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## What happens if we vote yes?

## Why is Measure O a bad idea?

If approved, Measure O requires the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to do a feasibility study before moving forward with a takeover. However, we're given no information about how much this study would cost, how the MPWMD would interpret the results, nor does it force them to come back to voters for a final decision. Measure O would give a blank check – with no oversight – to the MPWMD to study seizure of the water delivery system from Cal-Am. In 2005, the proposed study was estimated to cost \$550,000. Today, the price tag could reach \$1 million or more. Furthermore, it could delay the construction of a desal plant that is the long-term solution to the Peninsula's water shortage issues.

## Who is A Risk We Cannot Afford Committee, No on Measure O?

## Who are your ballot signers?

## Who signed your rebuttal argument?

## **Won't our rates be cheaper if water distribution is managed by the public sector?**

Just because the government is running something instead of the private sector does not ensure that it is run more efficiently. Government operations incur all kinds of expenses that the private sector doesn't, which ultimately can lead to local residents paying the bill through increased taxes and/or water bills. Currently the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District spends an average of over \$100,000 on each employee.

## **Didn't voters in Felton pass a similar measure?**

## **How much will it ultimately cost voters in Felton to purchase the system from Cal-Am?**

## **Have Felton residents seen a decrease in their water rates?**

## **Won't a public takeover ensure increased public oversight?**

No. Currently oversight of local water rates is done by the California Public Utilities Commission which undertakes a grueling and thorough analysis of proposed rates. Additional protections are provided through the Office of Ratepayer Advocates that represent the interests of rate payers by insuring the lowest possible rates. If the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District takes control, these safeguards to protect ratepayers will not exist. MPWMD will have no oversight whatsoever in the setting of water rates.

## **Doesn't the MPWMD have its own experts better qualified to study and provide recommendations for solving our area's water shortage?**

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District primarily exists to augment the water supply for the Monterey Peninsula. Despite costing over \$100,000,000 of taxpayer dollars over 35 years, MPWMD has failed to find any new large source of water for Monterey County. Their record does not inspire confidence that they would be any more successful in an area in which they have no expertise, institutional knowledge or infrastructure.

**Haven't we already voted and denied a public takeover of our water system?**

**With water bills increasing, isn't this the ideal time for a public takeover?**

**Is Cal-Am for Sale?**

**Who else could be hurt if Measure O passes?**

Supporting documents:

- **Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority Resolution No. 14**  
([http://riskwecannotafford.com/body/MPRWA\\_RESOLUTION\\_NO14.pdf](http://riskwecannotafford.com/body/MPRWA_RESOLUTION_NO14.pdf))
- **Letter from Mayor Jason Burnett to MCDCC Chair Koller**  
([http://riskwecannotafford.com/body/Mayor\\_Burnett\\_Letter.pdf](http://riskwecannotafford.com/body/Mayor_Burnett_Letter.pdf))

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