Submitted by staff at 1/20/15 Meeting Item 2

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

Members Include: Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Associated General Contractors – Monterey District

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Mr. Dave Stoldt General Manager MPWMD P.O. Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942-0085

MPWMD

Dear Dave,

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses has reviewed the draft ordinance *establishing water permit requirements for outdoor seating at restaurants*. After discussion with Monterey County Hospitality Association representatives and other Coalition members we would hope that this agenda item will be postponed until the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses has appropriate time to review and comment.

As you are aware, we the Coalition were not in favor of this topic moving forward and conceded with a compromise only after it was evident that the topic would not be pulled.

The draft ordinance is written in a rather simplistic fashion, yet we view the topic as being very complex with the potential of triggering some very serious unintentional consequences. We would request that this agenda item be pulled from the Water Demand Committee Meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The Coalition would also formerly request a study session with your staff prior to this topic moving forward.

We appreciate your consideration,

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