

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Water Supply Project
Environmental Impact Report
Notice of Preparation**

To Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) is proposing a water supply project that will:

- provide legal compliance for reliably supplying water to meet the existing level of California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) system production of 15,285 acre feet annually (AFA) as a short-term goal and
- augment the community water supply as a long-term goal.

A major component of the project is an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) element. Equipment needed to divert, treat, transport, inject and extract water would be located in portions of Carmel Valley and within an area of Fort Ord currently under U.S. Army ownership. The MPWMD will also be evaluating other water supply options include local desalination and the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project.

The MPWMD is the lead agency under CEQA, and has determined that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared that could also function as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) suitable for federal agency use.

The MPWMD needs to know your views regarding the scope and issues that should be evaluated in the environmental study of the water supply project. The MPWMD requests that comments be submitted at the earliest possible date, but not later than July 17, 2002. Comments should be sent to:

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The MPWMD plans to hold scoping meetings to solicit public and agency input to the planning process and impact assessment for the water supply project. Meetings will be held on July 10, 2002 at the following locations:

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Bldg. G.
Monterey, CA
2 PM

Oldemeyer Center
986 Hilby Avenue
Seaside, CA
7 PM