

EXHIBIT 8-A
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May __, 2025

Mr. David J. Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Letter of Agreement – July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Dear Mr. Stoldt:

The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) is pleased to submit this letter of agreement to continue to provide Washington representation and consulting services to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), as outlined in the TFG “Response to RFQ for Federal Legislative and Agency Lobbyist” services dated December 1, 2016, for the twelve-month period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. As described in the RFQ response, TFG will provide Washington representation services to MPWMD and perform such work as directed by MPWMD on a fixed fee basis, at the rate of \$6,300 per month. Among other things, TFG will continue to assist MPWMD in securing federal financial assistance, raising the visibility of the MPWMD projects, and securing congressional support for the activities of the MPWMD. Among other things, TFG will focus on securing federal assistance for the Carmel River Management Plan, including upgrading the monitoring program on the Carmel River to a full Life Cycle Monitoring Station. TFG will also assist MPWMD with scheduling and preparing for advocacy meetings with the MPWMD congressional delegation, key House and Senate Committee offices and administration officials, and, perform such other tasks as directed by MPWMD.

In addition to the monthly fixed fee, MPWMD will be responsible for reimbursable expenses associated with carrying out the requested work, including long distance telephone calls, faxes, document production, overnight delivery, in-Town courier services, meals and out-of-Town travel (both pre-approved by MPWMD), and in-Town travel (taxicabs). Reimbursable expenses for the twelve-month contract period shall not exceed \$3,500, as indicated in the aforementioned RFQ response.

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior notice, in writing, of such termination.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue our work with MPWMD and look forward to a very productive year. If the terms of this letter of agreement are acceptable, please sign both originals, and return one to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

W. Roger Gwinn
CEO

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:

THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICTW. Roger Gwinn
CEO

David J. Stoldt
General Manager

05/12/2025
Date

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