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Clerk of the Board
Monterey County Board of Supervisors
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Subject: MPWMD Comments on Monterey County Well Regulation Issues; October 22, 2013 Meeting, Item 23 [REF120022/Well Ordinance]

Dear Chairperson Armenta:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the above-referenced agenda item. Our technical staff recently had a productive meeting about our respective agencies' well ordinance revisions with County staff representing the Resource Management Agency, Health Department, and Water Resources Agency. Our respective staffs will continue to meet to ensure consistency among agency regulations and reduce duplication to better serve the public.

Due to pressing deadlines and other commitments, District technical staff members are unable to attend the Board of Supervisors' October 22, 2013 meeting. However, I respectfully request the County provide a means in its future Well Ordinance (and its associated Administrative Procedures Manual) to enable County staff to coordinate with MPWMD to:

- (1) set separate in-stream flow triggers and buffer zones for streams in Carmel Valley, which may differ than those used in the Salinas Valley and other parts of Monterey County;
- (2) set separate triggers and buffer zones for determination of impact to neighboring wells in Carmel Valley and the Seaside Groundwater Basin, which may differ than those used in other parts of Monterey County; and
- (3) enable MPWMD to request in writing that certain wells slated for replacement (and associated destruction) be reserved for use by MPWMD as monitor wells.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at 831/658-5650 or dstoldt@mpwmd.net if you have questions.

Sincerely,


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