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## 20210517 NSAM CO Comments to MPWMD Board of Directors regarding proposed Ordinance 187

Good evening, Chair and District Directors. I am CAPT Paul Dale, the Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Monterey, home to Naval Postgraduate School and Fleet Numerical.

I want to begin my remarks by acknowledging the Board's consideration of the Navy's needs by delaying the first reading of the ordinance to evaluate its impacts to the installation. I want to especially extend what we in the Navy call a "Bravo Zulu", or "Well Done", to Ms. Stephanie Locke and Ms. Stephanie Kister for their extensive work with my staff to provide analysis, explanations and education regarding District Rules and applicability to Navy mission. We have learned a lot and become more knowledgeable about the process.

While we continue to have concerns about credit availability to support Navy operations, we are grateful for the Water District's willingness to work closely with the Navy and provide flexibility for us to successfully execute our mission.

As you are aware, Navy conservation efforts have been documented with the District since the 1980s. NPS was even awarded membership into your "Water Miser Club" in 1989!

We have continued that aggressive conservation-focused behavior, and through the removal of irrigation systems and landscaping alone, we have saved the Peninsula an estimated 30 acre feet of water annually since 2015.

The Navy has suggested special considerations for Department of Defense projects as far back as 1992. We are thus grateful for, and can support, the creation of a DoD Jurisdiction and, as stated in your findings, will work with our Army and Coast Guard counterparts when that future allocation occurs, to determine the appropriate mechanism to assign individual allocation amounts.

Again, I want to thank you for your time, your staff's knowledge, and our continued relationship with the District. We look forward to a future Department of Defense allocation and a permanent and sustainable water solution for the Monterey Peninsula region. Thank you very much and have a good evening.

**Additional Material for the MPWMD Board of Director's Meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021 for Item No. 12.**

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