



Supplement to May 19, 2025 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached is a letter received on April 21, 2025. This letter is listed in the meeting packet for Monday, May 19, 2025, under Letters Received and Sent.

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letter to editor

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To Sara Reyes <Sara@mpwmd.net>

Hi Sara - missed getting this in for tonight but sending it for next time. Thanks for all you do!!!
From the Herald

Water demand

Cal Am's commentary on March 13 states we need 14,480 acre-feet a year of water by 2050. Dave Stoldt, general manager, MPWMD, rightly pointed out, "this would be a 52% growth rate for a 25-year period, a gross exaggeration." Why is Cal Am the only party stating this high supply estimate in the current CPUC hearing? In this proceeding, 2050 demand forecasts were submitted by the CPUC Public Advocates Office, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Marina Coast Water District, and City of Marina -- all were within a few hundred acre-feet of each other. Their estimates showed an average of 11,000 AFY would be needed by 2050. Cal Am's inflated "complex" forecast is thousands of acre-feet higher. With Pure Water Monterey Expansion, we'll have over 12,000 AF of annual supply.

Let's hope the CPUC is not swayed by Cal Am's false arguments. The Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) could be lifted now--Monterey One's recycled water, already in the system, has made over pumping the Carmel River unnecessary for more than three years. But Cal Am refuses to request the state lift the CDO because they need it to justify building a desal plant that would raise our water rates another 50-75%. The voters' choice for buyout under Measure J is now in court. If the decision is in favor of the district, we will finally have an honest water provider who has the public's interest in mind.

— Susan Schiavone, Seaside