

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Draft Board of Directors Statement re: Public Water Now Initiative

The MPWMD is focused on providing the Monterey Peninsula with a long term sustainable water supply for our families and future generations. Our staff as well as our Board of Directors take any and all issues regarding this precious resource seriously and give each one our utmost attention. Recently, the citizen's group, Public Water Now, delivered a Notice of Intention to Circulate Initiative Petition to our offices. This petition asks for signatures and support of an effort to "establish a policy to acquire, if economically feasible, the water system assets of the California American Water Company within the District's Territory". As a board we can take no definitive action until the results of the petition drive have been officially submitted and received by the County's Election office. However, in light of the the Cease and Desist order from the State and of the complex nature of the proposed endeavor, our senior staff will begin to lay the groundwork for a plan to move forward should the wishes of the residents or our District warrant it. We are wholly committed to working with all public and private entities on a timely and cost effective solution to the water supply issues facing the Monterey Peninsula.