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Joel - please include this in the next board meeting packet and share it with the Board - I responded to Mr. Chessire's editorial with lots of misinformation about measure J.

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Measure J Says Buy CalAm

Ron Chessire's arguments against Measure J in his April 11th guest editorial, are replete with misinformation. Measure J never told voters it would be quick and easy. Nor has there been any rush; it has been five years since passage.

Feasibility is not in the "eye of the beholder" as Chessire asserts. Feasibility was determined through analysis by the Raftelis utility consulting firm in 2019, a highly rated national firm. LAFCO voted against its own staff and consultants. The district has sold retail water to Pebble Beach for some time, making that permission unnecessary. Mr. Chessire asserts Measure J does not mean a voter mandate to buy the water system. Measure J does mandate purchase of the water system as long as it is feasible to do so, and clearly states "It shall be the policy of the District, if and when feasible, to secure and maintain public ownership of all water production, storage and delivery system assets and infrastructure providing services within its territory." Further, Measure J states "The District shall acquire through negotiation, or through eminent domain, if necessary, all assets of California American Water, or any successor in interest to California American Water, for the benefit of the District as a whole."

Demonizing MPWMD side steps the reality that it was 56% of the voters in the district who passed Measure J, who want to do away with being held captive by a private company that gouges the ratepayers and pushes for profit over everything else.

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