scheme for allocating Cal-Am water to each of the jurisdictions within the Cal-Am service area.
- A set of mechanisms for monitoring jurisdictional water use, ensuring jurisdictional compliance with the allocation scheme, and making adjustments to the allocation scheme over time.

The Water Allocation Program Final EIR was certified on November 5, 1990 (MPWMD 1990a; SCH #87030309) and the Board approved Supply Option V analyzed therein, which limited Cal-Am's water production to 16,744 acre-feet and total annual production from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System to 19,881 acre-feet.

Soon after certification of the Water Allocation Program Final EIR, the MPWMD Board approved an Initial Study-Negative Declaration (IS-ND) for the addition of new production capacity to the existing Cal-Am system via a new potable water production well on Paralta Avenue in Seaside, and subsequent modification and increase to the Cal-Am system capacity limit. The Review of California-American Water Company's System Capacity Limit Final IS-ND was approved by the MPWMD Board on December 13, 1990 (MPWMD 1990b; SCH #90030919). The so-called "Paralta allocation" ultimately distributed 385 AFY toward new permits (per Mitigation Measure 1; MPWMD 1990b). There have been no new allocations by the District since the Paralta allocation in 1990. However, the District manages the allocation program on an ongoing basis. Each time a jurisdiction issues a permit for new development, the District issues a water permit and subtracts the water demand estimate for that project from the applicable jurisdiction's allocation balance. The MPWMD Board reviews this information monthly as part of the Monthly Allocation Report provided at each Board hearing.

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The PWM/GWR Project is an advanced water recycling project, jointly developed by MPWMD and M1W. The PWM/GWR Final EIR (hereinafter referred to as the "2015 EIR") was certified by M1W in October 2015, with Addenda approved in June 2016, March 2017, and October 2017 to address project changes (SCH #2013051094; MPWMD/M1W 2015, 2016, 2017a, 2017b). Initially, the approved PWM/GWR Project had an operational capacity of 4.0 million gallons per day (mgd). In 2017, M1W approved a modification to the PWM/GWR Project that expanded operational capacity

from 4.0 mgd to 5.0 mgd (MPWMD/M1W 2019). The PWM/GWR Project is owned and operated by M1W. Currently, MPWMD sells 3,500 AFY of water from PWM/GWR to Cal-Am.

In 2019, M1W prepared a Draft Supplemental EIR for modifications to expand the water supply yield of the approved PWM/GWR Project. These modifications would expand facility peak capacity from 5 mgd to 7.6 mgd and would ultimately result in an additional 2,250 AFY of purified recycled water for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. MPWMD would subsequently extract and sell a total average yield of 5,750 AFY to Cal-Am (MPWMD/M1W 2019). The PWM/GWR Project would also deliver 600 AFY to the Marina Coast Water District. The 5,750 AFY of water would replace a portion of the water supply for Cal-Am, which has been required by the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) to reduce drafting water from the Carmel River to legally permitted levels. The Final Supplemental EIR (hereinafter referred to as the “2021 SEIR”) was certified in April 2021 and an Addendum was approved in November 2021 (SCH #2013051094, MPWMD/M1W 2020, 2021).

1.6 Project Description

The Proposed Project would consist of the allocation of the additional new water supply made available by the expansion of the PWM/GWR Project amongst the Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions within the District’s service area. The District anticipates that the additional water supply will become available by the end of 2025, and the District would consider several factors when determining the allocation, including but not limited to historical average water consumption data, water production data, water availability, and estimates of job and population growth for each jurisdiction based on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) 2022 Regional Growth Forecast. The calculation would be consistent across jurisdictions but may be modified based on specific requests or agreements reached during the negotiation process with each jurisdiction. The allocations would be codified via adoption of an ordinance by the MPWMD Board of Directors that identifies the amount allocated to each jurisdiction.

MPWMD does not anticipate allocating all 2,250 AFY at this time. Although the precise allocation amount is to be determined, allocations for each jurisdiction are anticipated to be more than sufficient for each jurisdiction’s 10- to 15-year needs based on historical growth and development trends (Stoldt 2023). MPWMD would revisit the allocations on a regular basis and Monthly Allocation Reports would be prepared to outline changes to each jurisdiction’s allocation. Allocation amounts would also be reconsidered with each updated AMBAG Regional Growth Forecast, which is updated every four years, and when a jurisdiction requests an additional allocation. In this way, the proposed allocation is a continuation of the existing water allocation program managed by MPWMD, with additional water supply available to allocate to each jurisdiction.

The Proposed Project would not dictate the type of land use(s) that would receive the additional allocated water. While the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies.¹ Additionally, a

¹ Although it is not expected that allocations will dictate the type of land use that will receive the allocated water, State and local jurisdictional goals and policies may be taken into account, including the potential identification and preference for affordable housing planned for in general plans, housing elements, or project-specific development applications. Each jurisdiction would assess the affordable housing project for consistency with zoning, land use, and other General Plan

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water allocation is different from a water permit, which is a legal authorization granted by a regulatory authority that allows an individual or entity to access and use water from a specific source or water body. While the District will allocate water under this program, the allocation is not a permit for a specific type of use.

1.7 Discretionary Action

Implementation of the Proposed Project would require discretionary approval by the MPWMD Board of Directors and the adoption of an ordinance codifying the proposed water allocation.

1.8 Prior Environmental Documents

Table 1 provides a summary of prior environmental documents prepared for MPWMD water allocations and/or the PWM/GWR Project.

Table 1 Summary of Prior Environmental Documents

Document Title	Lead Agency	Focus of Document	Certification Date
Water Allocation Program EIR	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District	Analyzed the District’s first water allocation program and assessed impacts related to water production itself and cumulative impacts of water consumption within the District’s service area. Analyzed five levels of annual Cal-Am production, one of which was later adopted as the new water allocation limit. This limit established an annual maximum of 16,744 acre-feet for Cal-Am production and 3,137 acre-feet for non-Cal-Am production, for a total allocation of 19,881 AFY for the water resource system.	November 1990
Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project Final Consolidated EIR (“2015 EIR”), and Addenda Nos. 1, 2, and 3	Monterey One Water	Analyzed the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project which would replenish the Seaside Groundwater Basin with 3,500 AFY of purified recycled water, to replace a portion of Cal-Am’s water supply as required by state orders. Addendum No. 1 analyzed the Hilby Avenue Pump Station, which would pump water to existing injection wells; Addendum No. 2 analyzed the Monterey Pipeline, which would convey water from Seaside to a pump station in Pacific Grove; and Addendum No. 3 analyzed expanded capacity project modifications, which would provide an additional 600 AFY to the Marina Coast Water District.	Final EIR: October 2015 Addendum No. 1: June 2016 Addendum No. 2: February 2017 Addendum No. 3: October 2017
Supplemental EIR for the Proposed Modifications to the Pure Water Monterey/ Groundwater Replenishment Project (“2021 SEIR”), and Addendum No. 1	Monterey One Water	Analyzed an expansion to the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project, which would include additional wells and expanded facilities to provide an additional 2,250 AFY of treated water to the District. The Addendum analyzed changes to Deep Injection Well No. 6, including changes to the well location and depth and relocation of other facilities.	Final SEIR: April 2021 Addendum: November 2021

All prior environmental documents are available online at: <https://purewatermonterey.org/reports-docs/cfeir/>

goals and policies, as they would any other development application, including any required environmental review under CEQA at a project level. Given these considerations, such an option would not alter the discussion or conclusions in the remainder of this memorandum.

2 Overview of CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 and Section 15162

CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164 set forth the criteria for determining the appropriate additional environmental documentation, if any, to be completed when a project has a previously certified EIR.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 states that a lead agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary, but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162(a) states that no Subsequent or Supplemental EIR shall be prepared for a project with a certified EIR unless the lead agency determines, based on substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete, shows any of the following:
 - A. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR.
 - B. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR.
 - C. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.
 - D. Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

The analysis pursuant to *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162 demonstrates whether the lead agency can approve the activity as being within the scope of the existing certified EIR, that an addendum to the existing EIR would be appropriate, and no new environmental document, such as a new EIR, would be required. The addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the Final EIR, and the decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the Final EIR prior to deciding on the project.

The District has prepared this EIR Addendum, pursuant to *CEQA Guidelines* Sections 15162 and 15164, to evaluate whether the project's environmental impacts are covered by and within the scope of the 2021 SEIR for the Expanded PWM/GWR Project (certified April 2021, SCH No. 2013051094). This Addendum details any changes in the project, changes in circumstances under

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which the project is undertaken, and/or "new information of substantial importance" that may cause one or more effects to environmental resources.

The responses herein substantiate and support the District's determination that the additional water allocation is within the scope of the 2021 SEIR, do not require subsequent action under *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162 and, in conjunction with the 2021 SEIR, adequately analyze potential environmental impacts.

3 Environmental Effects and Determination

3.1 Environmental Areas Determined to Have New or Substantially More Severe Significant Effects Compared to Those Identified in the Previous EIR

The subject areas checked below were determined to be new significant environmental effects or to be previously identified effects that have a substantial increase in severity either due to a change in project, change in circumstances, or new information of substantial importance, as indicated by the checklist and discussion on the following pages.

■ NONE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Cultural Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

3.2 Determination

Based on this analysis:

- Substantial changes are proposed in the project or there are substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous EIR due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Or, there is "new information of substantial importance," as that term is used in *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162(a)(3). Therefore, a SUBSEQUENT or SUPPLEMENTAL EIR is required.

- No substantial changes are proposed in the project and there are no substantial changes in the circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that will require major revisions to the previous EIR due to the involvement of significant new environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Also, there is no "new information of substantial importance" as that term is used in *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162(a)(3). Therefore, the previously certified EIR is adequate and this evaluation serves as an ADDENDUM to the PWM/GWR Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("2021 SEIR"), State Clearinghouse Number 2013051094 dated April 2021.



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4 Addendum Evaluation Methodology

4.1 Context of the 2021 SEIR

The draft Supplemental EIR was prepared in November 2019 and evaluated the potential impacts of proposed modifications to the PWM/GWR project. Proposed modifications included the construction and operation of new and expanded injection wells and water conveyance facilities to provide an additional 2,250 AFY of treated water for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The project described in the 2021 SEIR, including the descriptions of the PWM/GWR project from earlier CEQA documents and Addendum No. 1 to the 2021 SEIR, is referred to in this Addendum as the “Original Project.” The purpose of the Supplemental EIR was to determine if the Original Project would result in new or substantially greater impacts than those identified in the PWM/GWR Final EIR. Chapter 4, *Environmental Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation Measures*, of the Supplemental EIR concluded that only one new significant impact would occur due to the Original Project, which would be a significant and unavoidable noise impact associated with drilling during construction of the new wells. No other new or substantially greater impacts to other environmental resource areas would occur.

Chapter 5, *Other Considerations*, of the Supplemental EIR determined that the Original Project could induce growth by removing an obstacle to growth in communities served by the project by making additional water supplies available. The Supplemental EIR stated that such growth could result in significant and potentially unavoidable adverse impacts on the environment. The Supplemental EIR concluded that impacts from such growth cannot be predicted with specificity and measures to reduce potential impacts are not within the jurisdiction or control of M1W or MPWMD. The 2021 SEIR was certified in April 2021.

4.2 Addendum Analysis and Format

The 2021 SEIR evaluated the construction and operational impacts of the Original Project, which included new and expanded injection wells and water conveyance facilities to provide an additional 2,250 AFY of treated water for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The following sections will summarize the impacts identified in the 2021 SEIR; discuss potential impacts, including cumulative impacts, associated with the Proposed Project; and present a conclusion regarding potential impacts associated with the Proposed Project and how they compare to operational impacts identified in the 2021 SEIR. The analysis in Section 5 follows the environmental topic areas identified in Appendix G of the *CEQA Guidelines*.

5 Addendum Evaluation

5.1 Aesthetics

2021 SEIR Findings

Aesthetics are discussed in Section 4.2, Aesthetics, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the PWM/GWR project would not result in a substantial degradation of the visual character of the project area and its surroundings. Mitigation Measure AE-3 of the PWM/GWR Final EIR requires the provision of aesthetic screening for new aboveground structures.

The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the Original Project may result in new sources of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views of the area. Mitigation Measure AE-4 of the PWM/GWR Final EIR included requirements to shield exterior lighting and prevent exterior lighting from spilling into adjacent off-site uses.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to aesthetics.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a new or substantially greater impact to aesthetics beyond what was identified in the 2021 SEIR. The project would not result in substantial adverse effects to a scenic vista, substantially damage scenic resources within a state scenic highway, conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality, or create a new source of light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views. Impacts would not be greater than those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability, which could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to aesthetics. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply,² which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning

² The "additional water supply" referred to throughout this Addendum is the 2,250 AFY of new water supply made available by the expansion of the PWM/GWR project, which was analyzed in the 2015 EIR, the 2021 SEIR, and subsequent addenda. The Proposed Project consists of the allocation of this additional water supply.

designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative aesthetics impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of aesthetics is required.

5.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

2021 SEIR Findings

Agriculture and forestry resources are discussed in Section 4.12, *Land Use, Agriculture, and Forest Resources*, of the 2021 SEIR. None of the Original Project features would be located on agricultural or forest land. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project analyzed therein would not result in new impacts or substantial changes in impacts that were analyzed in the 2015 EIR related to agriculture and forestry resources. For construction impacts that would result in the temporary conversion of agricultural lands, the 2015 EIR included Mitigation Measure LU-1, which would minimize the extent of construction disturbance within agricultural lands and would require site restoration once construction is complete.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to agriculture and forestry resources.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to agriculture and forestry resources beyond those identified in the 2021 SEIR. The Proposed Project would not result in the conversion of agricultural and forest land to non-agricultural or non-forest use and would not conflict with active Williamson Act contracts in the project area. Impacts would not be greater than those identified in the 2021 SEIR. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Additionally, because the Proposed Project would not result in impacts to agriculture and forestry resources, it would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of agriculture and forestry resources is required.

5.3 Air Quality

2021 SEIR Findings

Air quality is discussed in Section 4.3, *Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR concluded that operation of the Original Project would not conflict with MBARD's Air Quality Control Plan; expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations; or result in other emissions or odors that would adversely affect a substantial number of people. The Original Project would not introduce new stationary sources of emissions and would generate a negligible amount of vehicle traffic associated with the operation of the Original Project. The 2021 SEIR concluded that operational impacts of the Original Project would be less than significant and would not exceed those determined in the 2015 EIR.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to air quality.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to air quality. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to air quality, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not generate additional emissions that would impact air quality. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to air quality. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative air quality impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of air quality is required.

5.4 Biological Resources

2021 SEIR Findings

Biological resources are discussed in Section 4.4, *Biological Resources: Fisheries*, Section 4.5, *Biological Resources: Terrestrial*; and Section 4.13, *Marine Biological Resources*, of the 2021 SEIR. Impacts identified in each of these sections are summarized below.

Biological Resources: Fisheries

The 2021 SEIR identified that the Original Project would result in no impacts to fisheries, riparian habitats, or identified sensitive natural communities as none of the Original Project features would be located adjacent to water bodies containing fisheries habitat. Similarly, as no Original Project features would be located adjacent to water bodies, the Original Project would have no impact to wetlands, the movement of fish populations, and would not conflict with local policies protecting fishery resources or a habitat conservation or natural community conservation plan. The 2021 SEIR identified that operation of the Original Project would provide expanded water supplies to Cal-Am, thereby enabling Cal-Am to reduce its diversions from the Carmel River and having a beneficial effect on fisheries within the Carmel River system.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to fisheries.

Biological Resources: Terrestrial

The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would result in no impacts to wetlands as there are no wetlands present within the biological study area of the Original Project. The 2021 SEIR identified potentially significant impacts to special-status species and habitat associated with construction of the Original Project. The 2021 SEIR stated that Mitigation Measures BT-1a through BT-1q and MT-4 of the 2015 EIR, revised with minor modifications made in the SEIR, would continue to apply and would reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to terrestrial biological resources.

Marine Biological Resources

The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would result in no direct impacts to marine biological resources as none of the Original Project features would be located within the marine study area of the project. The 2021 SEIR also identified that the Original Project would have a beneficial effect to marine biological resources in operation as wastewater would be captured to be recycled and treated, and the Original Project would reduce the amount of contaminated waters flowing into the Monterey Bay.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to marine biological resources with implementation of Mitigation Measure HS-C2015 EIR, which would implement water quality measures to avoid exceedances of water quality objectives.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional

conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to fisheries, terrestrial biological resources, or marine biological resources. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to biological resources, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not result in changes to the environment that would impact biological resources. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to fisheries, terrestrial biological resources, or marine biological resources. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative biological resources impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of biological resources is required.

5.5 Cultural Resources

2021 SEIR Findings

Cultural resources are discussed in Section 4.6, *Cultural and Paleontological Resources*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as none are present in the PWM/GWR project's area of potential effects.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to cultural resources.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. No new ground disturbance or physical changes to the environment would occur. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to cultural resources.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to cultural resources. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the Proposed Project would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative cultural resources impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of cultural resources is required.

5.6 Energy

2021 SEIR Findings

Energy is discussed in Section 4.7, *Energy*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would not conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency. The 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would have less than significant operational impacts from energy consumption.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to energy.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to energy. The Proposed Project would not require construction that would result in greater energy impacts, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not increase energy demand. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to energy. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions

associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative energy impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of energy is required.

5.7 Geology and Soils

2021 SEIR Findings

Geology and soils impacts are discussed in Section 4.8, *Geology, Soils, and Seismicity*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that some of the impact criteria for geology, soils, and seismicity were not applicable to the Original Project; for example, the Original Project features are not located in areas subject to coastal erosion, land subsidence, or expansive soils; and the Original Project would not require the use of septic systems.

The 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would have less than significant impacts related to risk of loss, injury, or death involving exposure to seismic groundshaking and liquefaction, and the Original Project would not create a substantial risk to life or property associated with hydro-collapse as the wells would not reach depths that would create substantial risk of hydro-collapse during groundwater injection.

Additionally, the PWM/GWR Final EIR identified that there are no known paleontological resources within the project area as mapped by Monterey County, and the 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would similarly have a less than significant impact to paleontological resources. Operation of the Original Project would have no impacts to cultural or paleontological resources.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to geology and soils.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to geology and soils. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to geologic hazards, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not result in greater impacts to geology and soils. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to geology and soils. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative geology and soils impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of geology and soils is required.

5.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

2021 SEIR Findings

Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions are discussed in Section 4.3, *Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas*, in the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would result in less than significant operational GHG emissions. Although the Original Project would generate GHG emissions, these emissions would not exceed the project-specific threshold of 2,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, as identified in the 2015 EIR. Total GHG emissions associated with the Original Project would not exceed this threshold, and impacts were determined to be less than significant.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to GHG emissions.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to GHG emissions. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to GHG emissions, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not generate additional emissions that would impact GHG emissions. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to GHG emissions. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative GHG emissions impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of GHG emissions is required.

5.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

2021 SEIR Findings

Hazards and hazardous materials are discussed in Section 4.9, *Hazards, Hazardous Materials, and Wildfire*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that some of the impact criteria for hazards and hazardous materials are not applicable to the Original Project. The 2021 SEIR concluded that thresholds related to airport hazards and emergency access are not applicable to the Original Project as the modifications included therein would not include the construction or operation of habitable structures within two miles of an airport, and operation of the Original Project would not interfere with Monterey County's Emergency Operations Plan. Additionally, the 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would not involve hazardous emissions, and impact criteria pertaining to hazardous emissions near schools would not apply. The 2021 SEIR also determined that operation of the Original Project would not increase the risk of wildfires, and impact criteria pertaining to wildland fire hazards and risks in a post-wildfire environment would not apply to the Original Project.

The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the Original Project would not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Additionally, the 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project features would not be located on a known hazardous materials site, and operation of the Original Project would not result in a significant hazard to people or the environment due to existing hazardous materials within the project area.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to hazards and hazardous materials.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to hazards and hazardous materials. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to hazards and hazardous materials, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not result in further impacts to hazards and hazardous materials. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to hazards and hazardous materials. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the Proposed Project would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative hazards and hazardous materials impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of hazards and hazardous materials is required.

5.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

2021 SEIR Findings

Hydrology and water quality impacts are discussed in Section 4.10, *Hydrology and Water Quality: Groundwater*, and Section 4.11, *Hydrology and Water Quality: Surface Water*, of the 2021 SEIR. Impacts identified in each of these sections are summarized below.

Hydrology and Water Quality: Groundwater

This section of the 2021 SEIR addresses impacts associated with water quality standards, waste discharge requirements, and degradation of groundwater quality; and impacts associated with decreasing groundwater supplies or interference with sustainable groundwater management.

The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the Original Project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. The 2021 SEIR stated the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin would benefit from the Original Project as additional recycled water would be available for groundwater recharge. The 2021 SEIR also

determined that operation of the Original Project would not deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge in the Seaside Basin.

The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the Original Project would not degrade groundwater quality in the Seaside Basin. The Original Project would have additional beneficial impacts related to groundwater salinity, and in some cases, would have beneficial impacts related to nutrient concentrations in groundwater. Overall, the 2021 SEIR concludes the Original Project would have a beneficial impact on groundwater quality, the safety of water supply for human consumption, and sustainable use of the Seaside Basin.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to groundwater hydrology and water quality.

Hydrology and Water Quality: Surface Water

This section of the 2021 SEIR addresses impacts associated with surface water quality standards, waste discharge requirements, and degradation of surface water quality; impacts that may occur due to alteration of the existing drainage pattern of the site or area; impacts associated pollutant release for areas subject to floods, tsunamis, or seiche; or conflicts with a water quality control plan.

The 2021 SEIR determined that operation of the Original Project would result in no impacts associated with the risk of pollutant release due to project inundation. In operation, the 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would not violate water quality standards or waste discharge requirements and would not otherwise substantially degrade surface water quality due to well maintenance discharges. The 2021 SEIR also determined that the Original Project would have less than significant impacts related to alteration of existing drainage patterns or conflicts with a water quality control plan. The 2021 SEIR stated the Original Project would have a beneficial impact on the Carmel River as it would provide an alternate water supply that would allow Cal-Am to reduce the amount of water it drafts from the Carmel River.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to surface water hydrology and water quality.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to hydrology and water quality. The Proposed Project would not require construction that could result in impacts to hydrology or water quality, and operation of the project would occur via existing infrastructure and would not generate additional runoff or wastewater that would impact water quality. The Proposed Project would make additional water supply available to Monterey Bay area jurisdictions, and would allow Cal-Am to reduce the amount of water it drafts from the Carmel River. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to hydrology and water quality. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via

separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative hydrology and water quality impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of hydrology and water quality is required.

5.11 Land Use and Planning

2021 SEIR Findings

Land use and planning is discussed in Section 4.12, *Land Use, Agriculture, and Forest Resources*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that Original Project would conflict with existing land use designations and other policies adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. However, operational impacts would be less than significant with implementation of all mitigation measures included in the PWM/GWR Project Final EIR.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to land use and planning.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to land use and planning. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to land and planning. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not conflict with local land use planning documents and would not result in physical changes to the environment that would conflict with a policy adopted to avoid or mitigate an environmental effect.

Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative land use and planning impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of land use and planning is required.

5.12 Mineral Resources

2021 SEIR Findings

A discussion of mineral resources is provided in Section 4.7, *Energy*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would not result in the loss of availability of known mineral resources, and no operational or cumulative impacts to mineral resources would occur.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to mineral resources.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. However, construction and operation of new development would not result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to mineral resources because, as indicated by the 2015 EIR and 2021 SEIR, none are known to occur in the project area. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative mineral resources impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of mineral resources is required.

5.13 Noise

2021 SEIR Findings

Noise is discussed in Section 4.14, *Noise and Vibration*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR found that the only significant and unavoidable impact associated with the Original Project would be the generation of noise associated with drilling of the new wells. Mitigation Measures NV-1a through NV-1f would be implemented, which would require noise reduction measures and compensation for

affected residences, but would not reduce construction noise impacts to a less than significant level. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would have less than significant operational impacts with implementation of Mitigation Measure NV-2, which would require stationary source noise controls.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to noise and vibration. Although the Original Project would result in significant and unavoidable noise impacts, these impacts would be temporary and would occur during construction only, and the Original Project would not result in a cumulatively considerable contribution to cumulative noise impacts.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to noise. The Proposed Project would not require construction that would generate noise, and the Proposed Project would not worsen the significant and unavoidable impacts associated with the Original Project. In operation, the Proposed Project would not generate noise. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to noise. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative noise impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of noise is required.

5.14 Population and Housing

2021 SEIR Findings

Population and housing impacts are discussed in Section 4.15, *Population and Housing*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project would not directly induce population

growth or result in the displacement of people or housing. The 2021 SEIR concluded that the Original Project would not directly contribute to long-term cumulative population growth.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not involve the construction of housing or businesses that would directly induce population growth, and operation of the project would not displace existing people or housing. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to population and housing. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could induce population growth. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Accordingly, the Proposed Project would not result in substantial unplanned population growth, and the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative population and housing impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of population and housing is required.

5.15 Public Services

2021 SEIR Findings

Public services are discussed in Section 4.16, *Public Services, Utilities, and Recreation*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR concluded that the Original Project would not result in increased demands for fire and police services, schools, or parks that would result in the need for new or expanded facilities and impacts would be less than significant.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to public services.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not directly involve the construction and operation of new residences or businesses that would require increased demands for public services. Therefore, impacts of the Proposed Project would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to public services. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative public services impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of public services is required.

5.16 Recreation

2021 SEIR Findings

Recreation is discussed in Section 4.16, *Public Services, Utilities, and Recreation*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR concluded that the Original Project would not result in accelerated deterioration of recreational facilities and would not require new or expanded recreational facilities. Impacts would be less than significant.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to recreation.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. As discussed above in Section 5.15, *Public Services*, the Proposed Project would not directly induce population growth and therefore would not result in impacts to recreational facilities or increase demand for recreational facilities. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to recreation. As discussed above in Section 5.15, *Public Services*, the Proposed Project would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with the water allocation. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative recreation impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of recreation is required.

5.17 Transportation

2021 SEIR Findings

Transportation is evaluated in Section 4.17, *Traffic and Transportation*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR found that the Original Project would result in less than significant construction and operational traffic impacts. Some construction impacts, such as construction traffic safety, roadway deterioration, and parking interference, would be less than significant with implementation of Mitigation Measures TR-1 through TR-4 identified in the PWM/GWR Project Final EIR. In operation, the Original Project would result in small traffic increases and operational traffic impacts would be less than significant.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to transportation.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in new or substantially greater impacts to transportation. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to transportation. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and

the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative transportation impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of transportation is required.

5.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

2021 SEIR Findings

Tribal cultural resources are discussed in Section 4.6, *Cultural and Paleontological Resources*. The PWM/GWR Project Final EIR did not identify any tribal cultural resources within the area of potential effects. Accordingly, the 2021 SEIR determined the Original Project would not result in substantial adverse change to tribal cultural resources and no impact would occur.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to tribal cultural resources.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not require ground disturbance or physical changes to the environment that would impact tribal cultural resources. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to tribal cultural resources. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative tribal cultural resources impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of tribal cultural resources is required.

5.19 Utilities and Service Systems

2021 SEIR Findings

Utilities and service systems are discussed in Section 4.16, *Public Services, Utilities, and Recreation*, and Section 4.18, *Water Supply and Wastewater Systems*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR found that the Original Project would not result in adverse effects on landfill capacity and would not conflict with statutes and regulations related to solid waste. The 2021 SEIR determined that there would be sufficient water supplies available for operation of the Original Project, and operation of the Original Project would not result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project. Impacts to utilities and service systems were found to be less than significant.

The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to utilities and service systems.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance or distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not require construction of additional utilities and would not result in greater impacts to utilities and service systems. As identified in the 2021 SEIR, there would be adequate water supply to serve the water allocation. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to utilities and service. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative utilities and service system impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of utilities and service systems is required.

5.20 Wildfire

2021 SEIR Findings

Wildfire is discussed in Section 4.9, *Hazards, Hazardous Materials, and Wildfire* of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR found that the Original Project would not increase the risk of wildland fires in high fire hazard areas, and impacts would be less than significant. The 2021 SEIR found there would be no significant construction or operational cumulative impacts to wildfire.

Addendum Analysis

The Proposed Project would involve allocating up to an additional 2,250 AFY of water to jurisdictions within MPWMD's service area. The Proposed Project would not require construction of additional conveyance and distribution facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in physical changes to the environment that would change existing risk associated with wildfire. Impacts would not exceed those identified in the 2021 SEIR.

The new water supply made available to Monterey Peninsula jurisdictions could facilitate development that was previously not possible due to a lack of water availability. Construction and operation of new development could result in substantial adverse cumulative effects to wildfire. However, while the Proposed Project would determine the assigned share of water supply available to each jurisdiction, it would not directly influence or determine the specific land use decisions associated with that water allocation. Land use decisions would be made via separate planning and regulatory processes of each jurisdiction, which are influenced by factors beyond the water allocation, such as zoning, environmental considerations, and local policies. Development made possible by the additional water supply, which would be allocated to jurisdictions via the Proposed Project, would be subject to separate environmental review and would be required to comply with the regulations and policies of the applicable jurisdiction. The Proposed Project would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and the additional water allocation would allow for development within those jurisdictions consistent with approved land use designations, zoning designations, and the applicable municipal code. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a considerable contribution to cumulative wildfire impacts.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of wildfire is required.

5.21 Growth Inducement

2021 SEIR Findings

Growth inducement refers to the potential for a proposed project to stimulate or encourage additional development or growth in an area, including through the removal of an obstacle to growth. Growth does not necessarily create significant physical changes to the environment. However, depending upon the type, magnitude, and location of growth, it can result in significant adverse environmental effects. A project's growth inducing potential is therefore considered significant if project-induced growth could result in significant physical effects in one or more environmental issue areas.

Growth Inducement is addressed in two locations in the 2021 SEIR. The first, Impact PH-2 in Section 4.15, *Population and Housing*, focuses on operations-related growth inducement. As discussed therein, operation of the Original Project would not result in substantial population growth *directly* during project operations. The potential secondary effects of growth inducement associated with removing limitations on water supply as an obstacle to growth are discussed in Section 5.2, *Growth Inducement*, of the 2021 SEIR. The 2021 SEIR determined that the Original Project could accommodate additional growth by serving legal lots of record and anticipated buildout under each jurisdiction's General Plan, if such growth is approved by the relevant jurisdictions. The 2021 SEIR states that discretionary governmental approvals would be required for new development, the secondary effects of which would be evaluated under CEQA at a project level (page 5-7 of the 2021 SEIR). Ultimately, this section of the 2021 SEIR concluded that the Original Project would remove an obstacle to growth that could result in adverse physical environmental effects. These effects are summarized in Table 5-2 on page 5-7 of the 2021 SEIR and include 26 significant and unavoidable impacts related to aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation, population, land use, and cumulative impacts.

Addendum Analysis

As discussed above, the 2021 SEIR analyzed the growth-inducing and secondary environmental effects associated with 2,250 AFY of new water supply generated by the Original Project. The 2021 SEIR additionally acknowledges that MPWMD would allocate the new water generated by the Original Project, as a continuation of the District's ongoing allocation program. The Proposed Project would not generate additional supply beyond the 2,250 AFY analyzed in the 2021 SEIR. Rather, it would allocate the water to local jurisdictions. These allocations would not modify existing land uses within any of the jurisdictions within the MPWMD service area, and new development could not occur without discretionary approvals from the relevant jurisdictions, which may require additional project-specific CEQA review. Projects approved ministerially would have limited environmental impacts, and would be consistent with approved land use designations and policies. Although future project-specific CEQA review may be required, the 2021 SEIR did not defer to future CEQA review but rather acknowledged the potential for significant effects resulting from the allocation or distribution of water. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR already analyzed the growth-inducing and secondary environmental effects associated with the proposed water allocation, and the actual allocation of water would not result in new significant impacts or mitigation measures.

Conclusion

The Proposed Project would not result in new significant impacts beyond those addressed or analyzed in the 2021 SEIR, nor would it result in significant impacts which are more severe than those described in the 2021 SEIR. Therefore, the 2021 SEIR applies to the Proposed Project and no additional environmental assessment of other CEQA considerations is required.

6 Conclusion

The District, acting as the lead agency, has determined that an addendum to the 2021 SEIR is the appropriate environmental document under CEQA because the Proposed Project would not require revisions to the 2021 SEIR due to new significant environmental effects or substantial increases in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the 2021 SEIR.

There are no changed circumstances or new information that meet the standards requiring further environmental review under *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162. Thus, the Proposed Project would not result in new or more severe significant impacts beyond what were addressed in the 2021 SEIR and would not meet any other standards under *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162(a)(3). No additional analysis is required based on the discussions throughout this addendum. The Proposed Project would not result in new significant or substantially more severe significant impacts that were not discussed in the 2021 SEIR. Accordingly, no additional CEQA review is required.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 states that “[t]he lead agency or a responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.” An addendum is therefore appropriate because, as explained above, none of the conditions calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.

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