



AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. [PST]

Meeting Location: MPWMD – Main Conference Room
 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board of Directors</u> George Riley, Chair – Division 2 Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair – Mayoral Representative Amy Anderson, Chair – Division 5 Alvin Edwards – Division 1 Rebecca Lindor – Division 3 Karen Paull – Division 4 Kate Daniels – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>General Manager</u> David J. Stoldt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assistant General Manager</u> Mike McCullough</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mission Statement</u> Sustainably manage and augment the water resources of the Monterey Peninsula to meet the needs of its residents and businesses while protecting, restoring, and enhancing its natural and human environments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vision Statement</u> Model ethical, responsible, and responsive governance in pursuit of our mission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board’s Goals and Objectives</u> Are available online at: https://www.mpwmd.net/who-we-are/mission-vision-goals/</p>
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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – *The General Manager will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – *Anyone wishing to address the Board on Consent Calendar, Information Items, Closed Session items, or matters not listed on the agenda may do so only during Oral Communications. Please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. The public may comment on all other items at the time they are presented to the Board.*

CONSENT CALENDAR - *The Consent Calendar consists of routine items for which staff has prepared a recommendation. Approval of the Consent Calendar ratifies the staff recommendation. Consent Calendar items may be pulled for separate consideration at the request of a member of the public, or a member of the Board. Following adoption of the remaining Consent Calendar items, staff will give a brief presentation on the pulled item. Members of the public are requested to limit individual comment on pulled Consent Items to three (3) minutes. Unless noted with double asterisks “**”, Consent Calendar items do not constitute a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378.*

1. Consider Adoption of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2025
2. Consider Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Telemetrix Consulting Services for Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Monitoring and Control Systems
3. Authorize Funds to Contract for a Limited-Term Field Position For FY 2025-2026
4. Consider Reclassifying the Meter Coordinator Position to Water Resources Technician Position
5. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for February 2025
6. Consider Authorization of Various Software Maintenance Agreements
7. Consider Authorization to Contract with The Pun Group LLP to Conduct Annual Financial Audits
8. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Distribution System Production Summary Report for Water Year 2024
9. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Production Summary Report for Water Year 2024
10. Receive Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mitigation Program Annual Report

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER MIKE MCCULLOUGH

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

11. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision (*Verbal Report*)

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

12. Report from District Counsel

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

13. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

ACTION ITEMS – *Public Comment will be received. Please limit your comments three (3) minutes per item.*

14. Consider Removal of 9 Ordinance No. References from the District Website

Recommended Action: *The Board will consider removing Ordinances listed on the District website that were not acted upon.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS - *The public may address the Board on Informational Items and Staff Reports during the Oral Communications portion of the meeting. Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

15. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000
16. Status Report on Expenditures – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System
17. Letters Received and Sent Supplemental Letter Packet
18. Committee Reports
19. Monthly Allocation Report
20. Water Conservation Program Report for March 2025
21. Carmel River Fishery Report for March 2025
22. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report
23. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report
[Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10 and 2016-0016, and the Seaside Basin Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources]

ADJOURNMENT

Board Meeting Schedule		
Monday, May 19, 2025	<i>Regular</i>	6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 29, 2025	<i>Special Meeting-Budget Workshop</i>	6:00 p.m.

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Attend In-Person

The Board meeting will be held in the Main Conference Room at **5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93942** and has limited seating capacity.

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Send written comments to District Office, 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA or online at comments@mpwmd.net. Include the following subject line: "PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #" (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment). Written comments must be received by 3:00 PM on Monday, April 21, 2025. All submitted comments will be provided to the Board of Directors, compiled as part of the record, and placed on the District’s website as part of the agenda packet for the meeting. Correspondence is not read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**1. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON MARCH 17, 2025**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
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From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
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Prepared By:	Sara Reyes	Cost Estimate:	N/A
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General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Attached for consideration are the draft minutes of the MPWMD Board of Directors' Regular Meeting on March 17, 2025 (**Exhibit 1-A**).**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board will consider adopting the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 17, 2025.**EXHIBIT****1-A** MPWMD Board of Directors' Regular Meeting on March 17, 2025

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EXHIBIT 1-A

**Draft Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940 AND
By Teleconferencing Means - *Zoom*

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Amy Anderson
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull – via Zoom
George Riley, Chair

Board Members Absent

Ian Oglesby, Vice Chair

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer / Administrative Services Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

General Manager David Stoldt reported that there were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Anderson offered a motion, seconded by Edwards, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

The following agenda items were accepted as part of the Consent Calendar:

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 24, 2025 and the Special Meeting/Board Workshop on February 28, 2025**
2. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for January 2025**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

General Manager Stoldt made two announcements:

- “Fix A Leak Week” begins today and runs through March 23, 2025. Ads will appear later this week in the Monterey County Weekly. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) encourages the replacement of leaky or old devices, such as toilet flappers.
- The District has hired an Assistant General Manager. A press release was sent out today, and Mr. Stoldt read from it: “The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District announces the arrival of Mike McCullough as the new Assistant General Manager”. Mr. McCullough will start with the District on April 3, 2025.

3. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision

General Manager Stoldt provided information on the status of this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Basin Decision as of March 1, 2025”. The board engaged in discussions. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comment was made to the Board:

- 1) Michael Baer, expressed concern about CalAm’s management of the water budget, noting that there are still 2,000 acre-feet of water available with seven months remaining. He hopes CalAm can be encouraged to use the available water before summer.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

4. Report From District Counsel

- District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 23 of the meeting packet and provided a brief overview.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

5. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

- Chair Riley referenced an article from the Monterey Herald on March 16, 2025, titled Responsible Water Management written by the Director of Engineering for CalAm. Chair Riley asked the General Manager and Board if they read the article and whether the District should respond to it or leave it unaddressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

6. Consider Adoption of 2024 MPWMD Annual Report

General Manager Dave Stoldt referred to the staff report on page 31 and reviewed the draft outline of the Annual Report. Mr. Stoldt reported staff identified a few minor edits that will be made which may shift the look of the

paragraphs. The Board engaged in discussion and provided suggestions.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Michael Baer praised the document but noted a discrepancy on page 2 regarding surplus rain leading to record injections into the Seaside Basin. He pointed out that it mentions 3,829 acre-feet from the Carmel River, which exceeds the allowed limit. He questioned how this amount was possible and suggested it might be an error.
- 2) Margaret Anne Coppernoll, praised the annual report but expressed concern about a paragraph mentioning groundwater as a bridge until a desalination plant is built. She questioned whether this statement was political or had a specific rationale.
- 3) Tom Rowley, Vice-President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, noted that tourism has not yet returned to 2019 levels, impacting water usage, especially in hotels. He also mentioned that the Board needs to be aware of upcoming water demands for new hotels and apartments being built on Garden Road.

A motion was made by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Lindor, to adopt the 2024 MPWMD Annual Report and the suggestions/edits as presented by the Board. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull and Riley), and 0 Noes.

7. Consider Adoption of April through June 2025 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, provided information on the status of this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of Apr – Jun 2025 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for California American Water”. The board engaged in discussion. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

A motion was made by Director, seconded by Director Edwards, to adopt the April through June 2025 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

8. Consider Approval of Additional Budget for Legal Services from Shute Mihaly & Weinberger

General Manager Stoldt provided an overview of this item and referenced his report on page 47. The board engaged in discussions.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Anderson, seconded by Director Edwards, to approve an additional budget of \$100,000 for Shute Mihaly & Weinberger. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

9. Consider Adoption of District Strategic Goals and Objectives for 2025

Chair Riley commented on the great participation by the Board and the positive outcomes developed. General Manager Stoldt also discussed the process and referenced the Draft Goals on page 51, highlighting some new areas of focus for the Board. The board engaged in discussions.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- (1) Susan Schiavone praised the Board and staff for their goal setting, emphasizing the importance of purchasing the water system. She appreciated their involvement with the Seaside Watermaster Group and their focus on mitigation efforts and responsible stewardship of the river.
- (2) Margaret Anne Coppernoll praised the Board for their hard work and dedication, highlighting the achievement of injecting half a billion gallons of rainwater into the storage. She expressed appreciation for the Board's efforts and high standards.

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Edwards, to adopt the proposed District Strategic Goals and Objectives for 2025. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

10. Consider Repeal of Ordinance No. 152

General Manager Stoldt reviewed his report and outlined options under Ordinance No. 152. He requested the Board's guidance on whether to repeal, reduce, or suspend the Ordinance. The board engaged in discussions.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- (1) Tom Rowley, Vice President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, emphasized the need for a new, inclusive stakeholders committee to represent key organizations in Monterey County. He thanked the Board for considering the repeal and urged a fresh start with broader representation.
- (2) Marc Kelley complimented the Board on their elegant solution to a challenging ongoing litigation, praising their approach. He expressed his gratitude for their efforts.

11. Discuss Seaside Subbasin Groundwater Divide Technical Memorandum

General Manager Stoldt reported that the Water Supply Planning Committee requested this item be discussed by the Board. Mr. Stoldt reviewed the technical memorandum and stated that the goal is to get direction from the Board on whether the District should communicate these findings with the watermaster. The board engaged in discussions.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- (1) Susan Schiavone emphasized the importance of providing complete information to ensure recipients can respond appropriately. She supported sending the letter, expressing approval and appreciation for sharing the information.
- (2) Marc Kelley discussed the need for collaboration between the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster, and the District to address water movement and boundaries. He emphasized the urgency of balancing the valley's water by 2040 and noted that adjusting political boundaries to align with actual water movement would be a significant achievement.

Counsel Laredo suggested that the Board make a motion to authorize the District to send a letter as discussed by the group.

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Edwards, to authorize the District to send a letter to the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

12. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000

13. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System

14. Letters Received and Sent

15. Committee Reports**16. Monthly Allocation Report****17. Water Conservation Program Report for January 2025****18. Carmel River Fishery Report for January 2025****19. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

These items were informational only and no action was taken. Copies of these reports are available at the District office and can be found on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on _____, 2025

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**2. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TELEMETRIX CONSULTING SERVICES FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD REARING FACILITY MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Protect Environmental Quality 2-3-1-N
Prepared By:	Thomas Christensen	Cost Estimate:	\$ 35,408

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025 and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: Exempt under §15262.**

SUMMARY: This item is to authorize an agreement with Telemetrix (TMX) to provide up to 100 hours of consultant service to assist staff with plant operations and troubleshooting, maintain instruments, provide plant electrical equipment service, provide staff training, maintain a web service to provide remote access to on site controls, provide telecommunications, provide 24-hour alarm monitoring, and to provide archival operational monitoring data. It also includes costs associated with parts that need periodic replacement such as sensors.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Telemetrix, Inc. for consultant services in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,408.

DISCUSSION: The upgrade of the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility completed in 2021 includes a sophisticated Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), water and air measurement instrumentation and other equipment that monitors and controls most functions of the plant, facilitates remote monitoring and operations, and sends alarm calls out when the plant is not operating correctly. TMX wrote the software and installed the PLC, maintains instrumentation, provides staff training, and provides electrical equipment maintenance, maintains a website for staff access, and provides 24-hour operator staffed dedicated alarm call out service. The proposed agreement would cover support of the facility by TMX for a one-year period.

IMPACTS ON STAFF AND RESOURCES: \$35,408 in funds for this work are budgeted under Sleepy Hollow Operations Budget Program line item 2-3-1-N Operations Consultant with Web Support. The work would be performed under the direction of District staff involved with Sleepy Hollow operations.

EXHIBIT**2-A Consultant proposal**

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TO: Mr. Thomas Christensen, MPWMD
 FM: Kim Cohan, Telemetry
 DT: March 26, 2025

RE: SHSRF annual support

Dear Mr. Christensen,

We are pleased to furnish this proposal to MPWMD for SHSRF support services.

Scope	Cost	Annual
Consulting and onsite services	Monday thru Friday 8A-5P. Principal: \$180/hr Technician: \$165/hr After hours, weekends add 50% Travel to site: travel to site billable.	\$18,000/year (based on 100 hrs principal)
<p>Plant alarm 24hr live operator response via dedicated redundant alarm channel cellular connection. Supervised communication channel integrity.</p> <p>Real time plant data collection, data storage, and presentation via web site. Downloadable storage of up to 12 months plant data. Email notifications.</p> <p>Cellular link. Real time plant remote control via low latency cellular connection.</p>	\$299.00/mo	\$3,588/year

Enhanced Insurance (estimate)		\$9,920.00
Estimated consumables	LDO oxygen sensors, Desiccant tubes, Wet bulb temp sensor.	\$3,900.00
Total annual (estimated)		\$35,408.00

Terms: Net 30 on approved credit.

Sincerely,



Kim Cohan, Owner
Kim@telemetry.com
831-521-2360

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**3. AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO CONTRACT FOR A LIMITED-TERM FIELD POSITION FOR FY 2025-2026**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Aquatic Resources Fisheries
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	Up to \$68,610

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025 and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The District has funded limited-term positions to assist District staff in the completion of field activities for many years. These positions are not on the District organization chart, and these incumbents are not included in the District bargaining units. The schedules for these positions are part-time and largely seasonal in nature. Contracts are for six-month periods or less. However, limited-term employees may be offered subsequent contracts up to 1,000 hours per year. Funding for these positions will be included in the proposed 2025-2026 Fiscal Year (FY) budget.

Authorization is requested to hire three part-time limited-term *Water Resources Assistants* (990 hours each) for a total of 2,970 hours. The hours will be used for summer-fall juvenile fish rescues, fall population sampling, Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility maintenance, spring smolt rescues, vegetation management, and winter/spring adult steelhead weir operations. These positions are essential to staff crews led by permanent staff, as well as to prevent the accrual of excessive compensatory time and overtime for higher-level regular full-time positions. The Water Resources Assistant would be paid \$21.00 per hour and cost up to \$68,607 (which includes ten percent overhead).

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the limited-term Water Resources Assistant positions for up to a total of 2,970 hours of work. The approval of this item is contingent upon the adoption of the FY 2025-2026 budget by the Board.

IMPACTS TO STAFF/RESOURCES: The total cost of the limited-term contracts described above would not exceed \$68,610 and will be included in the FY2025- 26 Budget. It should also be noted that limited-term employees receive no District benefits. In addition to their hourly wages, additional costs to the District are limited to legally mandated payroll taxes and workers' compensation insurance premiums.

BACKGROUND:

Water Resources Assistants: This job classification was created in December 1998 to assist staff in the Water Resources Division with field and administrative tasks, including rescuing of juvenile steelhead in the lower Carmel River, assisting with weir operations, surveying of steelhead populations and spawning habitat, and monitoring of groundwater and surface water resources within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System. This is needed to help ensure that tasks for the District's Fisheries Mitigation Program are completed on schedule. These positions have also been integral in conducting the California Stream Bioassessment Procedure, developed by the Department of Fish and Game as a rapid bioassessment protocol and method to track overall stream health. Without the assistance of limited-term help, the ability to conduct these tasks would be compromised. Additionally, the Water Resources Assistants will support regular staff with vegetation management, water quality monitoring, data entry, and riparian irrigation. These employees will work in the Environmental Resources Division and be supervised by the Environmental Resources Manager.

EXHIBIT

None

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**4. CONSIDER RECLASSIFYING THE METER COORDINATOR POSITION TO WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN POSITION**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Jonathan Lear	Cost Estimate:	\$14,049

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The Water Resources Division currently holds the employee positions of Division Manager, District Engineer, two Assistant Hydrologists, and the Meter Program Coordinator. On 3/25/2025, the employee in the Meter Program Coordinator position tendered a letter of resignation, and the employee's last day was 4/10/2025. This position was managing the Well Metering Program and supporting the technical aspects of the Water System Permitting process for the Water Demand Division.

The Water Resources Division is seeking to reclassify the Meter Program Coordinator position into a Water Resources Technician position. The Water Resources Technician position is a journey-level class position that could be filled at the Water Resources Technician I or II level, based on experience. The purpose of reclassifying the position is to restructure the Water Resources Division and expand the duties of the current position. The Meter Program Coordinator managed the Well Reporting Program and was responsible for registering wells and meter inspections. The new position would continue with these duties but would also maintain the technical databases related to the District's property files and land use, as well as support the District's hydrologic monitoring programs.

This position will require a skill set in Geographic Information Systems and database operations and a Bachelor's degree in natural sciences or conservation/resource management; whereas the Meter Program Coordinator position did not require these skill sets. The Water Resources Technician will prepare detailed written reports related to historic water production, land use, and property history for legal review to support the Water System Permit process. The Water Resource Technician will be able to explain the Water System Permit process in the field to the landowner when performing meter inspections. Additionally, the new position will be able to lend support to the Hydrologic Monitoring Programs during winter times when tasks require two employees for safety reasons. This will allow the Assistant Hydrologists to operate the Aquifer Storage Program and monitor streamflow at the same time, as well as free up the Assistant Hydrologists to further develop the District's Drone and Bathymetry Programs.

Staff proposes a salary range of 29 (\$102,020.86 at Step E) for the Water Resources Technician position as per the District's salary schedule. This range is proposed using a survey of comparable positions and the job description for this role. Compared to the Meter Program Coordinator position, this will result in an additional annual cost of \$14,048.59 plus benefits at Step E for FY 2025-2026.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the Water Resources Technician position as per the attached job description with a salary range of 29, and approve recruitment for this position.

BACKGROUND: Over the last five years, the Water Resources Division has seen a turnover of three positions out of the approved five positions. Many of the previous employees were long-term District employees who retired with over 30 years of tenure at the District. Staff proposes restructuring the Water Resources Division to better adapt to the current functions of the District. Some of the additional functions needed in the Division include the maintenance of the Property Files, technical wells database, field meetings with landowners to explain District rules, as well as as-needed support for rescue operations, streamflow, groundwater, Aquifer Storage and Recovery, and Bathymetry programs. This change in position seeks to fill these gaps.

EXHIBIT

4-A Water Resources Technician Job Description

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WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN I/II

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

Under general direction provide scientific and professional level support to the Water Resources Division by assisting with, gathering, compiling, and analyzing data related to wells, water production, land use, and water quality. Manage the District Well Tracking Program and provide technical and regulatory support to the Water Demand Division related to the District's Water Distribution System Permitting process. Perform a variety of technical and database tasks related to design, operation, and maintenance of the District's Geographic Information System (GIS), Well Program, hydrologic data sets, and field data collection methods. Establish relationships and access agreements with property owners. Monitor acquisition and accuracy of meter reads and follow up with well owners to verify. Assist as needed on the Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Streamflow, Groundwater, Fisheries, Drone, Bathymetry, and Riparian Programs. Provide excellent customer service.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the full journey level class within the professional Water Resources Technician series. Employees within this class perform the full range of duties as assigned. Positions at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the work unit. This class is distinguished between Water Resources Technician I and II in that the latter performs more complex duties with minimal supervision and guidance.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Reports to the Water Resources Manager and receives direction from the District Engineer.

ESSENTIAL AND MARGINAL FUNCTION STATEMENTS

The following duties are typical for positions in this classification. Any single position may not perform all of these duties and/or may perform similar related duties not listed here:

1. Manages the District's Well Tracking Program; distribute, collect and compile annual production reports from all well owners and operators in the District.
2. Uses GIS software, related graphic support tools, and databases to create, maintain, and update a variety of water supply systems records, charts and maps, plans, profiles, well completion details, hydrologic data, and detailed drawings from reports, notes and sketches.
3. Analyzes stored information in Property Files and works with the District's GIS consultant to recommend and implement GIS database structures, designs and requirements.
4. Prepares a wide variety of graphic reports, including visual displays for meetings, technical illustrations, signs, charts, graphs, and similar materials to support the District's technical programs and permitting duties.



5. Perform well registrations; track permits from County Health Department, perform meter inspections, mail letters and forms, locate wells in the field from maps, assign numbers and reference to assessor parcel number; review well logs; update District database.
6. Read water meters on wells; maintain records in databases, calculate production and report to General Manager as required in the District Rules; notify well owners of violations and follow up on discrepancies.
7. Walks or drives District vehicle to assigned route and reads meters.
8. Works with landowners to establish access to well meters should the well owner want District Staff to read the well meters.
9. Assist Fishery Biologists and Technicians; assist with fish rescue operations and population surveys.
10. Assist with high flow streamflow, groundwater, and Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Done, and Bathymetry programs as needed.
11. Respond to public inquiries in a courteous manner; provide information within the area of assignment; resolve complaints in an efficient and timely manner.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Natural science, conservation, or resource management

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software including technical database queries

GIS principles and techniques for data conversion, conflation and metadata generation

Graphic presentation software and computerized drawing techniques

Records management practices and procedures; organizing and maintaining accurate files and records, including computer data storage and retrieval including cloud based services and field based mapping

Principles of mapping, hydrologic, hydrogeologic, and mathematical principles related to water measurement including global positioning satellite systems for mapping

Laws and regulations relating to wells, water distribution, water production, fisheries, and riparian environments

Computer applications related to hydrology including data management, word processing and report writing

Mathematics and statistics

Operation of pumps and water meters

Occupational hazards and standard safety practices

Ability to:

Read and interpret maps, aerial photographs, photos, engineering design and construction plans, regulations and ordinances

Create, interpret, and utilize GIS map layers and data sets for analytical purposes

Assist with the development and integration of GIS with the District's database management system

Accurately compile, enter, and analyze technical and other data into appropriate forms, reports, and documents



Provide project support with the creation of presentation materials
 Learn methods and techniques involved in the collection and analysis of field data, recording clear and accurate field notes
 Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
 Meet with land owners on their properties to assist with the Well Reporting and the Water Distribution System Permitting Process
 Learn and explain the District Rules related to Well Reporting and the Water Distribution System Permitting Process
 Conduct several projects concurrently and meet deadlines
 Develop and maintain databases and spreadsheets
 Operate equipment in a safe and effective manner
 Perform instrument calibration and compliant water quality sampling protocols including chain of custody forms
 Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, preparing reports and technical documents.
 Work independently in the absence of supervision

Experience and Training Guidelines for Water Resource Technician I — *Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:*

Experience

One year of increasingly responsible water resource management experience; providing project support using GIS-related tools to develop and maintain information in databases, as well as preparing graphic presentations.

Training

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in environmental sciences, resource management, GIS, or a related field.

License or Certificate:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid driver's license.

Experience and Training Guidelines for Water Resource Technician II — *Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:*

**Experience**

Three years of increasingly responsible water resource management experience. providing project support using GIS-related tools to develop and maintain information in databases, as well as preparing graphic presentations.

Training

Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in environmental sciences, resource management, GIS, or a related field.

License or Certificate:

Possession of, or ability to obtain, an appropriate, valid driver's license.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The conditions herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential job functions.

Environmental Conditions:

Office and field environment with some travel to attend meetings; work in and around water; exposure to all types of weather and temperature conditions; exposure to poisonous plants, animals, and/or insects; work closely with others and work alone; irregular work hours; exposure to computer screens, atmospheric conditions, and slippery and uneven conditions; working with machinery.

Physical Conditions:

Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for moderate to heavy lifting and carrying; walking, standing and sitting for prolonged periods of time; bending, climbing and reaching; operating motorized vehicles and equipment.

Vision:

See in the normal visual range with or without correction; specific vision abilities required by this job include close and distance vision, color perception and depth perception.

Hearing:

Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**5. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025 and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Exhibit 5-A comprises the Treasurer's Report for February 2025. **Exhibit 5-B** includes listings of check disbursements for the period February 1-28, 2025. Checks, virtual checks (AP Automation), direct deposits of employee paychecks, payroll tax deposits, and bank charges resulted in total disbursements for the period in the amount of \$3,291,108.18 (including voided checks). **Exhibit 5-C** reflects the unaudited version of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending February 28, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board adopt the February 2025 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursements made during the month.

EXHIBITS

- 5-A** Treasurer's Report
- 5-B** Listing of Cash Disbursements-Regular
- 5-C** Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>MPWMD Money Market</u>	<u>California CLASS</u>	<u>L.A.I.F.</u>	<u>Multi-Bank Securities*</u>	<u>MPWMD Total</u>	<u>PB Reclamation Money Market</u>
Beginning Balance (A)	\$2,336,148.29	\$3,991,051.56	\$507,773.86	\$14,410,549.85	9,250,755.15	\$30,496,278.71	\$185,507.47
Fees/Deposits		4,849,652.67				4,849,652.67	207,575.03
MoCo Tax & WS Chg Installment Pymt						0.00	
Interest Received			1,719.33		15,030.60	16,749.93	
Transfer - Checking/LAIF						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/LAIF						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Checking	2,500,000.00	(2,500,000.00)				0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Multi-Bank						0.00	
Transfer to CAWD						0.00	(185,000.00)
Transfer to CLASS						0.00	
Sub-total - Receipts/Transfers (B)	\$2,500,000.00	\$2,349,652.67	\$1,719.33	-	\$15,030.60	\$4,866,402.60	\$22,575.03
Bank Corrections/Reversals/Errors						0.00	
Voided Checks*	104.75					104.75	
Bank Charges/Other	(720.28)					(720.28)	
Credit Card Fees						0.00	
Returned Deposits						0.00	
Payroll Tax/Benefit Deposits	(150,783.78)					(150,783.78)	
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits	(173,263.43)					(173,263.43)	
General Checks	(125,182.10)					(125,182.10)	
Rebate Payments	(625.00)					(625.00)	
Bank Draft Payments	(29,050.08)					(29,050.08)	
AP Automation Payments	(2,811,588.26)					(2,811,588.26)	
Sub-total - Disbursements (C)	(3,291,108.18)	-	-	-	-	(3,291,108.18)	-
Ending Balance (A+B+C)	\$1,545,040.11	\$6,340,704.23	\$509,493.19	\$14,410,549.85	\$9,265,785.75	\$32,071,573.13	\$208,082.50

* Fixed Income investments are reported at face value

EXHIBIT 5-B

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My Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 02/01/2025 - 02/28/2025



Monterey Peninsula Water Management D

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: APBNK	-Bank of America Checking					
Payment Type: Regular						
28514	Kearney Littlefield LLP	02/10/2025	Regular	0.00	124,649.00	40940
01020	Sandra Alonso - Petty Cash Custodian	02/14/2025	Regular	0.00	429.92	40941
03973	Stephanie Kister	02/14/2025	Regular	0.00	103.18	40942
Total Regular:				0.00	125,182.10	

My Check Report

Date Range: 02/01/2025 - 02/28/2025

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Virtual Payment						
00763	ACWA-JPIA	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	366.00	APA006499
00767	AFLAC	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	733.74	APA006500
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	44.23	APA006501
18734	DeVeera Inc.	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,955.98	APA006502
02833	Greg James	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,089.77	APA006503
04717	Inder Osahan	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,417.20	APA006504
00094	John Arriaga	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,500.00	APA006505
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	538.69	APA006506
05830	Larry Hampson	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,397.00	APA006507
13431	Lynx Technologies, Inc	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,400.00	APA006508
00222	M.J. Murphy	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	29.72	APA006509
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,148.41	APA006510
00154	Peninsula Messenger Service	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	665.00	APA006511
00262	Pure H2O	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	65.54	APA006512
24163	Quality Print & Copy LLC	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	590.20	APA006513
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	680.00	APA006514
09425	The Ferguson Group LLC	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	6,300.00	APA006515
17965	The Maynard Group	02/10/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	-2,352.54	APA006516
17965	The Maynard Group	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,352.54	APA006516
00203	ThyssenKrup Elevator	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	778.02	APA006517
00750	Valley Saw & Garden Equipment	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	207.56	APA006518
23550	WellmanAD	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	9,050.00	APA006519
20230	Zoom Video Communications Inc	02/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	470.32	APA006520
00263	Arlene Tavani	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,122.86	APA006547
06001	Cypress Coast Ford	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,668.22	APA006548
03857	Joe Oliver	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	744.00	APA006549
05829	Mark Bekker	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	309.98	APA006550
00223	Martins Irrigation Supply	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	57.33	APA006551
18325	Minuteman Press Monterey	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	108.74	APA006552
26785	Monterey Bay Pest Control, Inc.	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	135.00	APA006553
00274	Monterey One Water	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,429,452.94	APA006554
17965	The Maynard Group	02/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	-2,352.54	APA006555
17965	The Maynard Group	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,352.54	APA006555
00269	U.S. Bank	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	6,171.37	APA006556
00983	Beverly Chaney	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,455.51	APA006557
04043	Campbell Scientific, Inc.	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,470.55	APA006558
00028	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	5,937.00	APA006559
18734	DeVeera Inc.	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,274.62	APA006560
04715	Matthew Lyons	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	365.21	APA006561
00118	MB Carpet & Janitorial Inc.	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,560.00	APA006562
18325	Minuteman Press Monterey	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	903.54	APA006563
08105	Yolanda Munoz	02/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA006564
28519	Albert A. Webb Associates	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	5,900.50	APA006565
00760	Andy Bell	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	604.00	APA006566
28518	Close & Associates, LLC	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,920.00	APA006567
04041	Cynthia Schmidlin	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,491.86	APA006568
18225	DUDEK	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,526.25	APA006569
00192	Extra Space Storage	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	491.00	APA006570
27302	Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc.	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	565.47	APA006571
00274	Monterey One Water	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	192.90	APA006572
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,258.41	APA006573
24869	Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	6,972.50	APA006574
17965	The Maynard Group	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,816.80	APA006575
08105	Yolanda Munoz	02/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA006576
00010	Access Monterey Peninsula	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,625.00	APA006578
00983	Beverly Chaney	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,455.51	APA006579
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	430.21	APA006580
00281	CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc.	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,633.20	APA006581
00046	De Lay & Laredo	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	29,188.00	APA006582
00268	ESRI, Inc.	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	11,600.00	APA006583

My Check Report

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
00993	Harris Court Business Park	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	793.39	APA006584
03965	Irrigation Association	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	227.36	APA006585
00222	M.J. Murphy	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	78.36	APA006586
01012	Mark Dudley	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA006587
00274	Monterey One Water	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,220,385.00	APA006588
22201	Montgomery & Associates	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,200.00	APA006589
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	125.50	APA006590
19700	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	8,741.69	APA006591
09989	Star Sanitation Services	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	375.02	APA006592
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	680.00	APA006593
27147	TJC and Associates, Inc.	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,839.50	APA006594
04366	Tom Lindberg	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,162.43	APA006595
00225	Trowbridge Enterprises Inc.	02/28/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	292.57	APA006596
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	2,812,356.68	

My Check Report

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Bank Draft						
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	400.00	DFT0003615
00266	I.R.S.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	16,215.93	DFT0003616
00266	I.R.S.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	3,693.92	DFT0003617
00267	Employment Development Dept.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	6,841.79	DFT0003618
00266	I.R.S.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	14.17	DFT0003619
00266	I.R.S.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	66.58	DFT0003620
00266	I.R.S.	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	284.58	DFT0003621
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	-56.46	DFT0003623
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	56.46	DFT0003623
00282	PG&E	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	36.18	DFT0003624
07627	Purchase Power	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	45.50	DFT0003625
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	5,419.18	DFT0003627
00256	PERS Retirement	02/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	23,161.72	DFT0003628
01188	Alhambra	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	186.87	DFT0003639
00758	FedEx	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	61.93	DFT0003640
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	125.72	DFT0003641
00769	Laborers Trust Fund of Northern CA	02/10/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	38,525.00	DFT0003642
00259	Marina Coast Water District	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,761.75	DFT0003643
00256	PERS Retirement	02/12/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	200.00	DFT0003644
00282	PG&E	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	19,897.10	DFT0003645
18163	Wex Bank	02/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,505.62	DFT0003646
00266	I.R.S.	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	16,417.85	DFT0003648
00266	I.R.S.	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	3,693.90	DFT0003649
00267	Employment Development Dept.	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	6,841.80	DFT0003650
00758	FedEx	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	15.48	DFT0003651
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	5,819.18	DFT0003652
00256	PERS Retirement	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	26.44	DFT0003653
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	178.07	DFT0003654
00256	PERS Retirement	02/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	23,161.74	DFT0003655
00252	Cal-Am Water	02/28/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	497.07	DFT0003656
00282	PG&E	02/28/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	3,175.08	DFT0003657
04736	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svc, LLC	02/28/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	204.26	DFT0003658
00221	Verizon Wireless	02/28/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,266.80	DFT0003659
18163	Wex Bank	02/28/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	92.65	DFT0003660
Total Bank Draft:				0.00	179,833.86	

Payment Type	Bank Code APBNK		Summary	
	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	3	3	0.00	125,182.10
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	53	34	0.00	179,833.86
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	178	110	0.00	3,117,372.64

My Check Report

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
28181	Catherine McCoy	02/24/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	625.00	APA006577
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	625.00	

Bank Code REBATES-02 Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
Virtual Payments	1	1	0.00	625.00
	1	1	0.00	625.00

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	3	3	0.00	125,182.10
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	53	34	0.00	179,833.86
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
Virtual Payments	123	74	0.00	2,812,981.68
	179	111	0.00	3,117,997.64

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
99	POOL CASH FUND	2/2025	3,117,997.64
			3,117,997.64



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>Current Period Activity</u>	<u>Current FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>	<u>Current FY Annual Budget</u>	<u>Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,572,150	\$ 2,900,000	\$ 1,503,617
Water supply charge			-	-	-	-	1,859,381
User fees	345,779	130,721	77,914	554,414	4,775,419	7,400,000	4,123,513
PWM Water Sales			-	-	8,547,479	14,619,500	9,917,331
Capacity fees			43,936	43,936	348,132	400,000	720,263
Permit fees	-	16,306	-	16,306	131,827	198,000	151,730
Investment income	5,527	5,527	5,695	16,750	505,429	700,000	337,928
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	6,895	10,000	7,772
Sub-total district revenues	351,307	152,555	127,544	631,406	15,887,330	26,227,500	18,621,535
Project reimbursements	-	16,700	-	16,700	845,939	1,357,550	585,931
Legal fee reimbursements		600		600	2,850	15,000	10,934
Grants	-	-	-	-	5,101,264	12,628,523	188,195
Recording fees		5,387		5,387	38,070	60,000	37,510
Sub-total reimbursements	-	22,687	-	22,687	5,988,123	14,061,073	822,570
From Reserves*	-	-	-	-	-	4,521,595	-
Total revenues	351,307	175,242	127,544	654,093	21,875,452	44,810,168	19,444,105
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel:							
Salaries	91,212	57,273	109,953	258,438	2,108,427	3,536,000	1,978,691
Retirement	8,790	5,828	11,359	25,978	809,698	1,034,774	687,062
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	10,100	-
Auto Allowance	92	92	277	462	3,808	11,000	3,808
Deferred Compensation	170	170	510	850	6,919	17,483	7,003
Temporary Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	13,949
Workers Comp. Ins.	3,851	314	2,710	6,875	55,526	100,901	50,317
Employee Insurance	19,292	13,851	20,821	53,963	406,117	686,383	366,179
Medicare & FICA Taxes	1,365	871	1,634	3,869	31,952	77,153	29,070
Personnel Recruitment	-	-	-	-	11,290	56,000	1,812
Other benefits	66	64	70	200	2,290	2,000	1,784
Staff Development	99	96	105	299	12,227	31,100	5,776
Sub-total personnel costs	124,937	78,559	147,438	350,934	3,448,253	5,572,894	3,145,451
Services & Supplies:							
Board Member Comp	757	757	780	2,295	16,740	37,000	17,955
Board Expenses	88	85	93	266	2,369	10,000	7,787
Rent	162	157	172	491	8,178	29,200	16,836
Utilities	1,291	1,252	1,369	3,912	29,610	41,200	25,417
Telephone	1,196	907	714	2,818	23,747	51,000	42,164
Facility Maintenance	397	385	421	1,203	29,679	76,000	27,762
Bank Charges	304	294	584	1,182	10,326	25,100	8,292
Office Supplies	397	332	363	1,092	8,482	24,700	11,189
Courier Expense	174	168	184	526	4,635	7,600	4,877
Postage & Shipping	825	800	875	2,500	2,821	7,500	2,194
Equipment Lease	1,411	1,368	1,496	4,275	6,493	13,200	6,922
Equip. Repairs & Maintenance	107	104	113	324	1,891	5,100	4,722
Printing/Duplicating/Binding	-	1,494	-	1,494	1,494	2,100	1,335
IT Supplies/Services	7,653	7,624	8,089	23,365	201,945	293,600	239,393
Operating Supplies	288	1,487	-	1,775	19,449	34,389	16,492
Legal Services	-	-	124,649	124,649	377,400	945,241	245,871
Professional Fees	4,604	12,339	4,883	21,825	277,263	431,625	244,369
Transportation	669	202	385	1,256	32,123	59,542	29,152



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 FOR THE MONTH FEBURARY 28, 2025

	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>Current Period Activity</u>	<u>Current FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>	<u>Current FY Annual Budget</u>	<u>Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>
Travel	114	72	130	316	5,685	21,000	6,460
Meeting Expenses	433	420	459	1,312	17,364	21,200	5,270
Insurance	7,849	7,611	8,325	23,785	190,496	300,000	182,044
Legal Notices	-	-	-	-	2,145	32,600	-
Membership Dues	-	2,000	-	2,000	38,224	47,900	36,820
Public Outreach	129	125	137	390	5,715	3,500	2,655
Assessors Administration Fee	-	-	-	-	-	34,000	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	420	28,000	387
Sub-total services & supplies costs	28,846	39,982	154,220	223,048	1,314,694	2,582,297	1,186,365
Project expenditures	3,927	25,390	15,274	44,590	12,169,398	32,398,632	11,125,704
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	12,119	70,100	80,701
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	-
Election costs	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-
Debt service: Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service: Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flood drought reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital equipment reserve	-	-	-	-	-	313,000	-
General fund balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Supply Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	3,353,245	-
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
OPEB reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Sub-total other	3,927	25,390	15,274	44,590	12,181,517	36,654,977	11,206,405
Total expenditures	157,710	143,930	316,932	618,572	16,944,465	44,810,168	15,538,221
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 193,597	\$ 31,311	\$ (189,388)	\$ 35,520	\$ 4,930,987	\$ (0)	\$ 3,905,883

*Budget includes Expected Water Supply Charge Reimbursements

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF VARIOUS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**

Meeting Date: April 21, 2024 **Budgeted:** Yes

From: David J. Stoldt, **Program/** **Services and Supplies**
 General Manager **Line Item No.** **Data Processing**

Prepared By: Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** \$203,000

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2024 and recommended approval.

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Staff seeks authorization to continue with existing software maintenance agreements and purchases for Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Information Technology (IT) support, financial accounting, water demand system, watershed analysis, ground and surface water modeling, and topographic data processing software. These software applications are for use at the District for various IT, GIS, water demand, and accounting functions and are used by staff in their daily routine functions.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve expenditures and contract agreements in the amount of \$203,000 for FY 2025-26 to continue with annual software subscriptions and maintenance as shown in the table below, plus a 5% contingency for subscriptions/agreements that are not yet finalized/executed.

No.	Product	Price
1	ESRI ArcGIS (District Wide)	12,500
2	Adobe Renewal (District Wide)	7,000
3	Anti-Virus (District Wide)	4,500
4	ProofPoint (Email Spam Filter)	2,500
5	Sonicwall (Firewall)	2,500
6	Office 365 Renewal (District Wide)	12,000
7	VMWare (Server configuration)	2,000
8	Microsoft Veam/Azure (Backup)	26,500
9	DocuWare (Financial/HR)	29,000
10	Deveera Managed Services (Recovery)	7,000
11	Tyler Technologies (Financial/HR)	38,000
12	ClearGov (Financial)	6,000
13	GovInvest (Financial/HR)	7,500
14	Accela Support (Water Demand)	39,000
15	Kisters North America (Hydrological)	7,000
	TOTAL	\$203,000

IMPACT TO STAFF/RESOURCES: The FY 2025-2026 Information Technology budget will include funds for these agreements/purchases.

BACKGROUND: The ArcGIS platform serves many purposes for MPWMD data analysis needs that include: map production, spatial analysis in support of engineering, water resource management, fisheries, conservation, and rationing analysis. All of these functions require the examination of geographic data, management, and dissemination of these data throughout the District. The effectiveness of the GIS to better serve the MPWMD staff and the public is dependent on the ability of staff to analyze geospatial data.

The District's IT and Finance/Accounting programs require various software applications to allow staff to complete their day-to-day duties and tasks, as well as provide real-time financial information of the District. Besides this, the District uses various standard software subscriptions for document management and cybersecurity needs, such as firewall protection, spam protection, and recovery/backup of District data.

The Water Demand Division uses the Accela software to process permit applications, process connection charges, perform inspections, and provide other property-related reporting to staff and the board.

The Kisters platform serves many purposes for the District's data analysis needs, including stream flow and rainfall data processing, storage, and reporting. All of these functions require the examination, management, and dissemination of these data throughout the District.

EXHIBITS

None

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT WITH THE PUN GROUP LLP TO CONDUCT ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDITS**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Professional Fees
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	\$78,000, (2025) \$81,900, (2026) 85,995, (2027) 90,295, (2028) 94,809 (2029)

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025 and recommended approval.

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Special districts are required to have annual, independent audits conducted by a certified public accountant or a county auditor as outlined in Government Code Section 26909. Since 1989, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) has used the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (formerly Hayashi Wayland) to conduct the District's annual financial audit. The current contract with CLA expires on June 30, 2025.

Staff conducted a formal procurement for Audit Services to ensure that the District continues receiving high-quality and cost-effective services. Staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Auditing Services that was posted on the District website and the CSDA RFP Clearinghouse, and distributed to multiple qualified firms. The District received proposals from four firms – Chavan & Associates, Nigro & Nigro, Edie Bailey, and The Pun Group. The proposal evaluation was structured so that the key factors in selecting an independent auditor were the auditor's ability to perform a quality audit as evidenced by firm qualifications, experience, audit approach, and a demonstrated commitment to the state and local government audit practice.

While all four firms are well-qualified to perform an audit, staff recommends entering into an agreement with the Pun Group. Besides having relevant experience and qualified staff, the Pun Group also performs the audit for the Carmel Area Wastewater Project/ Pebble Beach Community Services Reclamation Project (project), which is considered an enterprise fund of the District. Having the same auditor perform both audits provides synergies, besides making it easier to coordinate the two annual financial reports with the District's audit and financial report dependent on the completion of the CAWD's audit report. The Pun Group has also won the 2025 Best of Accounting award for the fourth year in a row for consistently delivering exceptional client service, and their proposal is competitive in terms of pricing and value. Their proposal includes fees for

the compilation of the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) as well as State Controllers Report. A copy of the proposal is attached as **Exhibit 7-A**.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that government entities enter into multiyear agreements of at least five years when obtaining the services of independent auditors. A multiyear agreement assists a new auditing firm to become sufficiently knowledgeable with the District's financial records in time, allowing for continuity, greater efficiencies, and lower disruption from frequent changes with new auditing firms.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to enter into a five-year agreement with two one-year options to renew with The Pun Group LLP to conduct the annual audit of the District's financial records including the compilation of the ACFR and completion of the State Controllers Report.

BACKGROUND: Annually, the District is required to complete an independent audit of its financial operations in conformance with the requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and the California State Controller. The District has used the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (formerly Hayashi Wayland) to conduct the annual audit of the District's financial records since 1989. This contract is set to expire this fiscal year. Staff conducted a formal competitive solicitation process and recommends entering into an agreement with the Pun Group for the District's Audit Services.

EXHIBIT

7-A Audit Proposal - The Pun Group LLP

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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March 3, 2025

PROPOSAL

Proposal for Audit Services





In Memoriam
Kenneth H. Pun, CPA, CGMA
Founder & Managing Partner

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- Personal attention meets technical expertise
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- Innovation embraced
- Achievable plans to move your organization forward

The Pun Group LLP is recognized for its professionalism, integrity and for providing clients with practical solutions unique to their circumstances and issues. You will receive a superior level of service and a quality audit.

Thank You!

Thank you for allowing us to submit our qualifications to provide you with Audit Services.

The Pun Group, LLP

The Pun Group LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

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“Excellent customer service and staff and partners are expert in their fields.”

Lani H.

State and Local Government Client

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“The Firm has consistently exceeded our expectations as client.”

Clint O.

State and Local Government Client

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“We started using Pun Group when the pandemic first started two years ago so had a little apprehension about doing everything remotely with a new firm. But the audit went very well and was completed on time without problem.”

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March 3, 2025

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer / Administrative Services Manager
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Monterey, CA 93940

Re: RFP for Audit Services

Dear Nishil:

Please allow us to introduce our Firm and share our qualifications and proposed services plan for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (the "District") according to your Request for Proposals for Audit Services for the a three-year audit service agreement, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional years.

The Pun Group ^{LLP} (the "Firm") has the knowledge and experience necessary to become the District's next public accounting firm and the work plan to ensure a smooth process.

This letter is an acknowledgment of the Firm's understanding of the work to be performed. We are offering our commitment to deliver all of the required work, complete the audit, and issue the necessary auditor's reports within the periods outlined by the District. No subcontractors will be utilized for this engagement.

The Pun Group is the right choice for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District because:



We Understand the Demographics and Your Needs. The Pun Group is reputable for its governmental practice. We are professional services providers to districts such as Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District, Marina Coast Water District, Olivenhain Municipal Water District, Carmel Area Wastewater District, and Santa Fe Irrigation District. Accordingly, we have a deep understanding of the current issues special districts are facing, such as varying demographics, economic environments, and the constantly changing landscape of laws and regulations.



Recognized Leader in the Governmental Industry. We are a small national Firm with licenses in the States of California, Arizona, and Nevada and a proven leader in professional services to the government sector. All key engagement team professionals are licensed to practice as Certified Public Accountants and meet the Continuing Professional Education requirements under US GAO's Government Auditing Standards to perform the proposed audits. The partners and all employees proposed to perform the requested services do not have a record of substandard audit work nor have any outstanding claim of substandard practice or unsatisfactory performance pending with the State Board of Accountancy or other professional organizations. In addition, we are members of the national AICPA Audit Quality Center.

We strongly believe that part of our success is credited to our professionals' participation in various industry-leading organizations. Such affiliations are critical to addressing emerging accounting and auditing issues within the industry environment.



Monterey Peninsula Water Management District



You'll Work with a Team that Embraces Innovation and Continuous Improvement. Our Firm is committed to continuous improvement as it relates to service delivery. We embrace innovation and identify areas of technological enhancements in our audit and project management approaches. For example:

Secure Data File Transfer System. In order to improve audit efficiency, workflow management software plays an essential role between your organization and our engagement team. We employ a secure data file transfer system called Suralink. Suralink's dynamic request list is integrated with our secure file hosting system for seamless document-request coordination, including the upload of large-size files. It means all our requests are in one place, updated in real-time, and accessible by everyone working on the engagement. Not only makes the operation more cost-efficient, but it also enables you and your team to spend your time getting the job done, not reconciling a messy list of outstanding items. In addition, Suralink's dashboard allows you to visualize the process of document-request fulfillment.

AI Auditor. The Pun Group leverages the technology and research tools required to provide excellent services to its clients. With the usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology, the Firm is capable of issuing all reports requested faster than other audit firms without exposing the District to unnecessary risks.

Remote Auditing Capability. Remote working arrangements have suddenly become the "new normal" in these trying times. Our Firm has deployed top-notch technology and fully transitioned to "remote auditing," offering our clients the quality services they deserve while being fully "remote" or operating in a "hybrid" schedule. "On-site" audits are still the Firm's preferred method, and we'll continue to offer and promote those as well.



Knowledge is Shared with You. As part of our pledge to keep you updated on new technical accounting and financial issues, we implemented our 2025 *Virtual* Government Accounting Conference, which qualifies for up to 15 hours of CPE – nearly double what other firms offer. These online sessions are free of charge and part of the service package provided to you. More details and dates can be found on the "*Client Training Webinars*" topic under this proposal.

The Pun Group is proud of its inclusive values and is an avid promoter of equality and diversity. In addition, the Firm is an equal opportunity employer and complies with all federal and state hiring requirements. We're proud of supporting affirmative-action philosophies and work hard to provide opportunities for self-enhancement to members of disadvantaged groups.

This proposal is a firm and irrevocable offer valid for one hundred and twenty (120) days following the closing date for the receipt of all proposals. We also acknowledge the receipt of Addendum #1 dated February 13, 2025, and Addendum #2 dated February 21, 2025.

Finally, we would like to emphasize one additional point: **We want to earn your trust and your business!** We are confident that the energetic and experienced team we have assembled is the right one for the District.

Our commitment to serving the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District cannot be adequately conveyed in a letter, and I look forward to continuing the discussion with you. I'm assigned as your primary contact for contract negotiations. I'm also authorized to legally bind the Firm. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me at (858) 242-5101 or by email at coley.delaney@pungroup.cpa.

Sincerely,

Coley Delaney, CPA | Partner | The Pun Group LLP
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Independence

Independence

The Pun Group LLP requires all employees to adhere to strict independence standards concerning the Firm's clients. These independence standards exceed, in many instances, the rules promulgated by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

The Pun Group LLP certifies that it is independent of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and its component units. The Firm meets independence requirements defined by the United States Government Accountability Office's (US GAO's) Government Auditing Standards and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Based on that, we have not identified an instance that constitutes a conflict of interest relative to performing the services requested by the District.

The Firm had no relationship with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District or its component units during the past five (5) years.

The Firm will give the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of the engagement.

Insurance

If selected, the Firm will obtain and maintain the minimum insurance requirements during the entire execution of the agreement with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Within ten days from the implementation of the contract, we will furnish the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District with satisfactory evidence of the insurance requirements and proof that each carrier is required to give at least 30 days prior written notice of the cancellation of any policy during the entire period of the agreement. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will be named as an additional named insured under the Firm's policies.

A copy of our current certificate of insurance is presented in the *Appendices* section of this proposal.

License to Practice in California

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The Firm and all key professional staff are licensed by the State of California to practice as Certified Public Accountants and meet the Continuing Professional Education requirements under US GAO's Government Auditing Standards to perform the proposed audits.

Firm Registration:

California State Board of Accountancy Number – PAR 7601
Federal Identification Number – 46-4016990

Firm Qualifications and Experience

Established in 2012, The Pun Group, LLP stands as a limited liability partnership comprising a team of sixty dedicated professionals who specialize in providing auditing, accounting, and advisory services. Our firm, which includes Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors, has garnered recognition as one of the foremost accounting entities in Orange County, as acknowledged by the Orange County Business Journal. Additionally, we proudly secure a place among the CalCPA Top 150 firms.

Our distinction within the industry lies in the fusion of hands-on experience and pragmatic knowledge demonstrated by our audit professionals. This combination sets our firm apart. We possess a profound grasp of prevailing regulations and issues bolstered by our technical acumen. Furthermore, our commitment to diligence, integrity, and collaborative teamwork is evident in every engagement we undertake, thus contributing to our clients' success.

The Partners' Group is a distinguished assembly comprising notable professionals such as Kenneth Pun (*"In Memoriam"*), Frances Kuo, Coley Delaney, Andrew Roth, John Georger Jr., Jim Fritzsche, and Sophia Kuo. We specialize in providing auditing, accounting, and advisory services to numerous governmental entities across the United States. With a collective experience of over two centuries, we have established ourselves as a trusted business ally and have gained recognition as industry leaders in a rapidly expanding market. Our dedication to the field is evident through our work with nearly 100 government and not-for-profit audit clients, demonstrating our unwavering passion and unparalleled municipal experience.

Moreover, our practices adhere to professional standards embraced nationwide within the United States of America, including the rigorous criteria outlined in the *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The Firm's headquarters are located in Orange County, California, with five branches in San Diego, Walnut Creek, Sacramento (California), Las Vegas (Nevada), and Phoenix (Arizona).

The *Walnut Creek Office*, located at 2121 North California Boulevard, Suite 290, Walnut Creek, CA 94596, will perform the requested services for the District. However, we may assign additional staff from our other offices to the engagement at no extra cost to the District. No subcontractors will be used in this engagement.

Global Capabilities

The Pun Group LLP is an independent member of Allinial Global, an association of over 100 independent accounting and consulting firms. Based in North America, Allinial Global offers international support by connecting its member firms to providers and global networks of accounting firms worldwide.

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OUR AFFILIATIONS



Full-Time Government Auditors

As full-time government auditors, we understand that governmental entities do not operate independently but in an increasingly complex web of local, state, and federal relationships. We know how these relationships work, what they mean at the local level, and how every public organization’s focus on resource management is critical to success.

Also, while many accounting Firms can provide services, not all can build excellent working relationships with their clients. The Pun Group LLP prides itself on developing lasting, personal relationships with our clients. Our hands-on partner involvement and low personnel turnover are crucial tools to our success and are highly beneficial to the District.

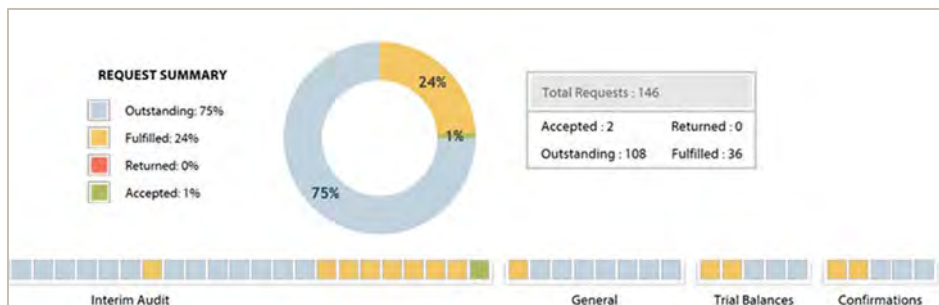
Local Office’s Information Technology (IT) Audit Capabilities

The Pun Group LLP continues our efforts to invest in our IT system to enhance our security further and promote audit efficiency.

Top security for your data is the key to our success. When we have your data virtualized, our Firm takes all the preventive steps to avoid putting your information at risk. Our In-House IT administrator maintains our server to ensure our IT environment is continuously updated with the latest security fixes. Through VPN and Microsoft Remote Desktop, our In-House network administrator can lock down files and system access from a single point, limiting the ability of remote sites to take data from our server.

Access to systems from anywhere and anytime. With more mobility being the norm rather than the exception, our engagement team needs robust access to the engagement files when they are working in your office. Accounting and Auditing Software applications are installed in our “Private” server and can be securely accessed through VPN and Microsoft Remote Desktop. The Firm uses CCH ProSystem fx® Engagement for audit documentation, which allows real-time synchronization of the work papers and instant collaboration quality control review.

Secure Data File Transfer System. In order to improve audit efficiency, workflow management software plays an essential role between your organization and our engagement team. We employ a secure data file transfer system called *Suralink*. *Suralink*’s dynamic request list is integrated with our secure file-hosting system for seamless document-request coordination. It means all our requests are in one place, updated in real-time, and accessible by everyone working on the engagement. As a client, you no longer have to manually maintain a spreadsheet amongst several people, only to repeat the process in a day or two. Not only makes the operation more cost-efficient, but it also enables you and your team to spend your time getting the job done, not reconciling a messy list of outstanding items. The *Suralink* dashboard, as shown below, allows you to visualize the process of document-request fulfillment.



BIG FIRM EXPERTISE. SMALL FIRM VALUES.

Our professional backgrounds at major national firms showed us how to solve complicated business and accounting challenges, but the sense of personal connection was missing.

We launched The Pun Group because we believe every client deserves to work with experienced business advisors and CPAs who have the time – and take the time – to create an authentic connection. Every client is our top priority!



A UNIQUE CULTURE.

“Personalization” is not just a buzzword – it’s part of our firm’s culture. We take a personal approach to everything we do. We collaborate with our clients, so they’re always part of the process. We listen to our staff to make sure they have the right support and resources to do a great job. Getting to know others and discovering how we can serve them better is not just a sign of good business practices; it’s a sign of good people.



INNOVATION EMBRACED.

New ideas keep you ahead of the game. From leveraging the value of emerging technologies to further refining trusted processes, we adopt proven solutions to meet your needs.



WHERE YOU GO, WE GO. WHERE YOU GROW, WE GROW.

Our success is defined by how you achieve yours. Partner with accomplished accounting and financial professionals who are laser-focused on taking your business to the next level.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Our Services

Our partners and seasoned professionals are always available, guiding clients through their periods of rapid growth as well as difficult times. We are able to do that by offering a portfolio of accounting services that are as diverse as the jurisdictions and entities themselves. The Pun Group LLP has successfully provided professional auditing, accounting, financial reporting, and management advisory/consulting services to a broad spectrum of governmental entities.



ASSURANCE

- Financial statements audits
- Compliance audits
- Performance audits
- Internal audits
- Service organization controls audits



ADVISORY

- Operational reviews/risk advisory services
- Forensic investigation
- Financial condition analysis
- Organizational structure review
- Cash flow analysis
- Debt restructuring consultation
- Litigation restructuring consultation



OTHER SERVICES

- Assistance with the preparation and review of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- Government property lease excise tax compliance review
- Sub-recipient monitoring
- Implementation of new GASB pronouncements
- Audit readiness services
- Contract Finance Director/Accountant services

Joint Venture or Consortium

This project will not be accomplished by a Joint Venture or consortium. No subcontractors will be hired and/or utilized to provide the requested services to the District.

Peer Review

Being a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), The Pun Group LLP is required to obtain an independent peer review of our audit and accounting practice every three (3) years. The peer reviewer assessed the Firm's quality-control policies, reviewed administrative records, interviewed professional personnel, and inspected the Firm's working papers and reports from a representative sample of accounting and auditing engagements, including governmental audits. The reviewer concluded that the Firm fully complied with the AICPA's stringent standards for quality control and issued a peer review rating of "Pass."

A copy of our most recent peer review is presented on the next page.

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Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

February 14, 2022

To the Owners of
 The Pun Group, LLP
 And the National Peer Review Committee

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of The Pun Group, LLP (the firm) in effect for the year ended December 31, 2020. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at www.aicpa.org/prsummary. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith based on our review.

Required Selections and Considerations

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under *Government Auditing Standards*, compliance audits under the Single Audit Act and an audit of an employee benefit plan.

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

Opinion

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of The Pun Group, LLP in effect for the year ended December 31, 2020, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of *pass*, *pass with deficiency(ies)* or *fail*. The Pun Group, LLP has received a peer review rating of *pass*.

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Federal or State Desk Review

No federal or state desk reviews or field reviews have been undertaken of any audits performed by the Firm or any of its partners, managers, or professionals during the past three (3) years.

Disciplinary Action

State regulatory bodies or professional organizations have taken no disciplinary action against the Firm or any of its partners, managers, or professionals during the past three (3) years.

The Firm has no conditions such as bankruptcy, pending litigations, planned office closures, mergers, or any organizational conflict of interest that may affect the ability of the Firm to perform the required duties requested by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Partner, Supervisory, and Staff Qualifications and Experience

Who We Are

The engagement team was carefully selected to provide the District with all the services needed to successfully complete the audit. Your assigned Engagement and Technical Partners will be personally involved in the project, leading a team that has significant experience in *governmental auditing*. You can be confident that our broad experience and technical capabilities will allow us to provide technical support, interpret findings, and offer practical solutions to any issues that may arise.

About Your Engagement Team

The personnel assigned to this engagement are fully qualified to perform an effective audit of the District, and their extensive experience will be critical to the audit process. Our professionals are familiar with the complexities of governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting, including but not limited to all GASB pronouncements, the Single Audit Act, Uniform Guidance (formerly known as OMB Circular A-133), and fund operations. They have held positions as professional certified public accountants, as well as significant roles within and outside of government agencies. Such qualities will bring to an entity like the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District the thought leadership, quality, and level of experience it requires.

As full-time government auditors, we understand that governmental entities do not operate independently but in an increasingly complex web of local, state, and federal relationships. We know how these relationships work, what they mean at the local level, and how every public organization's focus on resource management is critical to success.

Also, while many accounting Firms can provide services, not all can build excellent working relationships with their clients. The Pun Group LLP prides itself on developing lasting, personal relationships with our clients. Our hands-on partner involvement and low personnel turnover are crucial tools to our success and are highly beneficial to the District.

Because of the "familiarity threat" under the professional audit and independence standards that may exist in long-term relationships with audit firms, the Firm is committed and has sufficient resources to rotate engagement partners, managers, and or supervisors assigned to the District's audit with personnel with similar or higher qualifications and experience in order to overcome this threat.

If the Firm changes key personnel, we will provide the District with a written notification. **Engagement partners, managers, and specialists will only be changed with the express prior written permission from the District.** Audit personnel may be replaced only by those with similar or better qualifications and experience.



Coley Delaney, CPA | Engagement/Lead Partner

Coley Delaney serves as a Partner in The Pun Group, LLP'S Assurance division, leveraging his extensive fifteen years of accounting and auditing expertise. Over the course of his career, he has undertaken audits and various attestation services for numerous governmental entities across California. These encompass cities, counties, transportation agencies, public financing authorities, housing authorities, redevelopment agencies, and special districts. He holds the distinction of being a Certified Public Accountant.

In his capacity as the Engagement/Lead Partner, Mr. Delaney will oversee the Engagement Team, developing the audit plan, reviewing fieldwork for quality, approving final reports, and communicating with the District. He will also be responsible for the timely delivery of all services for the District.

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Sophia Kuo, CPA, M.B.A. | Technical/Concurring Partner

Sophia Kuo is an Assurance Services Partner in the Firm who holds an Advanced Certification in Single Audits through the AICPA. She possesses extensive auditing experience, including cities, counties, special districts, and not-for-profit entities. She will work closely with the engagement partners directing and supervising the audit team in its daily activities and tasks. She is a Certified Public Accountant and possesses a MAcc in Accounting and an M.B.A. in Business Administration.

In her capacity as the Technical/Concurring Partner, Ms. Kuo will assume the critical responsibility of conducting a secondary review of significant high-risk areas, audit reports, and the resolution of noteworthy accounting, auditing, and reporting matters. This pivotal role ensures a comprehensive and meticulous approach to our services.



John ("Jack") F. Georger, CPA, CIA, CGMA | GASB Implementation Specialist

Throughout his forty years of experience, Mr. Georger has spent many years in the "Big 4" and national firms. He worked diligently alongside numerous governmental municipalities, including cities, counties, and transportation agencies, as well as not-for-profit entities, providing clients with financial and compliance auditing as well as consultation services. Mr. Georger annually instructs over 300 hours in accounting and auditing subjects and has authored training material in governmental accounting and auditing for the AICPA. Mr. Georger is also the technical reviewer of the CCH Knowledge-Based Audits™ of State and Local Governments with Single Audits, GAAP Guide (FASB), and Governmental GAAP Guide (GASB), the gold standard for audit firms throughout the United States. He is a Certified Public Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor, and a Chartered Global Management Accountant.

Mr. Georger is responsible for reviewing all reports issued by the Firm to ensure the utmost quality and compliance with professional standards and the final quality-control assessment within the engagement.



Ross Gotthoffer, CPA | Quality Control Reviewer

Over his two decades of experience, Mr. Gotthoffer has dedicated a significant portion of his career to working with local firms in Florida and California. He has collaborated extensively with various governmental bodies, including cities, special districts, charter schools, and not-for-profit organizations. In these roles, he has provided clients with comprehensive financial and compliance audits, as well as valuable consultation services. Additionally, Mr. Gotthoffer serves as the technical reviewer for esteemed resources like the CCH Knowledge-Based Audits™ of State and Local Governments with Single Audits, GAAP Guide (FASB), and Governmental GAAP Guide (GASB). These resources are considered the industry standard for audit firms across the United States.

In his capacity as our firm's Quality Officer, Mr. Gotthoffer offers guidance to clients facing intricate accounting inquiries and lends support to the engagement team in addressing audit-related challenges. He holds the title of a Certified Public Accountant registered in the State of Florida and is actively pursuing registration in California.

Mr. Gotthoffer assumes the responsibility of meticulously reviewing all reports issued by our firm. His role ensures the highest level of quality and adherence to professional standards, culminating in the final assessment for quality control within each engagement.



Mark Hu, CPA | Engagement Manager

Mark is an Assurance Services Manager within the Firm. He will work with the engagement team and the District personnel during the auditing process. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Hu will secure the effective implementation of the services approach while assisting in the timely delivery of the requested services.

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Seniors and Professional Staff

Every member of the assurance team possesses the qualifications necessary to conduct financial and compliance audits. This guarantees a consistent level of staff quality throughout the entire engagement period. In our commitment to both staff growth and the continuity of engagements, we actively promote senior and staff accountants to assume greater responsibilities in their ongoing engagements as part of their professional advancement.

Continuing Education and Professional Development

Because of our commitment to providing the highest quality of services to the District, we provide our professionals with technical training to ensure our people stay current on topics within the industry sectors and better equip themselves to serve our clients.

All professionals are required to obtain continuing education that exceeds the requirements of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and, where applicable, *Government Auditing Standards*. Our professionals participate in continuing education programs through the following means:

- Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference sponsored by AICPA.
- Webinar sponsored by AICPA Government Audit Quality Center.
- Annual Conference sponsored by California Society Municipal Finance Officers.
- Governmental Accounting and Auditing Conference sponsored by CalCPA.
- The Pun Group in-house training on government-specific topics, including but not limited to GASB updates, Government Auditing Standards Revision, Fraud in State and Local Governments, COSO Internal Control-Integrated Framework, Audit of State and Local Governments, Single Audit, and Mindbridge AI Auditors™.



In 2024, our government professionals received an average of 52 hours of continuing professional education, compared with the 40 hours of accounting industry requirement.

By expanding our knowledge through these seminars/conferences, we can provide the right solutions to our clients.

Staff Continuity

The Pun Group LLP is committed to maintaining staff continuity throughout audit engagements, and we can assure you that the partners assigned to this audit will be involved throughout the entire contract term.

While we cannot guarantee that our staff-level members will stay with the Firm, we encourage loyalty by paying competitive wages, offering opportunities for promotion, using state-of-the-art equipment, and providing excellent working conditions. Also, we offer benefits, including retirement plans, medical plans, profit-sharing programs, and continuing education.

Quality-Control System

Our Firm meticulously monitors the quality and contents of our reports. The Pun Group LLP is 100% committed to providing only the highest grade of work possible for our clients and for those who rely on our audits. The Firm strives to exceed professional industry standards because of the continuing respect for our clients and our emphasis on creating long-lasting relationships. The Pun Group LLP works exclusively with those who share the same moral integrity and values. Our quality-control system has been crafted with excellence in mind. It not only meets AICPA standards but also matches our own elevated standards, which include following various professional development activities.

Engagement Team Resumes

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District deserves experienced professionals who work as a team. The Pun Group LLP will provide qualified professionals to perform the audit. No subcontractors and/or consultants will be utilized to perform the requested services. Resumes for key engagement team members are presented as follows:

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Licensed to Practice in:
California

EXPERIENCE

Coley Delaney holds the position of Partner within The Pun Group, LLP's Assurance division. With an extensive background spanning fifteen years in accounting and auditing, Coley's professional experience encompasses collaborations with governmental agencies, not-for-profit entities, and private for-profit entities. His specialization lies in conducting financial audits adhering to GAO Yellow Book standards, as well as compliance audits in alignment with Uniform Guidance (previously known as OMB Circular A-133).

Throughout his career, Mr. Delaney has successfully executed audits and various attestation services for multiple governmental agencies across California. This includes engagement with cities, counties, redevelopment agencies, public financing authorities, housing authorities, transportation agencies, and special districts. His contributions have facilitated the accurate preparation of Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34.

Beyond his client-facing responsibilities, Mr. Delaney is actively involved in internal capacity building. He is involved in developing training materials and sharing his expertise with fellow professionals within the firm. Additionally, Coley is a sought-after speaker for in-house seminars that delve into subjects related to government auditing standards and Single Audits.

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara

B.A. Degree – Business Economics, Emphasis in Accounting

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- City of National City
- City of Encinitas
- City of Shafter
- City of Fairfield
- City of Industry
- City of San Bernardino
- City of Escondido
- City of Stockton
- City of Hermosa Beach
- San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Various courses are offered by the Firm online through Thompson Reuters, AICPA, and CalCPA Education Foundation, including:

- Governmental and Nonprofit Annual Update
- Government Auditing Standards
- GASB Basic Financial Statements for State and Local Governments
- Single Audits: Uniform Guidance (formerly OMB Circular A-133)
- Financial Accounting Standards Board Annual Updates
- Statement on Standards for Accounting and Review Services Updates

Has met/exceeded the current CPE educational requirements to perform audits of governmental agencies.

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Licensed to Practice in:
California

EXPERIENCE

Sophia Kuo is a Partner within The Pun Group, LLP's Assurance division. In her tenure of accounting and auditing experience, Sophia has worked with governmental agencies, not-for-profit entities, and private for-profit entities. She possesses governmental expertise that ranges from GASB audit/reporting, Internal Controls/COSO Framework, Single Audit, Corporate Financial Reporting, Data Analysis, and Taxation.

Ms. Kuo has performed audits and other attestation services for several governmental agencies throughout California. Her portfolio includes cities, counties, redevelopment agencies, public financing authorities, housing authorities, transportation agencies, and special districts. Also, she has helped them publish their Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34.

EDUCATION

Fu Jen Catholic University

B.A. Degree – International Trading and Finance, Emphasis in Finance

Idaho State University

Master of Accounting (MAcc)

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)



LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
- Central Basin Water District
- City of Desert Hot Springs
- City of Monterey
- City of Perris
- City of Stockton
- City of Visalia
- City of Coachella
- South Orange County Wastewater Authority
- Marina Coast Water District
- Valley Sanitary District
- City of Monterey Park
- City of Pomona
- City of Hercules
- City of Glendora
- City of Culver City

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Various courses are offered by the Firm online through Thompson Reuters, AICPA, and CalCPA Education Foundation, including:

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- Financial Accounting Standards Board Annual Updates
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Licensed to Practice in:
California
Arizona
Nevada

EXPERIENCE

Jack Georger is the Chief GASB Implementation Specialist within The Pun Group LLP's Assurance division. By leveraging more than forty years of public accounting and auditing experience in the government, agribusiness, financial services, manufacturing, and nonprofit sectors, Mr. Georger brings in-depth knowledge and practical expertise to each engagement.

Jack coordinates, plans, and manages financial audit activities, consulting activities, federal and state compliance audit activities, performance audits, and numerous quality control and internal control reviews for a broad mix of governmental agencies and programs throughout the United States.

Mr. Georger leads our Peer Review department providing peer review services to other firms under the practice monitoring program of the AICPA.

Mr. Georger is a continuing professional education course instructor for the AICPA. Annually, he instructs over 300 hours in accounting and auditing subjects. Jack has authored training material in governmental accounting and auditing for the AICPA. He is the technical reviewer of the CCH Knowledge-Based Audits™ of State and Local Governments with Single Audits, GAAP Guide (FASB), and Governmental GAAP Guide (GASB).

Mr. Georger is licensed to practice as a certified public accountant in the states of California, New York, Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Missouri (inactive), Connecticut (inactive), and Wyoming (inactive). He is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).

EDUCATION

George Mason University Fairfax, Virginia

B.S. Degree – Accounting

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member and Instructor, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, Institute of Internal Auditors
- Member, California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)
- Member, New York Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA)
- Chairman, NYSSCPA Government Accounting and Auditing Committee
- Member, NYSSCPA Auditing Standards Committee
- Member, NYSSCPA Sustainability Committee
- Member, NYSSCPA Not-for-Profit Committee
- Nevada Society of Certified Public Accountants (NSCPA)
- Member, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – Reviewer
- Member, Institute of Internal Auditors

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

He has instructed over 300 hours of municipal accounting courses offered by the AICPA.

Has met/exceeded the current CPE educational requirements to perform audits of governmental agencies.

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Florida

EXPERIENCE

Ross Gotthoffer, a Director in The Pun Group LLP's Assurance division, boasts over two decades of public accounting and auditing experience across diverse sectors such as government, agribusiness, financial services, manufacturing, and nonprofits. His wealth of knowledge and practical expertise enhances every engagement.

As a seasoned Quality Control Reviewer at the CPA firm, Mr. Gotthoffer ensures the highest standards of accuracy and compliance. His meticulous approach encompasses the evaluation of financial statements, auditing processes, and regulatory adherence. With a proven track record, he actively contributes to enhancing overall quality control protocols, providing valuable insights, and fostering a culture of excellence within the organization.

Mr. Gotthoffer's responsibilities include conducting comprehensive quality reviews of all reports, ensuring that audits align with both firm and professional standards. He serves as a key resource for technical and operational issues, bringing a depth of expertise to the role. Additionally, Mr. Gotthoffer holds the position of technical reviewer for significant publications like CCH Knowledge-Based Audits™ of State and Local Governments with Single Audits, GAAP Guide (FASB), and Governmental GAAP Guide (GASB). He is a licensed certified public accountant in the state of Florida.

EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Master of Accountancy

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Member, Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) – Reviewer

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Has met/exceeded the current CPE educational requirements to perform audits of governmental agencies.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District



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Licensed to Practice in:
California

EXPERIENCE

Mark Hu, CPA, is an Assurance Services Manager at The Pun Group LLP with more than eight years of experience in providing accounting and audit services, internal control and risk evaluation, and business consulting to privately held and public companies. Mr. Hu has worked with clients in a variety of industries, including large not-for-profit entities, insurance carriers, manufacturing and distribution, and government entities.

Mark has been responsible for managing, planning, and performing financial and regulatory external and internal audits and for developing and conducting internal control procedures and risk assessment evaluations. He has evaluated key processes within companies to determine areas of operation and efficiencies for potential internal control weaknesses, developed findings into recommended courses of action, and reported comments and recommendations for resolution.

Mr. Hu has provided accounting support services to local not-for-profits and governments, including financial statement analysis and preparation.

EDUCATION

Hofstra University, New York

M.S. Degree – Accounting

LEADERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member, California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- City of Stockton
- City of South Gate
- Alameda County Water District
- City of Lodi
- City of Port Hueneme
- City of Menlo Park
- City of Gilroy
- West Valley Water District
- Zone 7 Water Agency
- City of Pacific Grove
- City of San Mateo
- City of Monterey Park

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Various courses are offered by the Firm online through Thompson Reuters, AICPA, and CalCPA Education Foundation, including:

- Governmental and Nonprofit Annual Update
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- Single Audits: Uniform Guidance (formerly OMB Circular A-133)
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Has met/exceeded the current CPE educational requirements to perform audits of governmental agencies.

Similar Engagements with Other Government Entities

The following are examples of some of the engagements performed in the last five years. These clients can be used as references as well. Please feel free to contact these agencies to learn more about their experiences working with us.

Name of Public Agency	Alameda County Water District
Contact Info	Ms. Mariana Grajeda, CPA (510) 668-4258 mariana.grajeda@acwd.com
Total Hours:	Approximately 550 hours
Contract Price	\$60,800/year
Date of Services	2019 - Present
Scope of Work/Reports Prepared	Financial Audit and Compliance Services: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Audit, GFOA Award, Debt Issues/Bond Covenants, SCO Report.

Name of Public Agency	Zone 7 Water Agency
Contact Info	Osborn Solitei, Treasurer/Assistant General Manager, Finance (925) 447-6704 osolitei@zone7water.com
Total Hours:	Approximately 400 hours
Contract Price	\$30,500/year
Date of Services	2020 - Present
Scope of Work/Reports Prepared	Financial Audit and Compliance Services: Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Audit, GFOA Award, Single Audit, OPEB Liability, SCO Report, Livermore Valley Water Financing Authority SCP, Debt Issues/Bond Covenants.

Name of Public Agency	Central Basin Municipal Water District
Contact Info	Peggy Williams, Accounting Manager (323) 201-5513 peggyw@centralbasin.org
Total Hours:	Approximately 300 hours
Contract Price	\$30,000/year
Date of Services	2018 - Present
Scope of Work/Reports Prepared	Basic financial statements audit, SCO Report.

Name of Public Agency	South Orange County Wastewater Authority
Contact Info	Mary Carey, Finance Controller (949) 234-5440 mcarey@socwa.com
Total Hours:	Approximately 300 hours
Contract Price	\$30,000/year
Date of Services	2017 – Present
Scope of Work/Reports Prepared	Financial Audit, including the preparation of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Audit.

Name of Public Agency	Olivenhain Municipal Water District
Contact Info	Ms. Rainy Selamat, Finance Manager (760) 753-6466 RSelamat@olivenhain.com
Total Hours	200
Contract Price	\$25,500/year
Date of Services	2018 – Present
Scope of Work/Reports Prepared	Financial Statements Audit.

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List of Current Municipal Clients

The Pun Group LLP has performed numerous audits of organizations subject to financial and compliance audits. These audits were performed under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, Government Auditing Standards, Uniform Guidance (formerly known as OMB Circular A-133), and its Compliance Supplement (when applicable), Office of the State Controller's Minimum Audit Requirements and Reporting Guidelines.

A representative list of our current clients is as follows:

Municipalities	Dates	Financial Audit	Single Audit	GFOA Certificate	Total Hours
City of Adelanto	2021 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	700
City of Anderson	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	530
City of Arvin	2013 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	400
City of Baldwin Park	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	700
City of Bell	2018 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	520
City of Bradbury	2012 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	150
City of Calexico	2007 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	750
City of Clovis	2006 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	500
City of Coachella	2017 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	410
City of Commerce	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	570
City of Cottonwood, AZ	2007 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	400
City of Corona	2021 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	640
City of Cudahy	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	500
Town of Corte Madera	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	400
Town of Danville	1999 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	400
City of Douglas, AZ	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	300
City of Desert Hot Springs	2013 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	700
City of Encinitas	2024 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	600
City of Fresno	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,450
City of Gilroy	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	640
City of Hercules	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	450
City of Indio	2024– Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	708
City of Lake Elsinore	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	460
City of Lakewood	2013 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	380
City of Madera	2019 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	470
City of Menlo Park	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	550
City of Montebello	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	600
County of Monterey	2023 – Present	Part of the audit & consulting services pool			TBD

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Municipalities	Dates	Financial Audit	Single Audit	GFOA Certificate	Total Hours
City of Monterey Park	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	612
City of National City	2013 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	600
City of Newport Beach	2024 – Present	Part of the internal audit consulting services			TBD
City of Pacific Grove	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	490
City of Palm Springs	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,000
City of Paramount	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	460
City of Patterson	2017 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	450
City of Placerville	2008 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	400
City of Pleasanton	2024 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	700
City of Pinole	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	400
City of Redlands	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	650
City of Ridgecrest	2009 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	300
City of Rohnert Park	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	700
City of Salinas	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	800
City of San Mateo	2021 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	900
City of Santa Clarita	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,200
City of Santa Cruz	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	800
City of Seal Beach	2017 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	410
City of Stockton	2012 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	3,000
City of Tracy	2021 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	960
Town of Tiburon	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	452
City of Vernon	2023 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	1000
City of Ventura	2024 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	960
City of Visalia	2021 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	650
Imperial County Transportation Commission	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	600
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System	2005 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,850
Carmel Area Wastewater District	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	150
CAWD/PBSCD Wastewater Reclamation Project	2022 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	150
Central Basin Water District	2018 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	400
Emerald Bay Service District	2024 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	225
Helix Water District	2024 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	320
Los Angeles County Law Library	2020 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	180

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Municipalities	Dates	Financial Audit	Single Audit	GFOA Certificate	Total Hours
Marina Coast Water District	2012 – Present	Yes	N/A	Yes	240
NALEO Educational Fund and NALEO	2020 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	300
Olivenhain Municipal Water District	2019 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	200
Padre Dam Municipal Water District	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	250
San Bernardino County Preschool Services Department	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	150
San Bernardino County Fire Protection District	2016 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	200
Santa Fe Irrigation District	2019 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	250
San Mateo County Mosquito & Vector Control District	2024 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	220
Sweetwater Authority	2022 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	270
South Bay Cities Council of Governments	2020 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	100
South Orange County Water Authority	2017 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	240
South Bay Regional Public Communications Authority	2015 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	100
Southwestern Community College District	2009 – Present	Yes	Yes	N/A	720
West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District	2016 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	100
West Valley Water District	2018 – Present	Yes	N/A	N/A	430
Zone 7 Water Agency	2020 – Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	400

GFOA Award Program

The Pun Group LLP realizes the importance of maintaining the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the GFOA. Our professionals are exceptionally well qualified to assist governments in obtaining and maintaining their certificates.

Our dedication and active engagement in shaping auditing and accounting standards are evident through our enthusiastic participation in the GFOA's financial statements certificate programs. Remarkably, all of our present clients who have submitted their Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports to the GFOA have been honored with these prestigious awards.

Also, our senior partner, Mr. John F. Georger, is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and participates in the GFOA Special Review Committee.

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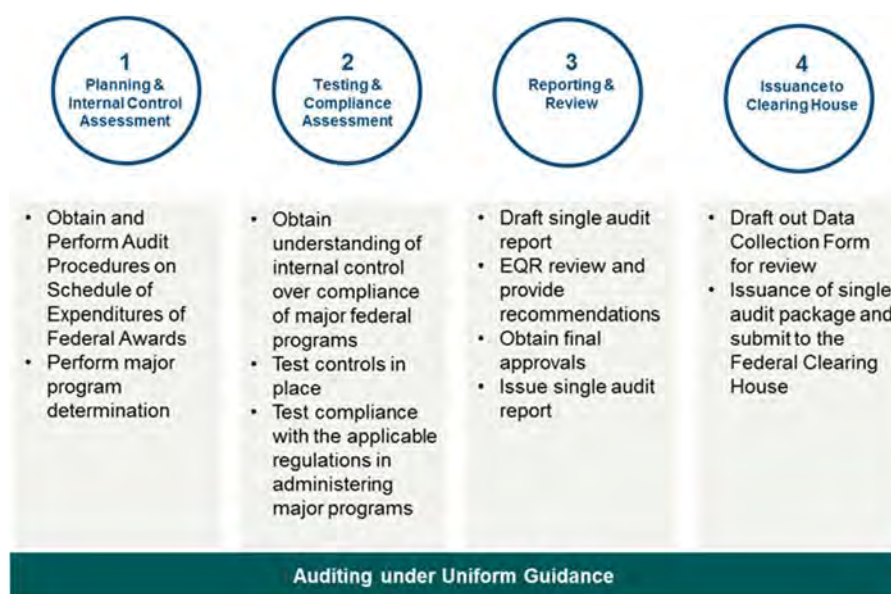
Firm's Experience with Single Audit and Grants

The Pun Group LLP works with numerous organizations that receive extensive governmental funding and are subject to auditing under Uniform Grant Guidance. This Firm's specialization helps our audit team understand the procedures' nuances and execute the engagement accordingly. We also assist in preparing the data collection form and preparing the reporting package for submission to the federal audit clearinghouse.

The Firm is a member of the AICPA Governmental Audit Quality Center and has demonstrated its commitment to audit quality, including those performed under Government Auditing Standards and Uniform Guidance. Also, we are a recipient of the *Single Audit Resource Center's Award for Excellence*. This award is based on the positive feedback result from our clients in an independent survey, demonstrating our Firm's highest commitment to quality and client satisfaction.

We utilize standardized audit programs from the federal government's Compliance Supplement to ensure that our procedures meet federal standards. Our audit programs are continually updated to reflect the revisions of OMB.

Our Uniform Guidance risk-based approach focuses on areas of higher risk of non-compliance. Such an approach truly reflects the federal government's intent by concentrating on the following four steps:



- 1. Planning & Internal control assessment:** The engagement team will obtain an understanding of the District and its operating environment and its internal control over the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards. The engagement team will perform the major program determination and communicate with the District's management before conducting major program testing.
- 2. Testing & compliance assessment:** The engagement team will obtain an understanding of internal control over compliance on the direct and material compliance requirements for each major program. The engagement will perform testing on internal controls over compliance to ensure the controls are in place working effectively and properly and that the District is in compliance with the applicable regulations in administering major programs.
- 3. Reporting & Review:** The engagement team will review and prepare the single audit reports and perform quality control procedures following the Quality Control Standards issued by the AICPA. Any comments will be issued to the management or the Charge with Governance, depending on the magnitude of the issues. Upon obtaining the final approvals from management, the Single Audit report will be issued.
- 4. Issuance to Clearing House:** The engagement team will assist the District in drafting the data collection form and completing the final submission, including uploading the audit package to the Federal Clearing House.

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Our Firm has audited hundreds of millions of dollars in federal expenditures, making our engagement team uniquely experienced in single audits. We are familiar with *grantors*, such as:



- Corporation for National and Community Services
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Education
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Transportation
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Commerce
- Department of Labor
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of Justice
- Department of Treasury
- Executive Office of the President

Following are a few examples of the types of federal programs our engagement team has experience auditing:

	Assistance Listings
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558
Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants	14.218
Home Investment Partnership	14.239
Housing Vouchers Cluster	14.871
Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program	15.504
Equitable Sharing Program	16.922
WIAWIOA Adult Program	17.258
WIAWIOA Youth Activities	17.259
WIAWIOA Dislocated Worker Formula Grants	17.278
Airport Improvement Program	20.106
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205
Federal Transit - Capital Investments Grants	20.500
Federal Transit - Formula Grants	20.507
Minimum Penalties for Repeat Offenders for Driving While Intoxicated	20.608
Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds Cluster	66.458
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part B - Grants for Supportive Services and Senior Centers	93.044
Special Programs for the Aging - Title III, Part C - Nutrition Services	93.045
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	93.053
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Programs	93.558
Community Service Block Grant	93.569
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575
Child Care Mandatory and Matching Funds of the Child Care and Development Fund	93.596
ARRA - Emergency Contingency Fund for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Programs	93.714
National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System	97.025
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067

Firm's Experience with State Controller's Reports

The Pun Group LLP has assisted numerous clients with the preparation of the required reports by the California State Controller's Office. Some of these experiences are as follows:

Cities Financial Transactions Report:

- City of Arvin
- City of Bell
- City of Coachella
- City of Culver City
- City of Desert Hot Springs
- City of Hercules
- City of Placentia
- City of Laguna Niguel
- City of Lakewood
- City of Lynwood
- City of Monterey
- City of Morro Bay
- City of Napa
- City of National City
- City of Palm Springs
- City of Perris
- City of Rohnert Park
- City of South Gate
- City of Stockton

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Annual Street Report:

- City of Desert Hot Springs
- City of Laguna Niguel
- City of Napa
- City of Palm Springs
- City of Perris
- City of Stockton

Special Districts Financial Transactions Report:

- Special District of West End Water Development Treatment and Conservation Joint Powers Authority
- Special District of West Valley Water District
- Special District of Coachella Financing Authority
- Special District of Coachella Sanitary District (Riverside)
- Special District of Coachella Water Authority
- Special District of Desert Hot Springs Public Financing Authority
- Special District of Desert Hot Springs Successor Agency
- Special District of Perris Public Utility Authority
- Special District of Perris Public Financing Authority
- Special District of Perris Joint Powers Authority
- Special District of Central Basin Municipal Water District
- Special District of Marina Coast Water District
- Special District of Menlo Park Fire Protection District
- Special District of San Bernardino County Fire Protection District

Transit Operators Financial Transactions Report:

- City of Arvin
- City of Culver City

Firm's Expertise and Experience in Governmental Accounting Rules and Regulations, Including Implementation of new GASB Pronouncements

The ever-changing landscape of federal laws and compliance requirements has added significant complexity to public accounting. Our GASB Implementation Specialist, Jack Georger, expertly guides clients through new standards and updates to existing ones. Additionally, our partners actively contribute to the development of new standards through committee roles and participation in key industry associations focused on state and local governments.

By staying engaged with industry groups and developments, we ensure our clients and team members are informed about the latest changes. Our professionals bring deep expertise in governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting, including GASB pronouncements, the Single Audit Act, Uniform Guidance, and fund operations. With experience as CPAs and leaders within and outside government, we deliver the thought leadership and quality our clients need.

The Firm is well versed and experienced in assisting our clients with the implementation of the applicable GASB pronouncements every year, such as:

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| • GASB 34 | • GASB 91 |
| • GASB 54 | • GASB 94 |
| • GASB 65 | • GASB 96 |
| • GASB 68 | • GASB 100 |
| • GASB 75 | • GASB 101 |
| • GASB 84 | • GASB 102 |
| • GASB 87 | |

Throughout the engagement, several new GASB pronouncements will become effective. The Engagement Team will pay specific attention to upcoming statements that will become effective and work with the District to create a plan to address new standards before the implementation period. This step will allow the finance department staff the needed time to be prepared.

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Special Attention: GASB Pronouncements Effective for Reporting Year 2025-2026

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*

This statement updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences to align with a unified model and revises certain disclosures. It is effective for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*

This statement requires governments to assess and disclose risks related to concentrations or constraints that could impact their financial statements. It is effective for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 103, *Revenue and Expense Recognition*

This statement provides a unified framework for recognizing and measuring revenue and expenses. It is effective for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Earlier application is encouraged.

GASB Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*

This statement requires separate disclosure of certain capital assets, including those held for sale and intangible assets, to improve transparency. It is effective for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Earlier application is encouraged.

Firm's Experience with Tyler Technologies and Their Solutions

Our professionals are extremely familiar with Tyler Technologies and their software solutions. Our team will deploy such experience to hit the ground running with no downtime. Some examples of our clients who utilize Tyler Technologies are:

Client Name	Office	Industry
Encinitas, City of	San Diego	Local Government
Culver City, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Fresno, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Gardena, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Lakewood, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Lodi, City of	Walnut Creek	Local Government
Lynwood, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Madera, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Monterey, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Napa, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Perris, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Redlands, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Rohnert Park, City of	Walnut Creek	Local Government
San Elijo JPA	San Diego	Special District
Shafter, City of	Orange County	Local Government
South Bay Regional Communications	Orange County	Local Government
South Gate, City of	Orange County	Local Government
Tracy, City of	Orange County	Local Government



Specific Audit Approach

Scope of Work, Audit Approach, and Methodology

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is requesting the Firm to perform Audit Services and issue opinions on the District's financial statements. The audits are to be completed in accordance with all applicable and generally accepted auditing standards, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Generally accepted auditing standards as set forth by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).
- US General Accounting Office's (GAO) Standard for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions.
- Local Governments and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Pronouncements.
- The standards applicable to financial audits contained in the most current version of the Generally Accepted *Government Auditing Standards* (Yellow Book), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.
- The provisions of the Single Audit Act as amended in 1996.
- The provisions of the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance (formerly known as Circular A-133), Audits of State and Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations, and the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

The Firm will perform the following services:

- ✓ Financial Statement Audits and issuance of an opinion statement on the **Annual Comprehensive Financial Report** of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The audit will be conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted *Government Auditing Standards*. The report will be in full compliance with all current GASB pronouncements.

In addition, the Firm will assist in meeting the requirements for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) "**Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.**"

- ✓ If required, prepare a **Single Audit Report** which will include the following:
 - Report on compliance and on internal control over financial reporting based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
 - Report on compliance with requirements applicable to each major program, internal control over compliance, and on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards in accordance with Uniform Guidance, "Audits of State and Local Governments," and the Single Audit Act of 1984 (Public Law 98-502).
 - Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
 - Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
 - Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.
 - Any other required schedules or reports.
 - Prepare the Data Collection Form for Reporting on Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.
- ✓ Test compliance with Proposition 111, Article XIII.B – Review of **Appropriation Limit Calculations (GANN)**.
- ✓ Test **internal controls** over financial reporting and compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and issue an independent auditors' report on their consideration.
- ✓ Prepare year-end adjusting journal entries, including but not limited to **GASB 68 and GASB 75**.
- ✓ Issue an **Auditor's Communication Letter** with any reportable conditions found during the audit. A reportable condition will be defined as a material weakness or significant deficiency.
- ✓ Issue a separate "**Management Letter**" that includes recommendations for improvements on internal control, accounting procedures, and other significant observations that are considered to be no reportable conditions.

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- ✓ Provide a report on the fair presentation of the **financial statements of the District** in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- ✓ Prepare and submit the **State Controller's Special Districts' Financial Transaction Report** pursuant to Government Code Section 53891.

Provided By Client (PBC) Lists: They will be provided for both interim and final audits according to an agreed-upon timeline between the engagement team and the District in order to be reasonably prepared for a field audit. The engagement team will meet with the District's management during the initial planning stage to discuss audit schedules and review the prior year's audit findings (if any). We will deliver a list of all documents to be provided by the District's staff. Once such materials are agreed upon by the engagement team and District's finance personnel, no other schedules will be requested unless new information comes to light in the course of test work.

Attendance at Meetings and Hearings: The engagement team will participate in as many meetings with staff as needed to perform the work scope tasks, present the audit plan prior to beginning fieldwork, and discuss the draft audit reports. The team will attend public meetings to present and discuss its findings and recommendations. Once all issues of discussion are resolved, the completed Financial Reports, Single Audit report (if applicable), and other reports will be delivered to the District according to the agreed-upon schedule.

Proposed Audit Adjustments: All proposed adjusting journal entries by the Firm will be discussed and explained in a timely manner with the designated Finance Department personnel. Such proposed adjustments will be in a format that shows the lowest level of posting detail needed for data entry in the general ledger systems.

Supplemental Reports, Audits, or Agreed-Upon Procedures: Other services, such as agreed-upon procedures, may be deemed necessary. These services will be performed at agreed-upon rates and will be added to a written agreement before commencing audit work. The Firm and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will discuss and approve the scope and associated costs of these tasks.

Advice and Consultation: Will be provided throughout the year on matters relating to accounting and financial reporting. Such services do not include any task that entails significant research or a formal report.

GASB Implementation: The Firm will provide technical assistance and training in the implementation of applicable GASB pronouncements not yet in effect. We have a dedicated partner, Mr. Jack Georger, who will be responsible for providing advice and consultation for the implementation of these new standards. The Firm will advise the District on the applicability of accounting and reporting standards and other accounting issues and provide guidance on new note disclosures, GASB implementations, and other reporting requirements. We will also provide training, resources, and information on topics relevant to the District's financial reporting and operations. *(Based on the scope, additional charges may apply.)*

Report of all Irregularities and Illegal Acts: The Firm will make an immediate written report of all irregularities and illegal acts or indications of illegal actions of which we may become aware.

The engagement team will also make all communications to the District required by the audit standards under which the engagement is performed.

Working Paper Retention and Access to Working Papers: The Firm will retain, at its own expense, all working papers and reports for a minimum of seven (7) years unless the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District notifies the Firm in writing of the need to extend the retention period. The Firm will make working papers available upon request by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District or its designees.

Also, we will comply with reasonable requests from successor auditors and allow them to review working papers that relate to matters of continuing accounting significance.

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Methodology and Segmentation of Engagement

The Firm's audit approach consists of six phases: Engagement Acceptance and General Planning, Planning and Internal Control Evaluation, Fieldwork, Post Fieldwork, Report Preparation and Review, and Final Production.



Benefits

- Client tailored approach emphasizing careful planning, open communication, proper assignment of responsibilities
- An efficient and effective audit, so disruption to office operations is kept to a minimum
- Offer beneficial observations and recommendation about policies and procedures for accounting and operating controls
- Opportunities to make operations more efficient and reduce costs
- Provide advisory services so recommendations can be implemented
- Meet objectives at no additional cost

1. **Engagement Acceptance and General Planning:** The engagement partner and manager will meet with District's management to obtain an update on the current District policies and procedures, help identify risk areas and new operations and establish any specific requirements they may have. Our team will work on the identification of unique transactions, implementation of new GASB pronouncements, and develop the audit work plan for the engagement. *Proposed timeline: May of each year.*
2. **Planning and Internal Control Evaluation:** The engagement team, including the engagement partner, will assess accounting policies adopted by the District in order to obtain an understanding of its structure and its operating environment. Also, our team will review internal controls on all significant transaction classes, perform walkthroughs and/or tests of internal controls, perform preliminary analytical procedures, develop an initial risk assessment, evaluate Single Audit compliance, identify any audit issues, and prepare confirmation correspondence. The engagement team and District's Management will establish expectations, including responsibilities and assignments for the year-end fieldwork, and will hold a progress status meeting at the end of the interim phase. *Proposed timeline: June of each year.*
3. **Fieldwork:** The engagement team, including the engagement partner, will conduct audit procedures on account balances in the general ledger, finish confirmation procedures, perform data analysis using our AI tools, search for unrecorded liabilities, perform substantial analytical review procedures, complete work on compliance with Federal Assistance, and conclude fieldwork. The engagement team and District Management will hold an exit conference at year-end. Periodic update meetings will be held to communicate audit progress to management. *Proposed timeline: October of each year.*
4. **Post Fieldwork:** During the phase, the engagement team, including the engagement partner, will review all documents and evaluate commitments and contingencies. The team will perform an assessment of the going concern and jointly plan for the next steps. *Proposed timeline: immediately after fieldwork completion.*
5. **Report Preparation and Review:** The Firm will review and prepare audit reports and perform quality control procedures following the Quality Control Standards issued by the AICPA. We will also examine reports for compliance with GFOA reporting guidelines at no additional cost. Any comments will be recorded in a letter to management. At the District's request, the engagement partner and manager will present the audit to District's Management and other governing bodies. *Proposed timeline: November of each year.*
6. **Final Production:** The final phase of our approach entails obtaining the management representation letter and final financial statement report, which may include a final presentation to the District's Management and other governing bodies (if applicable). *Proposed timeline: December of each year.*

The Firm will complete the audit fieldwork and issue all reports within the established timeframe, assuming no internal circumstances within the District causes delays in the audit.

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Level of Staff and Number of Hours to be Assigned to Each Segment of the Engagement

The Pun Group LLP understands that the District is not only looking to employ our auditing services but is also seeking to receive value within that professional relationship. We believe that our value derives from the in-depth knowledge, experience, and commitment that our auditing firm employs. We stress and emphasize “employ” because all of the knowledge and expertise listed on paper will not benefit you unless it is applied. That is why we have developed a plan that we feel will accomplish the objectives of the District and your particular needs. Our Firm will utilize the information that you have shared with us and our experience from our previous audits of this nature from various government entities and cities to develop a practical plan for all major areas.

Estimated Total Hours*:

	Partner(s)	Director/ Manager	Supervisory Staff	Staff	Clerical	Total
Engagement Acceptance & General Planning	2	2	7	13	1	25
Planning & Internal Control Evaluation	2	4	11	19	1	37
Fieldwork	12	18	54	96	7	187
Post Fieldwork	8	12	36	64	5	125
Report Preparation & Review	12	18	54	96	7	187
Final Production	4	6	18	32	2	62
Total*	40	60	180	320	24	624

*Does not include CPE hours related to Governmental Webinars and/or optional services.

Sample Size and the Extent to Which Statistical Sampling is to be Used in this Engagement

In our audit approach, random and statistical sampling is used in conjunction with our skilled judgment and knowledge of each situation. When designing an audit sample, our auditors consider the purpose of the audit procedure and the characteristics of the population from which the sample will be drawn. We determine a sample size sufficient to reduce sampling risk to an acceptably low level and select items for such a task in a way that we can reasonably expect it to be representative of the relevant sample and likely to provide the auditor with a reasonable basis for conclusions about the population.

Enhancing Auditing Quality with Artificial Intelligence

There are plenty of challenges with established audit practices. Outdated CAAT tools, sampling practices, and the explosive growth of big data are some of the examples, and they all present significant barriers to detecting anomalies, intentional or otherwise, in financial data. The Pun Group deploys a comprehensive, risk-based approach, complemented by using MindBridge™'s Artificial Intelligence Platform, to conduct our audit. Through this tool, we can seamlessly analyze thousands and thousands of financial and operating data and records, **identifying and cataloging significant risks in mere seconds.**



The *AI Auditor* platform works by our side, augmenting our capacity to detect errors or fraud in the collected data not only by analyzing the entire set but by cross-correlating dozens of testing criteria against pre-established data points and presenting us with a view of every user, vendor, and transaction, by risk. All are happening within moments of ingesting analyzed data, which is something standard audit procedures simply cannot accomplish.

We utilize these tools to allow our audit team to increase efficiency in the audit process, enhance the existing quality of our work, provide directed testing in areas subject to the highest risk, and quickly assimilate large amounts of data your staff would typically be asked to gather. The tools also help us to meet our professional requirements regarding fraud and internal control, allowing us to:

- ✓ Run Benford's analysis to check for fraud in transactions.
- ✓ Increase the value of audit findings with complete, 100% data coverage.
- ✓ Isolate risk and control issues before they impact your operations.
- ✓ Improve productivity by automating procedures and eliminating manual tasks.
- ✓ Conduct more direct, efficient, and effective audits to improve overall service quality.

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Our engagement team easily imports data in a secure environment from the District's financial software and extracts useful data for testing and analytical procedures particular to the following areas:

- Successful Fraud Test
- Questionable Invoices
- Phantom Vendor Schemes
- Kickback or Conflict-of-Interest Schemes
- Dormant Account Schemes
- Money Laundering Schemes

Type and Extent of Analytical Procedures to be Used in the Engagement

Analytical procedures are one of many financial audit processes that help an auditor understand the client's operation and changes in the environment and identify potential risk areas to plan other audit procedures. Such procedures include a comparison of financial information on prior periods, budgets, forecasts, and industry benchmarks. We use trend and ratio analysis to identify any uncertain or unusual events. To perform these analyses, our Firm surveys cities and counties and develops benchmarks on specific vital financial indicators, such as the cost of services to tax revenues ratios, average general fund balance, capital assets, debt-to-capital, and general fund unassigned fund balance to total general fund expenditures, etc. Our engagement members have extensive experience in successfully implanting analytical procedures to the District's benefit.

Our analytical procedures process is performed during three stages of the audit: (a) at the start, (b) in the middle, and (c) at the end. These three stages are risk assessment procedures, substantive analytical procedures, and final analytical procedures:

- **Risk assessment procedures** are used to assist the auditor in understanding the business better and in planning the nature, timing, and extent of audit procedures.
- **Substantive analytical procedures** are used to obtain evidential matters about particular assertions related to the account balances or classes of transactions. During the interim phase, our engagement team will set up expectations for the year-to-date results and balances and compare them with budgeted and prior-year amounts. This process allows us to forecast year-end amounts, reducing the workload during the year-end phase and allowing us to focus on areas of concern.
- **Final analytical procedures** are used as an overall review of the financial information in the last review stage of the audit. The Engagement Partner(s) and Manager(s) will perform a high-level analytical analysis of the financial information, comparing its data both quantitatively and qualitatively to ensure the amounts are fairly presented in all material respect in the financial statements.

Approach to be Taken to Gain and Document an Understanding of the Internal Control Structure

Audit risk assessment is established by an internal control review, combined with the engagement team's understanding of the District's operations and accounting software. Using the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) Framework, staff members will evaluate the District's processes and identify any control deficiencies. These diagnostic review procedures allow the engagement team to assess the District's systems and controls and to provide constructive feedback to management.

During our initial planning phase of the audit, our engagement team, including the engagement Partner and Manager, will obtain an understanding of the entity and its environment. It is an essential aspect of performing an audit under generally accepted auditing standards. That understanding establishes a frame of reference within which the auditor plans the procedures and exercises professional judgment about assessing risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and responding to those risks throughout the examination.

During the interim phase of the audit, our engagement team will perform a walkthrough of all significant accounting systems, including processes for financial reporting, revenue recognition and cash receipts, purchasing/contract management and cash disbursements, payroll and related liabilities, and others. Our auditors will obtain the written policies and procedures, inquiring accounting personnel, and document the process in either a flowchart or narrative summary format. After gaining an understanding of the accounting and internal control systems, our auditor will make a preliminary assessment of control risk, at the assertion level, for each material account balance or class of transactions.

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The form and extent of this documentation are influenced by the size and complexity of the entity and the nature of its accounting and internal control systems. Generally, the more complex the entity's accounting and internal control systems and the more extensive the auditor's procedures, the broader our documentation will need to be.

Approach to be Taken in Determining Laws and Regulations that Will be Subject to Audit Test Work

The Firm stays continually up to date with audit requirements—including new regulations, compliance supplements, state guidelines, and related contracts—to ensure that we conduct audits under applicable laws and regulations. We test transactions for compliance with the Single Audit Act, California Government Code, GANN Appropriations Limit, provisions of applicable grant guidelines, requirements of local measures, and others.

For example, the Single Audit Act requires that we determine which grants to include in our audit and select transactions from those grants for detailed testing. While most items will be tested as part of the Interim phase, we cannot determine which grants will be selected for the Single Audit until the year-end/fieldwork stage of the audit.

Our compliance audits of cash, investments, debt covenants, and other areas will be performed following the California Government Code, which has many provisions and regulations covering investments.

Approach to be Taken in Drawing Audit Samples for Purposes of Tests of Compliance

To test compliance, we will follow the AICPA's Audit Sampling Considerations of Uniform Guidance Compliance Audits. We will select an appropriate sample size based on our professional judgment and knowledge. Any deviations from control and compliance requirements will be documented.

Audit Firm's Expectations of the Role and Participation of District's Staff in the Audit Process

The engagement team will meet with the District's management during the initial planning stage to discuss audit schedules and review the prior year's audit findings (if any). We will deliver a list of all documents to be provided by the District's staff. Once such materials are agreed upon by the engagement team and District's finance personnel, no other schedules will be requested unless new information comes to light in the course of test work.

Our goal is to cause the least amount of interruptions to the District's daily operations; therefore, to the extent possible, we will use information in the form available from the District's records.

We believe client/engagement team communication is vital to perform results satisfactorily. With that sentiment in mind, we will hold regular meetings with the District's management to determine the status of the audit as well as any items which will require special attention. **Open and frequent communication is critical.**

Objectives of Our Services

Our primary objective for the proposed audit is to examine the District's financial statements and express our opinion on the fairness of the presentation, following generally accepted accounting principles. Other objectives that will benefit the District include the following:

- To offer beneficial observations and recommendations about policies and procedures for accounting and operating controls
- To identify opportunities to make District operations more efficient and reduce costs
- To perform the audit efficiently and effectively. Disruptions to office operations are kept to a minimum
- To provide continuing advisory services so the District can implement recommendations
- To meet these objectives at no additional cost to the District

The Engagement Team will perform the audit abiding by the Firm's quality-control procedures, which include following standard audit programs, careful planning, using industry-standardized software for auditing and internal control documentation, and welcoming an objective review of audit work. In other words, our client-tailored approach emphasizes careful planning, open communication, and proper assignment of responsibilities.

The Firm will supply portable computers to the on-site staff members.

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Identification of Anticipated Potential Audit Problems

While we do not expect any problems with the audit, we will carefully investigate and monitor the following relevant accounting issues:

Investments:

- Compliance with GASB 31 and GASB 34
- Authorization and approval process for District investments
- Controls to assure the District's compliance with investment limitations and types of specific investments
- Monitoring by the District of its investments

Financial Reporting:

- Compliance with current reporting and disclosure requirements issued by GASB
- Compliance with the various GASBs in effect
- Perform valuations of OPEB benefits to determine the liability for all benefits promised to active, retired, and inactive plan members as of each valuation date
- Compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 74 and 75
- Compliance with infrastructure obligations and regulatory provisions

Internal Control Structure:

- District's internal control functions and compliance with proper internal control philosophies
- Computer-system processes and controls and adequacy of the control environment

Cost Proposal

Certification

We are committed to the performance of a high-quality audit at the most reasonable fee level possible, both initially and throughout the engagement. Also, our partners will provide advice and consultation as needed at no additional cost to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Name of Firm: The Pun Group LLP – Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors
Contact Name: Coley Delaney, CPA
Contact Email Address: coley.delaney@pungroup.cpa

Authorization to Represent the Firm

I, the undersigned, certify I am duly authorized to represent The Pun Group LLP and am empowered to submit this bid. In addition, I certify I am authorized to contract with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on behalf of the Firm.



March 3, 2025

Coley Delaney, CPA | Partner
The Pun Group LLP

Date

Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price

Our proposed fees for Audit Services for the a three-year audit service agreement, with the option to extend the agreement for two additional years, are as follows:

All-Inclusive Maximum Price by Report	Optional Years				
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Financial Audit / ACFR Preparation	\$ 75,000	\$ 78,750	\$ 82,688	\$ 86,822	\$ 91,163
Single Audit Report (1 program) ¹	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Gann Limit	500	525	551	579	608
State Controller's Report	2,500	2,625	2,756	2,894	3,039
Management Letter	Included	Included	Included	Included	Included
Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price for All Schedules:	\$ 78,000	\$ 81,900	\$ 85,995	\$ 90,295	\$ 94,809

- (1) Single Audit fees based on one (1) major program. The fee for auditing additional major programs will be \$5,000 each. The number of programs determined to be "major" will be based on OMB Uniform Guidance. The Engagement Team will discuss this with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Management before starting Single Audit work.

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Out of Pocket Expenses are Included in the Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price and Reimbursement Rates

The Firm's policy is to maintain flexible billing rates to meet the needs of clients and help them control costs. In the interest of starting our long-term relationship, we will absorb expenses such as travel and printing costs. Additionally, our Partners will be available to provide advice and consultation as necessary to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. The Firm will also absorb these costs.

Rates for Additional Professional Services

Below are the Firm's hourly billing rates, delineated by staffing levels:

Hourly Billing Rates	
Partner(s)	\$ 300
Director(s)	\$ 250
Senior Manager(s)	\$ 225
Manager(s)	\$ 200
Supervisor(s)	\$ 175
Senior Accountant(s)	\$ 150
Staff Accountant(s)	\$ 125
Clerical	\$ 100

Any supplemental reports, audits, or agreed-upon procedures not covered by this proposal may be added to a written agreement prior to commencing audit work. The Firm and the District will discuss and approve the scope and associated costs of these tasks. Any additional work will be performed at the above-quoted hourly rates.

Manner of Payment

Engagement Team members are required to maintain timesheets detailing the date, number of hours, and work performed for every audit task. The Firm will collect these timesheets and bill the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District at the rates outlined in the Total All-Inclusive Maximum Price section in four stages: (1) at the conclusion of the planning phase, (2) at the conclusion of the interim phase, (3) at the conclusion of the Year-End phase, (4) and after presentation and acceptance of the final audit reports. Interim billings will cover a period not less than a calendar month. The billing amounts generally break down as follows:

Work Performed	% of Proposal Amount
Planning	10%
Interim	40%
Fieldwork	40%
Presentation and Acceptance of Reports	10%

Let's Get to Work!

Benefits of Choosing The Pun Group LLP

The Pun Group LLP is recognized for its professionalism, integrity and for providing clients with practical solutions unique to their circumstances and issues. Our Firm prides itself on being able to provide personalized client services, and with that sentiment in mind, we have carefully chosen our engagement teams. The Pun Group's primary objective is to offer the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District solutions and directions led by highly experienced and capable partners who can successfully implement the work and produce the results you expect. This philosophy and mindset allow us to provide a superior level of service and a quality audit.

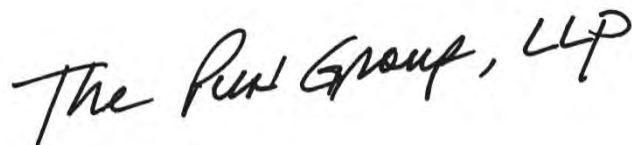
We trust that this proposal has given you the information needed about the Firm, the engagement team members, the overall audit approach, cost-saving measures, and audit fees. We are committed to exceeding your expectations, and we look forward to bringing our experience and expertise to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District while providing you with the excellent level of service that you expect and deserve.

Thank You

Thank you for allowing us to submit our qualifications to provide you with Audit Services. Please direct inquiries to:

Coley Delaney, CPA
Partner
Email: coley.delaney@pungroup.cpa
Phone: (858) 242-5101 | Fax: (949) 777-8850

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "The Pun Group, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Pun Group LLP
Certified Public Accountants and Business Advisors

Appendix A – Sample Letters

_____, 2024

The Pun Group, LLP
4660 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 100
San Diego, CA 92122

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Water District (the "District"), which comprise the statement of net position as of June 30, 2024, and the related statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the disclosures (collectively, the "financial statements"), for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered to be material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. An omission or misstatement that is monetarily small in amount could be considered material as a result of qualitative factors.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of _____ 2024, the following representations made to you during your audit.

Financial Statements

- 1) We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated _____, 2024, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and for preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria.
- 2) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP and include all properly classified funds and other financial information of the primary government and all component units required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 4) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 5) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 6) Related party relationships and transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 7) Adjustments or disclosures have been made for all events, including instances of noncompliance, subsequent to the date of the financial statements that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements [or in the schedule of findings and questioned costs].
- 8) The effects of uncorrected misstatements are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements as a whole for each opinion unit. A list of the uncorrected misstatements is attached to the representation letter.
- 9) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the District is contingently liable, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed.

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Information Provided

- 11) We have provided you with:
- a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records (including information obtained from outside of the general and subsidiary ledgers), documentation, and other matters [and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources].
 - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
 - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the District from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
 - d) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 12) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements [and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards].
- 13) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 14) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the District and involves—
- Management,
 - Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
 - Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the District's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators, or others.
- 16) We have no knowledge of instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements, or waste or abuse, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 17) We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you the names of the District's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions, including any side agreements.

Government-specific

- 19) There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
- 20) We have identified to you any previous audits, attestation engagements, and other studies related to the objectives of the audit and whether related recommendations have been implemented.
- 21) We have identified to you any investigations or legal proceedings that have been initiated with respect to the period under audit.
- 22) The District has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance or net position.
- 23) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax or debt limits and debt contracts, and legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 24) We have appropriately identified, recorded, and disclosed all leases in accordance with [GASBS No. 87](#) , if applicable
- 25) We have appropriately disclosed or recognized conduit debt obligations and/or certain arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations in accordance with [GASBS No. 91](#) , if applicable.

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- 26) We have appropriately identified, recorded, and disclosed subscription-based information technology arrangements in accordance with [GASBS No. 96](#), if applicable.
- 27) We have identified and disclosed to you all instances of identified and suspected fraud and noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that we believe have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 28) There are no violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting, approving, and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements, or as a basis for recording a loss contingency, or for reporting on noncompliance.
- 29) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and disclosures [and schedule of expenditures of federal awards]. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and disclosures [and schedule of expenditures of federal awards].
- 30) The District has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
- 31) The District has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 32) The financial statements include all component units, appropriately present majority equity interests in legally separate organizations and joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
- 33) The financial statements include all fiduciary activities required by [GASBS No. 84](#), as amended, if applicable.
- 34) The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities in accordance with [GASBS No. 34](#), as amended.
- 35) All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in [GASBS Nos. 34](#) and [37](#) for presentation as major are identified and presented as such and all other funds that are presented as major are particularly important to financial statement users.
- 36) Components of net position (net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted) and classifications of fund balance (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned) are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
- 37) Investments, derivative instrument transactions, and land and other real estate held by endowments are properly valued.
- 38) Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
- 39) Expenses have been appropriately classified in or allocated to functions and programs in the statement of activities, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 40) Revenues are appropriately classified in the statement of activities within program revenues, general revenues, contributions to term or permanent endowments, or contributions to permanent fund principal.
- 41) Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances have been appropriately classified and reported.
- 42) Deposits and investment securities and derivative instrument transactions are properly classified as to risk and are properly disclosed.
- 43) Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated or amortized.
- 44) We have appropriately disclosed the District's policy regarding whether to first apply restricted or unrestricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available and have determined that net position is properly recognized under the policy.

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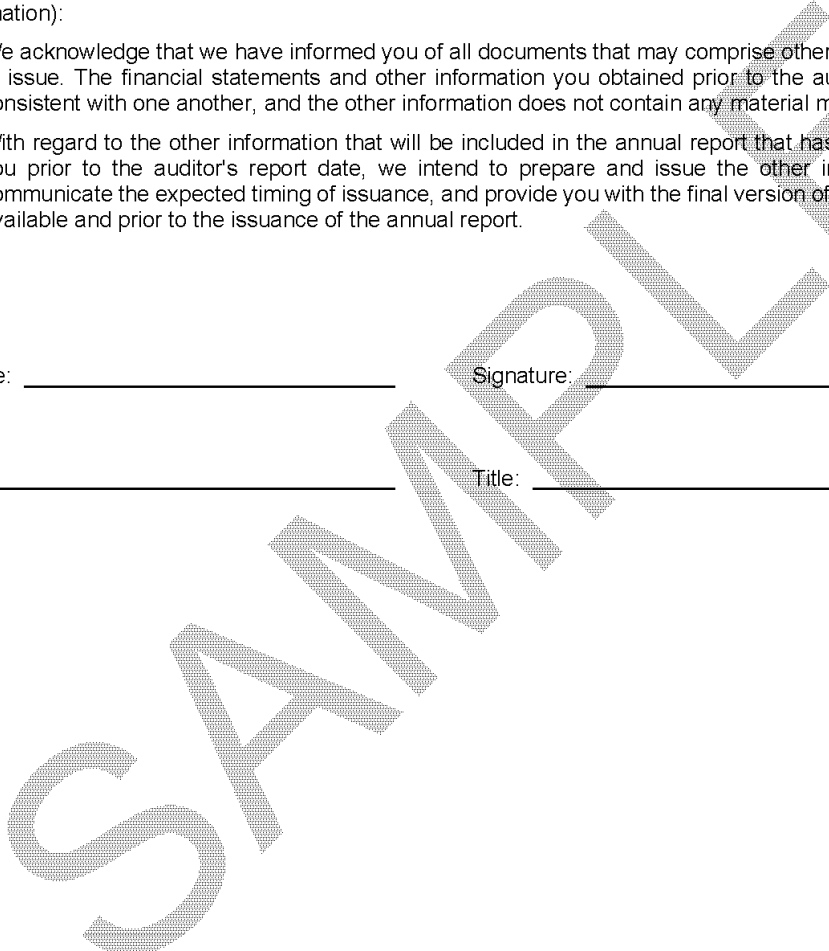
- 45) We are following our established accounting policy regarding which resources (that is, restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned) are considered to be spent first for expenditures for which more than one resource classification is available. That policy determines the fund balance classifications for financial reporting purposes.
- 46) We acknowledge our responsibility for the required supplementary information (RSI). The RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines and the methods of measurement and presentation have not changed from those used in the prior period. We have disclosed to you any significant assumptions and interpretations underlying the measurement and presentation of the RSI.
- 47) With respect to the other information expected to be issued (e.g., letter of transmittal, statistical section - other information):
 - a) We acknowledge that we have informed you of all documents that may comprise other information we expect to issue. The financial statements and other information you obtained prior to the auditor's report date are consistent with one another, and the other information does not contain any material misstatements.
 - b) With regard to the other information that will be included in the annual report that has not been obtained by you prior to the auditor's report date, we intend to prepare and issue the other information, as well as communicate the expected timing of issuance, and provide you with the final version of the document(s) when available and prior to the issuance of the annual report.

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____



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Water District Summary of Audit Differences For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Uncorrected Audit Adjusting Journal Entries:

None

Corrected Audit Adjusting Journal Entries:

None

SAMPLE



To the Management of the [REDACTED]

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the [REDACTED] California (the "[REDACTED]") for the year ended June 30, [REDACTED] and have issued our report thereon dated [REDACTED].

We noted the following matters for your reference:

- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Recommendation:

We recommended the [REDACTED] enhance the environmental controls over the IT server room in order to prevent potential threats to the IT servers. We also recommended the [REDACTED] enhance cash receipt process for [REDACTED] and renew the rental agreements on annual basis. Lastly, we recommended the [REDACTED] meeting minutes be posted on the [REDACTED] website as soon as they are approved by the [REDACTED].

Restriction of Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the management of the [REDACTED] and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than the specific party.

The Pun Group, LLP

Santa Ana, California
[REDACTED]

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Appendix B – Available Training

Strengthen Your Accounting Knowledge: TPG Client Training Webinars

We pride ourselves in leading the governmental auditing profession nationwide and statewide. Members of our team have been assigned to the AICPA and State Government Accounting and Audit committees. Our membership with these two levels of government keeps us current, and such involvement helps our Firm with the constant changes in accounting and auditing standards, laws and regulations, and compliance provisions, which have created an unprecedented complexity in public accounting for state and local governments.

Every year, the Firm hosts a conference to update governmental clients on new technical accounting and financial issues. Since last year, by implementing “Webinars,” we’ve been expanding our horizons and offering our clients 15 hours of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). These sessions are **free of charge** and part of the service package provided to our clients.

CPE courses we offer:



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Appendix C – Certificate of Insurance



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
2/27/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Burnham WGB Insurance Solutions CA Insurance License 0F69771 15901 Red Hill Avenue Tustin CA 92780	CONTACT NAME: Sarah Caballero PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): 714-824-8300 FAX (A/C, No): 714-573-1770 E-MAIL ADDRESS: Sarah.Caballero@wgbib.com														
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COVERAGES **CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 877267347** **REVISION NUMBER:**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

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D	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMBRELLA LIAB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR <input type="checkbox"/> EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$ 10,000			7013136468	3/1/2025	3/1/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 OTHER: \$
F	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	WC713136289	3/1/2025	3/1/2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER No Deductible E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 1,000,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 1,000,000
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DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)
 Great Divide Insurance Company AM Best Rating A+ XV

Certificate holder(s) is/are named as additional insured per attached endorsements subject to the terms & conditions of the policy:
 General Liability Additional Insured & Waiver of Subrogation # SB146932G
 General Liability Primary & Contributory #CNA80103XX
 Umbrella Policy follows form for General Liability, Auto Liability and Employers Liability
 Auto Primary and Non-Contributory & Waiver of Subrogation #CA00011013
 Auto Designated Insured #IL 02 70 07 20
 See Attached...

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	CANCELLATION SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**8. RECEIVE AND FILE DISTRICT-WIDE ANNUAL WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PRODUCTION SUMMARY REPORT FOR WATER YEAR 2024**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Hydrologic Monitoring N/A
Prepared By:	Monica Martinez	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Staff has prepared the draft Water Production Summary Report for Water Distribution Systems (WDSs) within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) for Water Year (WY) 2024. WY 2024 covers the 12-month period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024

Preliminary computations indicate that 9,667.27 acre-feet (AF) of water was produced by the 151 recognized WDSs in the District during WY 2024. In general, recognized WDSs refer to systems that either: (a) have received a WDS permit, or (b) have been confirmed as a pre-existing system prior to District rules that expanded WDS permitting requirements. The California American Water (Cal-Am) Main System, which is the largest WDS in the District, accounted for 8,834.37 AF or approximately 93% of the total production reported by WDSs in WY 2024.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is for informational purposes only. The Board should review the draft summary report and provide staff with any comments or questions. Staff will complete and file the final report, incorporating any late revisions, if this item is approved with the Consent Calendar.

BACKGROUND: All owners and operators of WDSs within the District are required to annually submit water production information to the District. In 1980, District Ordinance No. 1 defined a WDS as *works within the District used for the collection, storage, transmission, or distribution of water from the source of supply to the connection of a system providing water service to any connection including all water-gathering facilities and water-measuring devices*. Therefore, all wells within the District are considered to be WDSs. However, until the adoption of Ordinance No. 96 in 2001, only multiple-parcel WDSs were required to obtain a permit from the District. Other refinements to the Rules and Regulations governing WDSs were added with the adoption of Ordinance No. 105 in 2002; Ordinance No. 106 in 2003; Ordinance No. 118 in 2005; Ordinance No. 122 in 2006; Ordinance 160 in 2014; and Ordinance 175 in 2016. In WY 2024, 11 Confirmation of Exemptions were approved and no new WDSs were established.

Each WDS must report the amount of water produced and where required, the amount of water delivered, in addition to the number of existing and new connections served during the reporting period. The information for WY 2024 is summarized in **Exhibit 8-A**. The WDSs shown are grouped by source area. This information is also incorporated into the District-Wide Water Production Summary Report, presented as the following item of the Consent Calendar of this packet. For comparative purposes, the Annual WDS Production Summary Report for WY 2023 is provided as **Exhibit 8-B**.

In WY 2024, 1,518.54 AF that was produced by Cal-Am wells in Carmel Valley was delivered to the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) project for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. 0 AF of ASR project water was recovered from the Seaside Groundwater Basin and delivered for customer service to the Cal-Am. 3,354.96 AF was recovered from the Pure Water Monterey Project for delivery to Cal-Am customer service in WY 2024.

Production values for the Hidden Hills Unit (the last remaining Laguna Seca satellite system not inter connected to the main system) is reported separately from the Cal-Am main system, although Cal-Am owns and operates the Hidden Hills System. The Ryan Ranch Unit was acquired and annexed into the Cal-Am system in November 1989. The Hidden Hills Unit, which formerly reported as the Carmel Valley Mutual Water Company, was acquired and annexed into the Cal-Am system in March 1993. The Bishop Unit, which has been operated by Cal-Am since September 1996, was acquired and annexed into the Cal-Am system in July 1999. The Bishop and Ryan Ranch Units have been interconnected to the Cal-Am Main System, therefore the production and connections of these systems are included in Cal-Am's total production in the main system report (**Exhibit 8-A**). No water was transferred from the Main System to Ryan Ranch Unit or the Bishop Unit in WY 2024. 137.13 AF of water was produced in the Hidden Hills Unit no water was transferred to the Toro System in WY 2024.

Three systems operated by the Cañada Woods Water Company (CWWC) are tracked separately in this report but are part of an interconnected system. Cañada Woods Alluvial, Cañada Woods Upland and Monterra Ranch WDSs have been merged into the CWWC WDS since WY 2005, although they are still reported separately here to facilitate comparisons from one year to another. Production shown in **Exhibit 8-A** for Monterra Ranch includes water produced from wells that was sent to the system's reverse osmosis (RO) desalination plant and un-treated water that was produced for non-potable purposes. Consumption losses for the CWWC include water line flushing and unmetered construction and irrigation uses. Beginning in WY 2010, the system loss calculation was revised by CWWC to present a single composite system loss value.

During WY 2024, the District approved three WDS Permit amendments. The Main Cal-Am System was amended to produce 13.0 Acre-Feet annually to the City of Seaside's stored water credit under Seaside's Lieu Groundwater Storage Program and Supply at the Ascent Project. The second amendment was to increase the number of Connections for five Accessory Dwelling Units and irrigation to the Wolter Properties WDS Permit. The third amendment was to set System Limits and add Residential Use to the Scarlett WDS Permit.

District-wide - Total WDS production within the District for WY 2024 was 9,667.27 AF. Of this total, the Cal-Am Main System (including the Bishop, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch Units)

accounted for 93% of the water produced by WDSs within the District. The other 150 systems accounted for the remaining seven percent of production. Total WDS production for WY 2024 is 122.66 AF (1.3%) less than the production reported for WY 2023. During WY 2024, Cal-Am's Main System production decreased by 160.16 AF (1.8%), while reported non-Cal-Am WDS production increased by 37.50 AF (4.7%), relative to production in WY 2023.

Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) - Total WDS production from the MPWRS, which includes the Carmel River and its tributaries, the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer, the Seaside Groundwater Basin was 9,303.54 AF in WY 2024. The comparisons below include production from Cal-Am's satellite systems (Bishop, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch Units) that derive their source of supply from the Laguna Seca Subarea (LSS) of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The LSS was added to the MPWRS with the adoption of Ordinance No. 135 on September 22, 2008. Total WDS production within the MPWRS decreased by 126.59 AF (1.3%) in WY 2024 compared to production in WY 2023. In WY 2024, production by Cal-Am from within the MPWRS (including Bishop, Hidden Hills and Ryan Ranch Units) decreased by 150.52 AF (1.7%) and the combined production from 23 other active systems within the MPWRS increased by 23.93 AF (5.4%), relative to production reported for WY 2023.

8-A Water Production Summary Report for Water Distribution Systems for Water Year 2024

8-B Water Production Summary Report for Water Distribution Systems for Water Year 2023

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT									
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REPORT - WATER YEAR 2024									
SYSTEM	REPORTING METHOD	PRODUCTION (AF)	DELIVERY (AF)	UNACCOUNTED (%)	CONNECTIONS				SOURCE AREA
					ACTIVE	AVG. PROD./ CONNECTION (AF)	AVG. DEL./ CONNECTION (AF)	NEW	
CAW (CAL-AM) Main System	WM	8,834.37	8,377.38	5.2%	37,700	0.23	0.22	4	AS1-4, SCS
SEASIDE MUNI	WM	169.81	148.61	12.5%	780	0.22	0.19	1	SCS
MPWMD ASR-1	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	SCS
MONTEREY BAY SHORES	WM	0.00	N.A.	0.0%	0	0.00	0.0	0	SCS
ABADIR (A)	WM	0.10	N.A.	0.0%	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS2
ABADIR C (MANSON)	WM	0.10	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.10	N.A.	0	AS2
ANIMAL FARM	WM	1.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.06	N.A.	0	AS2
CARMEL VALLEY ROAD II	WM	1.65	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.41	N.A.	0	AS2
CHANEY/SCHAFFER	LU	3.70	N.A.	N.A.	2	1.85	N.A.	0	AS2
FAIR WEATHER	LU	1.31	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.66	N.A.	0	AS2
GOOD NEIGHBOR	LU	1.09	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.55	N.A.	0	AS2
JONES	LU	0.23	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.23	N.A.	0	AS2
AIELLO	WM	0.23	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.23	N.A.	0	AS3
ALADWELL (ADDISON)	WM	1.49	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.75	N.A.	0	AS3
ALL SAINTS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	AS3
CANADA WOODS ALLUVIAL	WM	86.46	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	AS3
ROSENDIN DOM. (was BARDIS 2)	WM	0.21	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.21	0.00	0	AS3
ROSENDIN IRRIG. (was BARDIS 2)	WM	3.01	N.A.	N.A.	1	3.01	N.A.	0	AS3
RANCHO SAN CARLOS ROAD	WM	0.75	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.25	N.A.	0	AS3
CARMEL BY THE RIVER RV PARK	WM	5.76	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	AS3
RSC Rd#3/HATTON RANCHO	WM	3.37	N.A.	N.A.	3	1.12	N.A.	0	AS3
SAN MARCO	WM	1.86	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.62	N.A.	0	AS3
WOLTER PROPERTIES	WM	1.50	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.75	N.A.	0	AS3
SCHUT/JONES	LU	2.60	N.A.	N.A.	2	1.30	N.A.	0	AS3
SELLE	LU	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.03	N.A.	0	AS3
ST. DUNSTAN'S	WM	0.15	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.15	N.A.	0	AS3
CARMEL GREENS	WM	21.68	N.A.	N.A.	1	21.68	N.A.	0	AS4
CLARK/WELLS FARGO	WM	7.75	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS4
CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL	WM	7.18	N.A.	N.A.	1	7.18	N.A.	0	AS4
MAL PASO	WM	72.89	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS4
CACHAGUA RD. 1	WM	0.28	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.09	N.A.	0	CAC
CACHAGUA RD. 2	LU	1.69	N.A.	N.A.	9	0.19	N.A.	0	CAC
NASON ROAD	LU	1.40	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.35	N.A.	0	CAC
PRINCES CAMP	WM	11.13	N.A.	N.A.	50	0.22	N.A.	0	CAC
VALLEY CREEK (JENSEN) MHP	WM	3.16	N.A.	N.A.	24	0.13	N.A.	0	CAC
218 RANCH (ZOE)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
AGUA FRESCA	WM	1.78	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.89	N.A.	0	CVU
AMATYA	WM	0.19	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
BELLAMY	WM	1.80	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.80	N.A.	0	CVU
DUNNING (RUSEK)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
ANDERSON (BOOTH)	WM	0.43	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.43	N.A.	0	CVU
BOSSO	WM	2.03	N.A.	N.A.	2	1.02	N.A.	0	CVU
BURLEIGH	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
CANADA WOODS UPLAND	WM	96.68	55.7	3.7%	70	1.38	0.80	1	CVU
CARMEL RESERVES (SEPT. RANCHO)	WM	22.73	N.A.	N.A.	1	22.73	N.A.	0	CVU
CASS WDS	WM	2.54	N.A.	N.A.	1	2.54	N.A.	0	CVU
CHAZEN (formerly FRUMKIN)	WM	0.10	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.10	N.A.	0	CVU
CHOPIN	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
COOPER (MACHALEK)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
COUNTRY CLUB ROAD	LU	0.70	N.A.	N.A.	5	0.14	N.A.	0	CVU
D. GRIGGS	WM	6.12	N.A.	N.A.	1	6.12	N.A.	0	CVU
DALE	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
TERRANOVA (from SADDLE RD GROUP)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
DOBBAS	WM	0.67	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.67	N.A.	0	CVU
DOLLASE	WM	1.22	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.31	N.A.	0	CVU
DUFFY (formerly GUENTHER)	WM	0.90	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.90	N.A.	0	CVU
DYER	WM	0.72	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.72	N.A.	0	CVU
SALMON (formerly FOREMAN)	WM	0.46	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.46	N.A.	0	CVU
FRANKS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
GARZA (formerly GARREN QM)	WM	1.36	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.36	N.A.	0	CVU
GOODRICH-POTRERO	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU
KIME (GRANITE 01) WDS	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	0.00	0	CVU
GREENWALL-Baigent (was KING)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	1	CVU
HAMERSLOUGH (LITT)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
HELENIUS (LYON) WDS	WM	0.70	N.A.	N.A.	1	4.25	N.A.	0	CVU
HILLTOP RANCH	WM	4.25	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	CVU
DUTTARER (POSPISHIL) WDS	WM	0.05	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	1	CVU
RIVERA (was HYLES)	WM	0.15	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.15	N.A.	0	CVU
KNOOP WDS (PAGE/BOUC)	WM	0.26	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.13	N.A.	0	CVU
JOHNSON	WM	0.14	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.14	N.A.	0	CVU
KAMINSKI	WM	0.09	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.09	N.A.	0	CVU
KORSTANJE (CARDINALL) WDS	WM	0.13	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.13	N.A.	0	CVU
LARSON	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
LONG RIDGE SLCSD	WM	0.34	N.A.	N.A.	123	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
LOS ROBLES ROAD	WM	15.56	N.A.	N.A.	6	2.59	N.A.	0	CVU
MARCUS (TOBEY-WAGNER) WDS	WM	0.74	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.74	N.A.	0	CVU
MARQUEZ (CONDON)	WM	0.02	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
MESSIER (formerly GIBSON)	WM	8.83	N.A.	N.A.	1	8.83	N.A.	0	CVU
NEWSOME	WM	0.84	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.84	N.A.	0	CVU
NIXON (FLAGLER)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
OH WELL/CAMPBELL SEAL)	WM	0.58	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
SIMON (OUTZEN)	WM	0.33	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.33	N.A.	0	CVU

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SYSTEM	REPORTING METHOD	PRODUCTION (AF)	DELIVERY (AF)	UNACCOUNTED (%)	CONNECTIONS					
					ACTIVE	AVG. PROD./ CONNECTION (AF)	AVG. DEL./ CONNECTION (AF)	NEW	SOURCE AREA	
P&M RANCH	WM	4.05	N.A.	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU	
PATTERSON (WHITE)	WM	0.73	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU	
PEBKAR	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU	
PELIO	WM	7.66	N.A.	N.A.	1	7.66	N.A.	0	CVU	
QUAIL MEADOWS DR. (WALTER)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU	
R.J. WDS (R. JONES)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU	
RANCHO DE ROBLEDEO	WM	9.88	N.A.	N.A.	7	1.41	N.A.	0	CVU	
RICHES	WM	1.43	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.43	N.A.	0	CVU	
ROBERTS	WM	2.32	N.A.	N.A.	1	2.32	N.A.	0	CVU	
RODDICK	WM	0.05	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.05	N.A.	0	CVU	
RUHNKE (EVANS) WDS	WM	0.72	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU	
RUTHERFORD (BUCHHOLZ)	WM	3.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	3.00	N.A.	0	CVU	
SADDLE MOUNTAIN	WM	6.73	N.A.	N.A.	26	0.26	N.A.	0	CVU	
SAXTON	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU	
SCHULTE ROAD	WM	3.10	N.A.	N.A.	5	0.62	N.A.	0	CVU	
SCHWARTZ	WM	1.21	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU	
SLEEPY HOLLOW HOA	WM	36.43	N.A.	N.A.	25	1.46	N.A.	0	CVU	
SLEEPY HOLLOW 16/COLLINS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU	
SLEEPY HOLLOW 17/DOLAH	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU	
SMITH (GARCIA)	WM	8.93	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	1	CVU	
STEMPLE	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU	
SYCAMORE STABLES (PRICE WDS)	WM	0.65	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.65	N.A.	0	CVU	
TAO WOODS MUTUAL	WM	1.41	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.35	N.A.	0	CVU	
UNITARIAN CHURCH	WM	0.82	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.41	N.A.	0	CVU	
WARNER (formerly K. GRIGGS)	WM	1.69	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.69	N.A.	0	CVU	
WASHBURN	WM	0.23	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU	
WEST	WM	0.36	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.36	N.A.	0	CVU	
LEIBOVSKY (formerly PREW)WDS	WM	0.30	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.30	N.A.	0	CVU	
ZBES (Belzberg)	WM	0.65	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.65	N.A.	0	CVU	
CAW HIDDEN HILLS UNIT	WM	137.13	83.1	39.4%	450	0.30	0.18	0	LSS	
CAW BISHOP UNIT	WM	0.00	0.0	N.A.	404	0.00	0.00	0	LSS	
CAW RYAN RANCH UNIT	WM	0.00	0.0	N.A.	247	0.00	0.00	0	LSS	
SPCA	WM	8.93	N.A.	N.A.	2	4.47	N.A.	0	LSS	
ADRIAN	WM	1.03	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.03	N.A.	0	MIS	
AGUAJITO ROAD	WM	0.04	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.01	N.A.	0	MIS	
M. MOTOR SPORTS (ANDERSON)	WM	0.42	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.42	N.A.	0	MIS	
AUERBACH (formerly THORP)	WM	0.14	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.14	N.A.	0	MIS	
BUTLER (was TROSKY)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
230 HWY 1 LLC (TYDINGS WDS)	WM	0.19	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.06	N.A.	0	MIS	
CARMEL HILL	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
CASANOVA WDS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS	
CITY OF SAND CITY DESAL	WM	105.40	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS	
COFFEY (MELNICK)	WM	0.11	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.11	N.A.	0	MIS	
COLGAC	WM	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.06	N.A.	0	MIS	
HAU CHYI (from COX and HARTNET)	WM	0.56	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.56	N.A.	0	MIS	
ABELSON (MAYL)	WM	0.20	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS	
DEFIGUEIREDO (HEAD)	WM	0.15	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.15	N.A.	0	MIS	
DMC	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	N.A.	0	MIS	
DUNNION	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	N.A.	0	MIS	
FLAGG HILL	WM	0.42	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.21	N.A.	0	MIS	
FLORES 1 (formerly just "FLORES")	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
FLORES 2 (formerly PISENTI)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
GOLLOGY (formerly Garren Highlands)	WM	2.72	N.A.	N.A.	1	2.72	N.A.	0	MIS	
HIDDEN MESA	WM	0.25	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.08	N.A.	0	MIS	
HULL (formerly KASHFI)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS	
Harnell (was LAUCH)	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	N.A.	0	MIS	
LENZ-KENDALL	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS	
MONTEERRA RANCH	WM	49.08	28.4	3.8%	131	0.37	0.22	6	MIS	
OCEAN VIEW CSD	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
PT.LOBOS RANCH	WM	8.99	N.A.	N.A.	3	3.00	N.A.	0	MIS	
RANCHITOS DE AGUAJITO	WM	7.34	N.A.	N.A.	10	0.73	N.A.	0	MIS	
REGAN - ALLEN RANCH	WM	1.55	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.55	N.A.	0	MIS	
RILEY RANCH	WM	0.47	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.16	N.A.	0	MIS	
RODATOS (GREEK ORTHODOX)	WM	0.01	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.01	N.A.	0	MIS	
SENA TRUST	WM	1.38	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.69	N.A.	0	MIS	
SILVESTRI	WM	0.98	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.98	N.A.	0	MIS	
STEPHEN PLACE	WM	0.15	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS	
STOFER/RANCHO U (was CAROLL)	WM	1.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.06	N.A.	0	MIS	
SUNRISE SENIOR CENTER	WM	1.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.06	N.A.	0	MIS	
VINTAGE PROP (VAN ESS WDS)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS	
TOTALS:		9,667.27			39,134			15		

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					ACTIVE	AVG. PROD./ CONNECTION (AF)	AVG. DEL./ CONNECTION (AF)	NEW	SOURCE AREA
CAW (CAL-AM) Main System	WM	8,994.53	7,897.30	12.2%	38,276	0.23	0.21	10	AS1-4, SCS
SEASIDE MUNI	WM	158.46	148.61	6.2%	780	0.20	0.19	1	SCS
MPWMD ASR-1	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	SCS
MONTEREY BAY SHORES	WM	0.00	N.A.	0.0%	0	0.00	0.0	0	SCS
ABADIR (A)	WM	0.00	N.A.	0.0%	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS2
ABADIR C (MANSON)	WM	0.11	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.11	N.A.	0	AS2
ANIMAL FARM	WM	1.50	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.50	N.A.	0	AS2
CARMEL VALLEY ROAD II	WM	1.86	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.47	N.A.	0	AS2
CHANEY/SCHAFFER	LU	0.29	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.15	N.A.	0	AS2
FAIR WEATHER	LU	1.31	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.66	N.A.	0	AS2
GOOD NEIGHBOR	LU	1.09	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.55	N.A.	0	AS2
JONES	LU	0.23	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.23	N.A.	0	AS2
AIELLO	WM	0.26	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.26	N.A.	0	AS3
ALADWELL (ADDISON)	WM	0.69	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.35	N.A.	0	AS3
ALL SAINTS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	AS3
CANADA WOODS ALLUVIAL	WM	93.07	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	AS3
ROSENDIN DOM. (was BARDIS 2)	WM	0.21	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.21	0.00	0	AS3
ROSENDIN IRRIG. (was BARDIS 2)	WM	2.24	N.A.	N.A.	1	2.24	N.A.	0	AS3
RANCHO SAN CARLOS ROAD	WM	0.75	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.25	N.A.	0	AS3
CARMEL BY THE RIVER RV PARK	WM	6.84	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	AS3
RSC Rd#3/HATTON RANCHO	WM	2.60	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.87	N.A.	0	AS3
SAN MARCO	WM	5.04	N.A.	N.A.	3	1.68	N.A.	0	AS3
WOLTER PROPERTIES	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.00	N.A.	0	AS3
SCHUT/JONES	LU	2.72	N.A.	N.A.	2	1.36	N.A.	0	AS3
SELLE	LU	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.03	N.A.	0	AS3
ST. DUNSTAN'S	WM	0.16	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.16	N.A.	0	AS3
CARMEL GREENS	WM	21.68	N.A.	N.A.	1	21.68	N.A.	0	AS4
CLARK/WELLS FARGO	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS4
CARMEL MIDDLE SCHOOL	WM	7.18	N.A.	N.A.	1	7.18	N.A.	0	AS4
MAL PASO	WM	13.77	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	AS4
CACHAGUA RD. 1	WM	0.28	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.09	N.A.	0	CAC
CACHAGUA RD. 2	LU	1.93	N.A.	N.A.	9	0.21	N.A.	0	CAC
NASON ROAD	LU	1.40	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.35	N.A.	0	CAC
PRINCES CAMP	WM	12.32	N.A.	N.A.	50	0.25	N.A.	0	CAC
VALLEY CREEK (JENSEN) MHP	WM	3.16	N.A.	N.A.	24	0.13	N.A.	0	CAC
218 RANCH (ZOE)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
AGUA FRESCA	WM	1.78	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.89	N.A.	0	CVU
AMATYA	WM	0.19	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
BELLAMY	WM	1.85	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.85	N.A.	0	CVU
DUNNING (RUSEK)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
ANDERSON (BOOTH)	WM	0.40	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.40	N.A.	0	CVU
BOSSO	WM	2.43	N.A.	N.A.	2	1.22	N.A.	0	CVU
BURLEIGH	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
CANADA WOODS UPLAND	WM	96.68	55.7	3.7%	70	1.38	0.80	1	CVU
CARMEL RESERVES (SEPT. RANCH)	WM	17.46	N.A.	N.A.	1	17.46	N.A.	0	CVU
CASS WDS	WM	1.87	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.87	N.A.	0	CVU
CHAZEN (formerly FRUMKIN)	WM	0.16	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.16	N.A.	0	CVU
CHOPIN	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
COOPER (MACHALEK)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
COUNTRY CLUB ROAD	LU	0.70	N.A.	N.A.	5	0.14	N.A.	0	CVU
D. GRIGGS	WM	5.85	N.A.	N.A.	1	5.85	N.A.	0	CVU
DALE	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
TERRANOVA (from SADDLE RD GROUP)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
DOBBAS	WM	0.93	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.93	N.A.	0	CVU
DOLLASE	WM	1.22	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.31	N.A.	0	CVU
DUFFY (formerly GUENTHER)	WM	0.94	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.94	N.A.	0	CVU
DYER	WM	0.52	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.52	N.A.	0	CVU
SALMON (formerly FOREMAN)	WM	0.13	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.13	N.A.	0	CVU
FRANKS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
GARZA (formerly GARREN QM)	WM	0.69	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.69	N.A.	0	CVU
GOODRICH-POTRERO	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU
KIME (GRANITE 01) WDS	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	0.00	0	CVU
GREENWALL-Baigent (was KING)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	1	CVU
HAMERSLOUGH (LITT)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
HELENIUS (LYON) WDS	WM	0.35	N.A.	N.A.	1	4.89	N.A.	0	CVU
HILLTOP RANCH	WM	4.89	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	CVU
DUTTARER (POSPISHIL) WDS	WM	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	1	CVU
RIVERA (was HYLES)	WM	0.21	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.21	N.A.	0	CVU
KNOOP WDS (PAGE/BOUC)	WM	0.38	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.19	N.A.	0	CVU
JOHNSON	WM	0.12	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.12	N.A.	0	CVU
KAMINSKI	WM	0.11	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.11	N.A.	0	CVU
KORSTANJE (CARDINALL) WDS	WM	0.11	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.11	N.A.	0	CVU
LARSON	WM	0.01	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
LONG RIDGE SLCSD	WM	2.87	N.A.	N.A.	123	0.02	N.A.	0	CVU
LOS ROBLES ROAD	WM	15.56	N.A.	N.A.	6	2.59	N.A.	0	CVU
MARCUS (TOBEY-WAGNER) WDS	WM	0.74	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.74	N.A.	0	CVU
MARQUEZ (CONDON)	WM	0.04	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
MESSIER (formerly GIBSON)	WM	8.52	N.A.	N.A.	1	8.52	N.A.	0	CVU
NEWSOME	WM	1.98	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.98	N.A.	0	CVU
NIXON (FLAGLER)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
OH WELL/CAMPBELL SEAL)	WM	2.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
SIMON (OUTZEN)	WM	0.37	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.37	N.A.	0	CVU

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT									
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM REPORT - WATER YEAR 2023									
SYSTEM	REPORTING METHOD	PRODUCTION (AF)	DELIVERY (AF)	UNACCOUNTED (%)	CONNECTIONS				
					ACTIVE	AVG. PROD./ CONNECTION (AF)	AVG. DEL./ CONNECTION (AF)	NEW	SOURCE AREA
P&M RANCH	WM	6.06	N.A.	N.A.	6	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU
PATTERSON (WHITE)	WM	0.73	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
PEBKAR	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
PELIO	WM	4.79	N.A.	N.A.	1	4.79	N.A.	0	CVU
QUAIL MEADOWS DR. (WALTER)	WM	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
R.J. WDS (R. JONES)	WM	0.29	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.29	N.A.	0	CVU
RANCHO DE ROBLEDEO	WM	8.77	N.A.	N.A.	7	1.25	N.A.	0	CVU
RICHES	WM	1.43	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.43	N.A.	0	CVU
ROBERTS	WM	1.65	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.65	N.A.	0	CVU
RODDICK	WM	0.05	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.05	N.A.	0	CVU
RUHNKE (EVANS) WDS	WM	0.66	N.A.	N.A.	0	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU
RUTHERFORD (BUCHHOLZ)	WM	3.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	3.00	N.A.	0	CVU
SADDLE MOUNTAIN	WM	6.87	N.A.	N.A.	26	0.26	N.A.	0	CVU
SAXTON	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
SCHULTE ROAD	WM	2.31	N.A.	N.A.	5	0.46	N.A.	0	CVU
SCHWARTZ	WM	0.86	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
SLEEPY HOLLOW HOA	WM	46.27	N.A.	N.A.	25	1.85	N.A.	0	CVU
SLEEPY HOLLOW 16/COLLINS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
SLEEPY HOLLOW 17/DOLAH	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	CVU
SMITH (GARCIA)	WM	0.59	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	1	CVU
STEMPLE	WM	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	N.A.	0	CVU
SYCAMORE STABLES (PRICE WDS)	WM	0.65	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.65	N.A.	0	CVU
TAO WOODS MUTUAL	WM	1.64	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.41	N.A.	0	CVU
UNITARIAN CHURCH	WM	0.53	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.27	N.A.	0	CVU
WARNER (formerly K. GRIGGS)	WM	1.53	N.A.	N.A.	1	1.53	N.A.	0	CVU
WASHBURN	WM	0.29	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	CVU
WEST	WM	0.24	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.24	N.A.	0	CVU
LEIBOVSKY (formerly PREW)WDS	WM	0.43	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.43	N.A.	0	CVU
ZBES (Belzberg)	WM	0.61	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.61	N.A.	0	CVU
CAW HIDDEN HILLS UNIT	WM	127.49	82.8	35.0%	456	0.28	0.18	0	LSS
CAW BISHOP UNIT	WM	0.00	0.0	N.A.	404	0.00	0.00	0	LSS
CAW RYAN RANCH UNIT	WM	0.00	0.0	N.A.	247	0.00	0.00	0	LSS
SPCA	WM	9.40	N.A.	N.A.	2	4.70	N.A.	0	LSS
ADRIAN	WM	0.70	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.70	N.A.	0	MIS
AGUAJITO ROAD	WM	1.30	N.A.	N.A.	4	0.33	N.A.	0	MIS
M. MOTOR SPORTS (ANDERSON)	WM	0.38	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.38	N.A.	0	MIS
AUERBACH (formerly THORP)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS
BUTLER (was TROSKY)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
230 HWY 1 LLC (TYDINGS WDS)	WM	1.60	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.53	N.A.	0	MIS
CARMEL HILL	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
CASANOVA WDS	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS
CITY OF SAND CITY DESAL	WM	173.47	N.A.	N.A.	1	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS
COFFEY (MELNICK)	WM	0.11	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.11	N.A.	0	MIS
COLGAC	WM	0.06	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.06	N.A.	0	MIS
HAU CHYI (from COX and HARTNET)	WM	0.52	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.52	N.A.	0	MIS
ABELSON (MAYL)	WM	0.15	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	0	MIS
DEFIGUEIREDO (HEAD)	WM	0.22	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.22	N.A.	0	MIS
DMC	WM	0.33	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.33	N.A.	0	MIS
DUNNION	WM	0.48	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.48	N.A.	0	MIS
FLAGG HILL	WM	0.42	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.21	N.A.	0	MIS
FLORES 1 (formerly just "FLORES")	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
FLORES 2 (formerly PISENTI)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
GOLLOGY (formerly Garren Highlands)	WM	0.13	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.13	N.A.	0	MIS
HIDDEN MESA	WM	0.23	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.08	N.A.	0	MIS
HULL (formerly KASHFI)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS
Harnell (was LAUCH)	WM	0.22	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.22	N.A.	0	MIS
LENZ-KENDALL	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS
MONTEERRA RANCH	WM	40.20	33.8	3.8%	127	0.32	0.27	6	MIS
OCEAN VIEW CSD	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	0	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
PT.LOBOS RANCH	WM	8.99	N.A.	N.A.	3	3.00	N.A.	0	MIS
RANCHITOS DE AGUAJITO	WM	7.34	N.A.	N.A.	10	0.73	N.A.	0	MIS
REGAN - ALLEN RANCH	WM	0.92	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.92	N.A.	0	MIS
RILEY RANCH	WM	0.54	N.A.	N.A.	3	0.18	N.A.	0	MIS
RODATOS (GREEK ORTHODOX)	WM	0.02	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.02	N.A.	0	MIS
SENA TRUST	WM	1.17	N.A.	N.A.	2	0.59	N.A.	0	MIS
SILVESTRI	WM	0.24	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.24	N.A.	0	MIS
STEPHEN PLACE	WM	0.17	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	0.00	0	MIS
STOFER/RANCHO U (was CAROLL)	WM	0.39	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.39	N.A.	0	MIS
SUNRISE SENIOR CENTER	WM	0.79	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.79	N.A.	0	MIS
VINTAGE PROP (VAN ESS WDS)	WM	0.00	N.A.	N.A.	1	0.00	N.A.	0	MIS
TOTALS:		9,789.93			39,706			21	

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**9. RECEIVE AND FILE DISTRICT-WIDE ANNUAL WATER PRODUCTION SUMMARY REPORT FOR WATER YEAR 2024**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Hydrologic Monitoring N/A
Prepared By:	Monica Martinez	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Staff has prepared a draft Water Production Summary Report of all registered production sources, i.e., wells and surface water diversions, within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) for Water Year (WY) 2024. WY 2024 covers the 12-month period from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. Preliminary computations indicate that 13,691.9 acre-feet (AF) of groundwater were produced from registered wells in the District during WY 2024 (**Exhibit 9-A**). In addition, 137 AF of surface water were diverted by private users. Combined surface and groundwater production from all sources within the District in WY 2024 was calculated at 13,829 AF. This report presents comparisons of California American Water (Cal-Am) and non-Cal-Am production in WY 2024 and WY 2023 and compares production with the District's current water allocation program limits.

RECOMMENDATION: This report is for informational purposes only. The Board should review the draft summary report and provide staff with any comments or questions. Staff will complete and file the final report, incorporating any late revisions, if this item is approved with the Consent Calendar.

BACKGROUND: District Rules and Regulations require well owners and operators to submit annual water production information to the District. Well production is calculated by either the Land Use or Water Meter reporting method and is described below.

Number of Wells – Presently, there are 1,296 registered wells in the District. Of this total, 979 wells are active, and 257 wells are inactive. A well is considered active if it has produced any water in the last reporting period, i.e., WY 2024. Information on 61 remaining registered wells is not available because reporting forms were not returned by owners of those wells prior to preparation of this report. District staff is working with the well owners to obtain the remaining meter reads and will update the reporting once they are obtained.

Data Adjustments – For certain wells, staff estimated actual production to more accurately quantify water produced during WY 2024. Data adjustments were required to estimate water

production from 123 wells that had either incomplete water meter records or reported water production for a period longer than the water year. Production from metered wells with incomplete records was estimated by using generalized non-Cal-Am monthly distribution factors developed by staff. In 49 cases, production records were incomplete because reported meter readings covered a period shorter than WY 2024. Three of those records were incomplete because meters were not working or were replaced or repaired after the start of WY 2024. The application of monthly distribution factors allowed staff to reasonably account for the percentage of production that was not reported for each of these wells, which was then added to the annual total for these wells. There were 78 cases in which production was reported for a period longer than 12 months. Estimates of the amounts that were over-reported were made based on the monthly distribution factors. These amounts were then subtracted from the reported totals. There were also 4 cases where adjustments were made due to “order of magnitude issues” resulting from well owners incorrectly reading their water meters. District staff is working with these well owners to educate them on how to correctly read their meters.

District-wide Production - Preliminary production values for WY 2024 are summarized by reporting method (i.e., Water Meter or Land Use), reporting status (i.e., active, inactive, or not reporting), and source area in **Exhibit 9-A**. For comparison, production values for WY 2023 are presented in **Exhibit 9-B**. The various source areas are shown in **Exhibit 9-C**. The volume of water produced from each source area is shown in **Exhibit 9-D**. The number of active non-Cal-Am wells and the volume of water produced by each reporting method from WY 2005 through WY 2024 are shown in **Exhibit 9-E**.

District-wide, total water production decreased by 150.9 AF (1.4%) in WY 2024 compared to WY 2023. Specifically, groundwater withdrawals increased by 438.3 AF (3.3%), while surface diversions increased by 19 AF (16%). No surface water has been diverted within the Cal-Am main system since WY 2003 because of seismic safety and sedimentation concerns at San Clemente Dam and Reservoir. San Clemente dam was removed in 2015.

Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) – The MPWRS includes surface water in the Carmel River and its tributaries, and groundwater in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer, coastal subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin, including the Laguna Seca Subarea (LSS) of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Overall water production within the MPWRS in WY 2024 decreased by 51.3 AF (0.4%) compared to WY 2023. Specifically, Cal-Am production in WY 2024 decreased by 150.9 AF (1.4%), and non-Cal-Am well production increased 356.8 (12.6%). Cal-Am production from Carmel Valley increased by 742.2 AF (16.1%), and Cal-Am production from the Seaside Basin decreased by 893.1 AF (15.1%). Non-Cal-Am production from Carmel Valley increased by 299.6 AF (17.7%) compared to WY 2023, and non-Cal-Am production from the Seaside Basin decreased by 199 (97.2%). In WY 2024, 105.40 AF of potable water that was produced by the City of Sand City Desalination Plant was added to Cal-Am production because it was delivered to the Cal-Am main system.

In WY 2024, 1518.54 AF was diverted from Cal-Am well sources in Carmel Valley for injection at the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Projects in the Seaside Basin. 0 AF of recovered water was produced for Cal-Am Customer Service in WY 2024. For reference, since the District’s

Seaside ASR Program began testing in WY 1998 through the end of WY 2024, a total of 14,123.54 AF has been injected into the Seaside Basin.

Water Allocation Program – With respect to the District’s Water Allocation Program limits, Cal-Am production from the MPWRS in WY 2024 was 10,384.7 AF, or 7,256.3 AF (41.1%) less than the Cal-Am production limit of 17,641 AF that was established with the adoption of Ordinance No. 87 in 1997. Non-Cal-Am production within the MPWRS in WY 2024 was 1,993.2 AF, or 1,052.8 AF (34.6%) less than the non-Cal-Am production limit of 3,046 AF established by Ordinance No. 87. Combined production from Cal-Am and non-Cal-Am sources within the MPWRS was 12,377.9 AF in WY 2024, which is 8,309 acre-feet (40.2%) less than the 20,687 acre-feet production limit set for the MPWRS as part of the District’s Water Allocation Program. Therefore, no action is necessary at this time, although staff will continue to monitor production trends within the MPWRS and District-wide. A comparison of reported water production from the MPWRS in Reporting Year 1997, WY 2007, and WY 2024 relative to the District’s Water Allocation limits is presented in **Exhibit 9-F**. 1997 was the last time the production limits were adjusted. Prior to 2008, the LSS was not included in the MPWRS, but was added with the adoption of Ordinance 135 on September 22, 2008. However, the production limits in the District’s Allocation Program did not change. Production from the MPWRS in RY 1997 and WY 2007 presented in **Exhibit 9-F** has been adjusted to include production from the LSS. Production from non-Cal-Am sources has not fluctuated a great deal, and since production from LSS is included, non-Cal-Am production has been over the production limit for several years. Historical Cal-Am production presented in **Exhibit 9-F** was also adjusted to include production from the LSS. Cal-Am production from the MPWRS has greatly decreased, and since Cal-Am represents such a large portion of total production, combined production from Cal-Am and non-Cal-Am sources has also decreased over the last several years.

Lastly, it should be noted that 99% of the groundwater production within the District was reported by the water meter method in WY 2024. In addition, 98% of registered well owners in the District reported annual water production or had their meters read by District staff in WY 2024.

EXHIBITS

- 9-A** District-wide Water Production Summary for Water Year 2024
- 9-B** District-wide Water Production Summary for Water Year 2023
- 9-C** MPWMD Water Production Source Areas Water Year 2024
- 9-D** Water Production by Source Area for Water Year 2024
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**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DRAFT WATER PRODUCTION SUMMARY FOR WATER YEAR 2024**

SOURCE AREAS ^{1, 2}	NON CAW (NON CAL-AM) WELLS						CAW (CAL-AM) WELLS		AQUIFER SUBUNIT TOTALS	
	WATER METER		LAND USE		SUB-TOTAL		WATER METER		NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)
	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF) ³	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)		
AS1	11	94.8	1	0.1	12	94.9	0	0.0	12	94.9
AS2	58	89.3	21	23.6	79	112.9	4	797.1	83	910.0
AS3	152	776.8	34	19.9	186	796.6	8	⁵ 4,146.5	194	4,943.2
AS4	49	318.8	2	0.4	51	319.3	2	404.0	53	723.3
SCS	13	5.8	0	0.0	13	5.8	7	4,899.9	20	4,905.6
LSS	19	622.7	1	2.8	20	625.5	1	137.1	21	762.6
CAC	6	20.8	6	8.0	12	28.8	0	0.0	12	28.8
CVU	472	609.5	43	36.2	515	645.7	0	0.0	515	645.7
MIS	199	552.3	10	5.5	209	557.8	0	0.0	209	557.8
ACTIVE	979	3,090.8	118	96.4	1,097	3,187.2	22	10,384.7	1,119	13,571.8
INACTIVE	257		0		257		10		267	
NOT REPORTING	60		0		60		0		60	
SAND CITY DESAL							0	120.1		adjusted for SC desal
METHOD TOTALS:	1,296	3,090.8	118	96.4	1,414	3,187.2	32	10,504.8	1,446	13,691.9

NOTES:

- Shaded areas indicate production within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System. The LSS was added to the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System in Septembter 2008.
- CAW - California American Water
- Source areas are as follows:
 AS1 - UPPER CARMEL VALLEY - San Clemente Dam to Esquiline Bridge
 AS2 - MID CARMEL VALLEY - Esquiline Bridge to Narrows
 AS3 - LOWER CARMEL VALLEY - Narrows to Via Mallorca Bridge
 AS4 - LOWER CARMEL VALLEY - Via Mallorca Bridge to Lagoon
 SCS - SEASIDE COASTAL SUBAREAS
 LSS - LAGUNA SECA SUBAREA (Ryan Ranch Area is within LSS)
 CAC - CACHAGUA CREEK and UPPER WATERSHED AREAS
 CVU - CARMEL VALLEY UPLAND - Hillsides and Tularcitos Creek Area
 MIS - PENINSULA, CARMEL HIGHLANDS AND SAN JOSE CREEK AREAS
- Any minor numerical discrepancies in addition are due to rounding.
- 1,518.54 AF is included in CAW production from AS3 to account for water delivered to ASR in WY 2024.
- In Water Year 2024, this total includes water produced in both SCS and LSS, and does not include 3,354.96 AF of Pure Water Monterey water that was recovered for customer service. 0 AF of water was recovered from ASR this year.
- The Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units of CAW became part of the CAW Main System in WY 2021. No water was transferred to the City of Seaside in Water Year 2024.

DISTRICT-WIDE PRODUCTION	
SURFACE WATER DIVERSIONS:	
CAW Diversions (San Clemente Dam):	0.0
Non Cal-Am Diversions Within MPWRS:	38.3
CAW WELLS:	
⁶ SEASIDE:	5,037.0
CARMEL VALLEY:	5,347.7
Within the Water Resources System:	10,384.7
Outside the Water Resources System:	0.0
Sand City Desal	120.1
⁷ CAW TOTAL, Wells and Diversion:	10,504.8
NON CAW WELLS:	
Within the Water Resources System:	1,954.9
Outside the Water Resources System:	1,232.3
Non Cal-Am Diversions Outside the MPWRS:	98.7
NON CAW TOTAL, Wells and Diversion:	3,324.2
GRAND TOTAL:	13,829.0

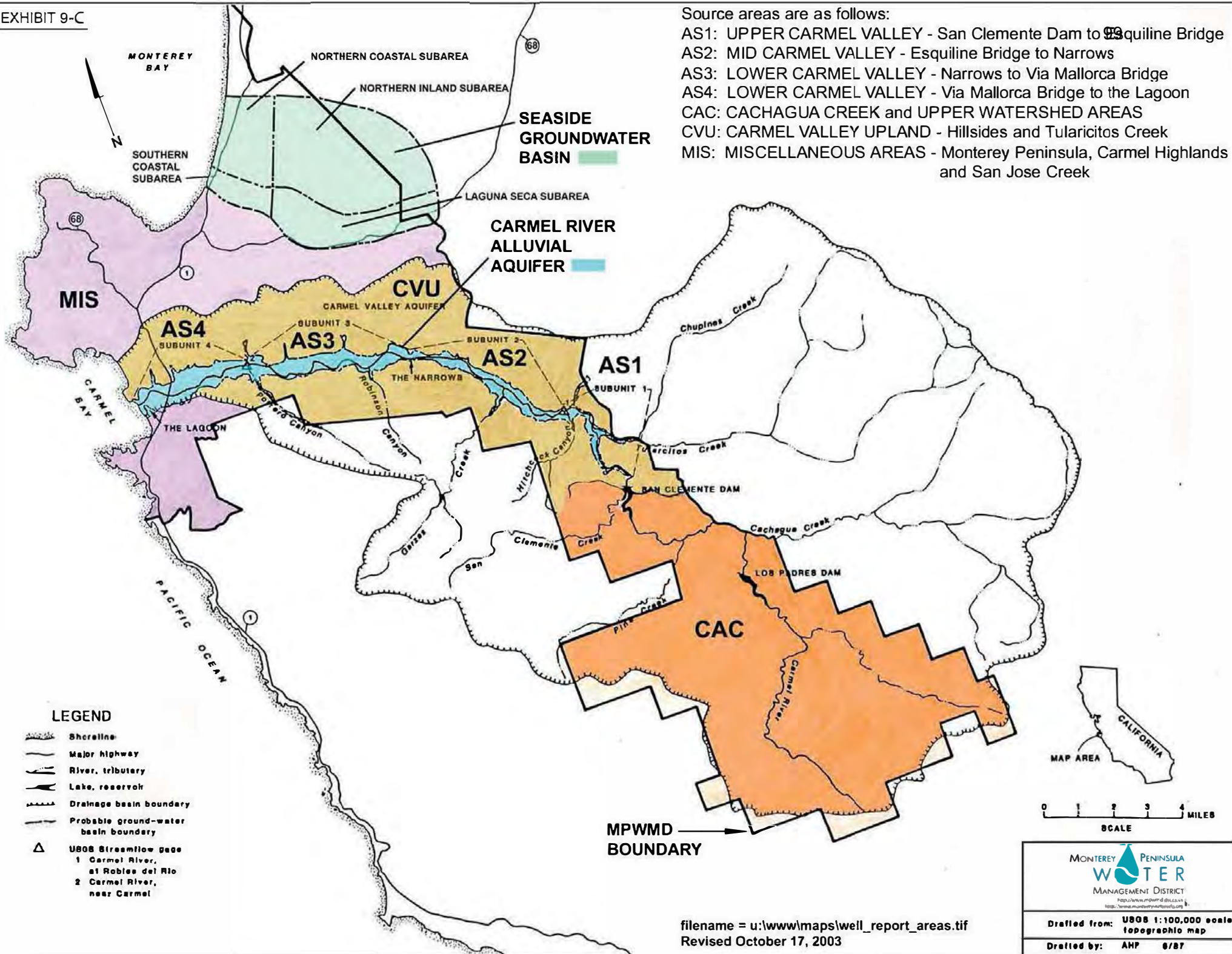
**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF) ³	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)	NO. OF WELLS	PRODUCTION (AF)		
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AS2	69	172.9	21	23.6	90	196.5	4	814.3	94	1,010.8
AS3	150	772.9	34	19.9	184	792.8	8	⁵ 3,168.5	192	3,961.2
AS4	32	231.8	2	0.4	34	232.2	2	622.8	36	855.0
SCS	9	204.4	2	1.3	11	205.7	7	5,801.4	18	6,007.1
LSS	11	375.3	1	2.8	12	378.1	1	128.7	13	506.8
CAC	13	42.2	6	8.0	19	50.3	0	0.0	19	50.3
CVU	343	505.6	43	36.2	386	541.8	0	0.0	386	541.8
MIS	147	350.0	10	5.5	157	355.5	0	0.0	157	355.5
ACTIVE	786	2,732.7	120	97.7	906	2,830.4	22	10,535.6	928	13,366.0
INACTIVE	372		32		404		10		414	
NOT REPORTING	15		7		22		0		22	
SAND CITY DESAL							0	120.1		adjusted for SC desal
METHOD TOTALS:	1,173	2,732.7	159	97.7	1,332	2,830.4	32	10,655.7	1,364	13,486.1

NOTES:

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- 1656.42 AF is included in CAW production from AS3 to account for water delivered to ASR in WY 2023.
- In Water Year 2023, this total includes water produced in both SCS and LSS, and does not include 3,547.99 AF of Pure Water Monterey water that was recovered for customer service. 805.62 AF of water was recovered from ASR this year.
- The Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units of CAW became part of the CAW Main System in WY 2021. No water was transferred to the City of Seaside in Water Year 2023.

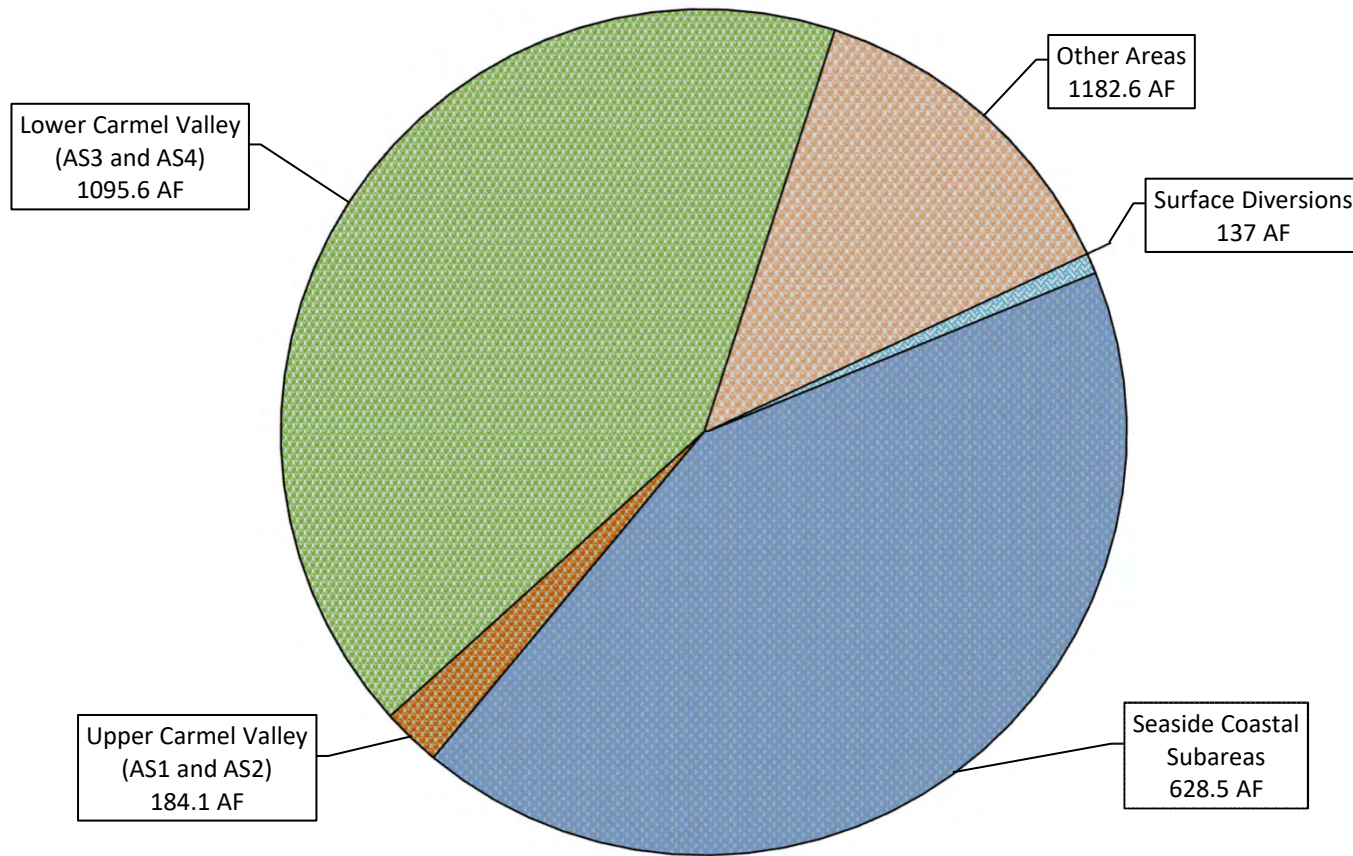
DISTRICT-WIDE PRODUCTION	
SURFACE WATER DIVERSIONS:	
CAW Diversions (San Clemente Dam):	0.0
Non Cal-Am Diversions Within MPWRS:	10.7
CAW WELLS:	
⁶ SEASIDE:	5,930.1
CARMEL VALLEY:	4,605.5
Within the Water Resources System:	10,535.6
Outside the Water Resources System:	0.0
Sand City Desal	120.1
⁷ CAW TOTAL, Wells and Diversion:	10,655.7
NON CAW WELLS:	
Within the Water Resources System:	1,882.8
Outside the Water Resources System:	947.5
Non Cal-Am Diversions Outside the MPWRS:	107.5
NON CAW TOTAL, Wells and Diversion:	2,948.6
GRAND TOTAL:	13,604.3



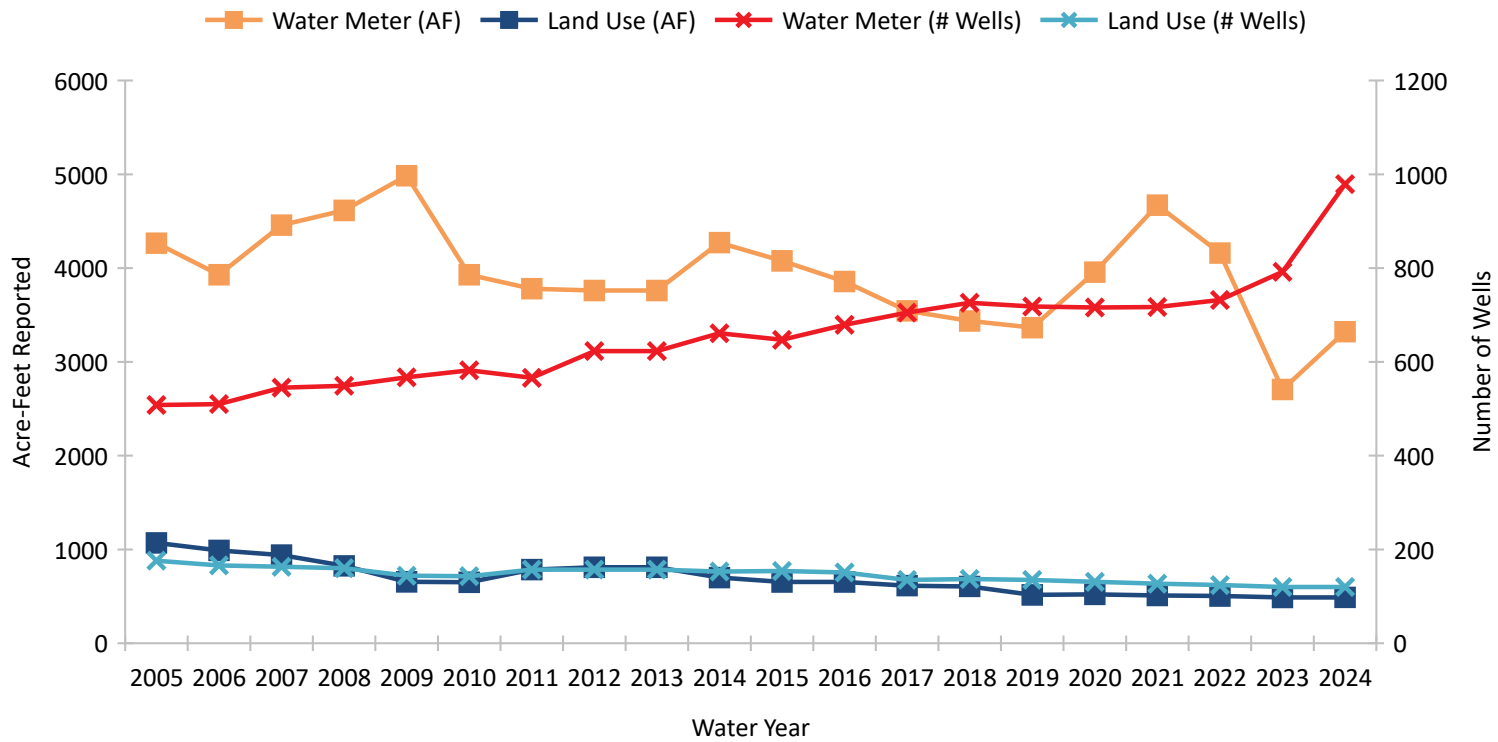
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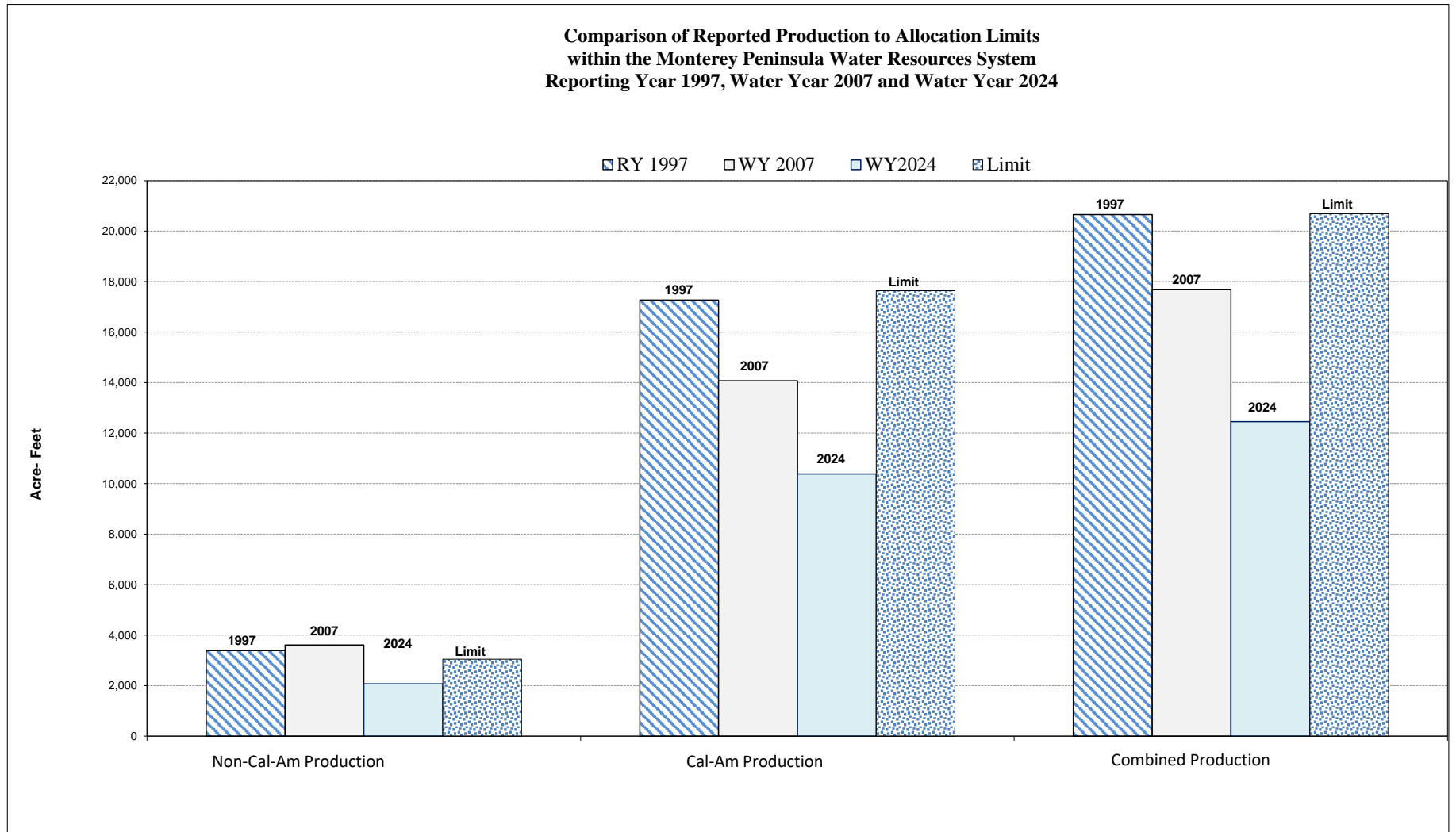
**WATER PRODUCTION BY SOURCE AREA
WATER YEAR 2024**

TOTAL PRODUCTION = 13829 Acre-Feet (AF)



Acre-Feet Reported by Non-Cal-Am Wells and Number of Wells by Reporting Method Water Years 2005-2024





ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**10. RECEIVE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 MITIGATION PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT****Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt
General Manager **Program/
Line Item No.:** N/A**Prepared By:** Thomas Christensen **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION: The Board should receive and review the Executive Summary for the 2023-2024 Mitigation Program Annual Report. If adopted along with the Consent Calendar, the full report will incorporate any comments if needed and be finalized so it can be distributed to interested agencies and posted to the District’s website for public availability. The Executive Summary provides an overview of the major accomplishments, conclusions and/or recommendations. The Executive Summary for the 2023-2024 Mitigation Program Annual Report is attached as **Exhibit 10-A**.

The annual report primarily reviews Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) activities that address the effects of community water use on the Carmel River environment in the Fiscal Year (FY), defined as the 12-month period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Please note that hydrologic data and well production reporting data are described for Water Year 2024 (October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024). Use of the Water Year format for these data is consistent with reporting required by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Seaside Basin Watermaster.

This report is the 33rd annual report since the Mitigation Program Plan was adopted by the District Board in November 1990, as part of the certification of the MPWMD Water Allocation Environmental Impact Report (Water Allocation EIR), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Copies of the full annual report will be provided to the Board members upon request, and will be provided to the required resource agencies and other interested parties as needed.

BACKGROUND: On November 5, 1990, the Water Allocation EIR was certified by the MPWMD Board. The Board also adopted findings, and passed a resolution that set Option V as the new water allocation limit. Option V resulted in a production limit of 16,744 acre-feet per year (AFY) for the California American Water (Cal-Am) system. Subsequently, this amount was increased to 17,641 AFY based on new supply provided by the completion of the Paralta Well in Seaside in 1993, and other changes since 1993. On October 20, 2009, the SWRCB issued Order 2009-0060, the “Cease and Desist Order” (CDO) against Cal-Am. The CDO refers to the 1995

SWRCB Order 95-10, noting that compliance with Order 95-10 had not yet been achieved. The CDO institutes a series of cutbacks to Cal-Am production from the Carmel River system and prohibits new or intensified connections in the Cal-Am main system. The CDO reduced the upper limit of diversion from the Carmel River previously set by Order 95-10 at 11,285 AFY to 10,429 AFY beginning in WY 2010, with additional annual reductions thereafter. In 2016, the SWRCB issued State Board Order 2016-0016 changing the production limit on the Carmel River to 8,310 AFY. This was reduced further in WY 2021 to 7,310 AFY. The current limit in WY 2024 is 3,376 AFY, which is Cal-Am's recognized legal diversion from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer.

The Water Allocation EIR determined that even though Option V is the least damaging alternative of the five options analyzed, production at this level still may result in significant, adverse, environmental impacts that must be mitigated. Thus, the CEQA Findings adopted by the Board in 1990 included a "Five-Year Mitigation Program for Option V" and several general mitigation measures. The Five-Year Mitigation Program formally began in July 1991 with the new fiscal year and was slated to run until June 30, 1996. Following public hearings in May 1996 and District Board review of draft reports through September 1996, the Five-Year Evaluation Report for the 1991-1996 comprehensive program, as well as an Implementation Plan for FY 1997 through FY 2001, were finalized in October 1996. In its July 1995 Order WR 95-10, the SWRCB ordered Cal-Am to carry out any aspect of the "Five-Year Mitigation Program for Option V" that the District does not continue after June 1996. To date, as part of its annual budget approval process, the District Board has voted to continue the program. The Mitigation Program presently accounts for a significant portion of the District budget in terms of revenue and expenditures.

For projects or programs that entail significant adverse impacts, CEQA requires that an annual report be prepared documenting: (1) the actual mitigation activities that were carried out by the lead agency, and (2) the effectiveness of the mitigation activities, as measured via a monitoring program. The Water Allocation Mitigation Report responds to these requirements.

The 2023-2024 report reviews District activities relating to water supply and demand, followed by mitigation measures for specific environmental impacts. It also provides a summary of costs for the Mitigation Program as well as references. For each topic, the mitigation measure adopted as part of the certified Allocation EIR is briefly described, followed by a summary of activities carried out that relate to the topic. Monitoring results, where applicable, are then presented. Finally, a summary of conclusions, and/or recommendations are provided.

IMPACT ON STAFF/RESOURCES: Mitigation Program costs for FY 2023-2024 totaled approximately \$2.86 million including direct personnel expenses, operating costs, project expenditures, capital equipment, and fixed asset purchases. The annual cost of mitigation efforts varies because several mitigation measures are weather-dependent. Expenditures in FY 2023-2024 were lower than the prior fiscal year by \$0.7 million due to a decrease in costs related to Mitigation project expenditures. However, the overall costs have remained comparable for the last few years. In the past, expenditures had trended upward due to expenditures for the Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) Project. ASR Project costs are no longer captured under Mitigation Program Costs. FY 2022-23 expenditures were \$3.54 million and FY 2021-2022 expenditures were \$3.46 million.

During FY 2023-2024, revenues totaled \$5.05 million including user fees, grant receipts, investment income, project reimbursements, and miscellaneous revenues. The Mitigation Program Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024, was \$10.64 million.

EXHIBIT

10-A Executive Summary for 2023-2024 Annual Mitigation Report

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**2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT
(July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024)**

**MPWMD MITIGATION PROGRAM
WATER ALLOCATION PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Prepared April 2025**

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

In April 1990, the Water Allocation Program Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) by J.L. Mintier and Associates. The Final EIR analyzed the effects of five levels of annual California American Water (CAW or Cal-Am) production, ranging from 16,744 acre-feet per year (AFY) to 20,500 AFY. On November 5, 1990, the MPWMD Board certified the Final EIR, adopted findings, and passed a resolution that set Option V as the new water allocation limit. Option V resulted in an annual limit of 16,744 AFY for Cal-Am production, and 3,137 AFY for non-Cal-Am production, with a total allocation of 19,881 AFY for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (MPWRS). The MPWRS is the integrated system of water resources from the Carmel River Alluvial Aquifer and Seaside Groundwater Basin that provide the Monterey Peninsula community's water supply via the Cal-Am water distribution network.

Even though Option V was the least damaging alternative of the five options analyzed in the Water Allocation Program EIR, production at this level still resulted in significant, adverse environmental impacts that must be mitigated. Thus, the findings adopted by the Board included a "Five-Year Mitigation Program for Option V" and associated mitigation measures.

In June 1993, Ordinance No. 70 was passed, which amended the annual Cal-Am production limit from 16,744 AF to 17,619 AF, and the non-Cal-Am limit from 3,137 AF to 3,054 AF; the total production limit was increased from 19,881 AF to 20,673 AF per year due to new supply from the Paralta Well in Seaside. In April 1996, Ordinance No. 83 slightly changed the Cal-Am and non-Cal-Am annual limits to 17,621 AF and 3,046 AF, respectively, resulting in a total limit of 20,667 AFY. In February 1997, Ordinance No. 87 was adopted to provide a special water allocation for the planned expansion of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, resulting in a new Cal-Am production limit of 17,641 AFY; the non-Cal-Am limit of 3,046 AFY was not changed. These actions did not affect the implementation of mitigation measures adopted by the Board in 1990.

The Five-Year Mitigation Program formally began in July 1991 with the new fiscal year (FY) and was slated to run until June 30, 1996. Following public hearings in May 1996 and District Board review of draft reports through September 1996, the Five-Year Evaluation Report for the 1991-

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1996 comprehensive program, as well as an Implementation Plan for FY 1996-1997 through FY 2000-2001, were finalized in October 1996. In its July 1995 Order WR 95-10, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) directed Cal-Am to carry out any aspect of the Five-Year Mitigation Program that the District does not continue after June 1996. To date, as part of the annual budget approval process, the District Board has voted to continue the program. The Mitigation Program has accounted for a significant portion of the District's annual budgets in terms of revenue (derived primarily from a portion of the MPWMD user fee on the Cal-Am bill) and expenditures. It should be noted that this fee was removed from Cal-Am's bill in July 2009, resulting from actions subsequent to a California Public Utilities Commission ruling regarding a Cal-Am rate request. Cal-Am continued to pay the Carmel River Mitigation Program fee under a separate agreement with MPWMD through June 2010. The District and Cal-Am have negotiated an annual funding agreement that funded part of the 2016-2017 mitigation program. In April 2017, the MPWMD resumed collection of its user fee from Cal-Am ratepayers. The District's other revenue sources were used to fund the remainder of the program.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res. Code 21081.6) requires that the MPWMD adopt a reporting or monitoring program to insure compliance with mitigation measures when implementing the Water Allocation Program. Findings Nos. 387 through 404 adopted by the Board on November 5, 1990 describe mitigation measures associated with the Water Allocation Program; many entail preparation of annual monitoring reports. This 2023-2024 Annual Report for the MPWMD Mitigation Program responds to these requirements. It covers the fiscal year period of July 1 through June 30. It should be noted that hydrologic data and well reporting data in this report are tabulated using the water year, defined as October 1 through September 30, in order to be consistent with the accounting period used by the SWRCB.

This 2023-2024 Annual Report first addresses general mitigation measures relating to water supply and demand (Sections II through XI), followed by monitoring related to compliance with production limits, drought reserve and supply augmentation (Sections XII through XV), followed by mitigations relating to specific environmental resources (Sections XVI through XIX). Section XX provides a summary of costs for the biological mitigation programs as well as related hydrologic monitoring, water augmentation and administrative costs. Section XXI presents selected references.

Table I-1 summarizes the mitigation measures described in this report. In subsequent chapters, for each topic, the mitigation measure adopted as part of the Final EIR is briefly described, followed by a summary of activities relating to the topic in FY 2023-2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, unless otherwise noted). Monitoring results, where applicable, are also presented. Tables and figures that support the text are found at the end of each section in the order they are introduced in the text.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Many activities are carried out as part of the MPWMD Mitigation Program to address the environmental effects that community water use has upon the Carmel River and Seaside

Groundwater Basins. Highlights of the accomplishments in FY 2023-2024 for each major category are shown in **Table I-2**.

OBSERVED TRENDS, CONCLUSIONS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following paragraphs describe observed trends (primarily qualitative), conclusions and/or recommendations for the mitigation program. General conclusions are followed by a summary of selected Mitigation Program categories.

General Overview

Overall, the Carmel River environment with respect to riparian vegetation, river flow, and aquifer levels is in better condition today than it was in 1990 when the Allocation Program EIR was prepared. This improvement is evidenced by increased riparian habitat and higher water tables in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer. However, the steelhead fishery was rebounding until the onset of the 2012-2015 drought. During and after the drought, steelhead numbers declined to levels similar to those seen in previous droughts. In 2017, 2019, and 2023 abundant winter rains, created good conditions for steelhead to enter the system and the District did not have to rescue juvenile steelhead in the mainstem of the Carmel River. However, rescues were carried out in the tributaries. Mainstem rescues in recent years occurred in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 (short period during heatwave).

The comprehensive MPWMD Mitigation Program is an important factor responsible for helping maintain steelhead populations in the Carmel River. Direct actions such as fish rescues and rearing, and riparian habitat restoration literally enable species to survive and reproduce. Indirect action such as conservation programs, water augmentation, ordinances/regulations and cooperative development of Cal-Am operation strategies result in less environmental impact from human water needs than would occur otherwise. The District's comprehensive monitoring program provides a solid scientific data baseline, and enables better understanding of the relationships between weather, hydrology, human activities and the environment. Better understanding of the MPWRS enables informed decision-making that achieves the District's mission of benefiting the community and the environment.

It is acknowledged that there are other important factors responsible for this improved situation. For example, since Water Year (WY) 1991, the Carmel River has received normal or better runoff in 21 out of 33 years. Actions by federal resource agencies under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) or the SWRCB under its Order WR 95-10 and follow-up orders have provided strong incentive for Cal-Am and other local water producers to examine and amend water production practices to the degree feasible, and for the community to reduce water use. Except for one year in 1997, the community has complied with the production limits imposed on Cal-Am by the SWRCB since Order 95-10 became effective in July 1995.

Despite these improvements, challenges remain due to human influence on the river. The steelhead and red-legged frog remain listed as threatened species under the ESA. At least several miles of

the river still dry up in most years, harming habitat for listed fish and frog species. The presence of the one existing dam, floodplain development and water diversions to meet community and local user needs continue to alter the natural dynamics of the river. Streambank restoration projects may be significantly damaged in large winter storm events, and some people continue to illegally dump refuse into the river or alter their property without the proper permits. Thus, the Mitigation Program (or a comprehensive effort similar to it) will be needed as long as significant quantities of water are diverted from the Carmel River and people live in close proximity to it.

Water Resources Monitoring Program

Streamflow and precipitation data continue to provide a scientific basis for management of the water resources within the District. These data continue to be useful in Carmel River Basin planning studies, reservoir management operations, water supply forecast and budgeting, and defining the baseline hydrologic conditions of the Carmel River Basin. Also, the District's streamflow monitoring program continues to produce high quality and cost-effective data.

There is limited storage of surface water on the Carmel River. Los Padres Reservoir, completed in 1948, holds 1,667 AF of storage (without flashboard), based on 2017 survey data. In addition, San Clemente Reservoir (SCR), completed in 1921, was removed in the fall of 2015 by order of the Department of Water Resources (DWR) due to seismic safety concerns.

Groundwater levels, and consequently groundwater storage conditions, in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer have maintained a relatively normal pattern in recent years, in contrast to the dramatic storage declines that were observed during the prolonged 1987-1991 drought period. The relatively stable storage in the Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer in recent years is attributable to a combination of periods of more favorable hydrologic conditions and the adoption of improved water management practices that have tended to preserve higher storage conditions in the aquifer. In WY 2024, Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer storage was above average compared with recent years as this year was classified as "Above Normal."

In contrast, storage conditions in the coastal portion of the Seaside Groundwater Basin have not been stable in recent years, in particular with respect to the deeper Santa Margarita aquifer, from which over 90 percent of the Cal-Am production in the Seaside Basin is derived. This downward trend in water levels reflects the changed production operations in the Seaside Basin stemming primarily from changed practices after SWRCB Order 95-10. The increased annual reliance on production from Cal-Am's major production wells in Seaside, along with significant increases in non-Cal-Am use, have dramatically lowered water levels in this aquifer, and seasonal recoveries have not been sufficient to reverse this trend. However, now that primary pumpers in the Seaside Groundwater Basin are at their adjudicated limit, this downward trend is decreasing.

To address this storage depletion trend, the District initiated efforts in the 2000-2001 timeframe to prepare a Seaside Basin Groundwater Management Plan in compliance with protocols set by the State of California (AB 3030, as amended by SB 1938). This process was superseded by litigation filed by Cal-Am in August 2003, requesting a court adjudication of water production and storage rights in the Seaside Basin. The District participated in all litigation proceedings as an intervening "interested party". The Superior Court held hearings in December 2005 and issued a final

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adjudication decision in March 2006, which was amended through an additional court filing in February 2007. The final decision established a new, lower “natural safe yield” for the Basin of 3,000 AFY, and an initial Basin “operating safe yield” of 5,600 AFY. Under the decision, the operating safe yield would be reduced by 10% every three years until the operating safe yield matches the natural safe yield of the Basin in 2021. The Court also created a nine-member Watermaster Board (of which the District is a member) to implement the Court’s decision. With the triennial reductions in operational yield required by the Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision, water levels have not been declining as fast as previously observed.

One of the means that could potentially mitigate this observed storage depletion trend is a program that the District has been actively pursuing since 1996 -- the Seaside Basin groundwater injection program (also known as aquifer storage and recovery, or ASR). ASR entails diverting excess water flows (typically in Winter/Spring) from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer through existing Cal-Am facilities and injecting the water into the Seaside Groundwater Basin for later recovery in dry periods.

The primary goal of the MPWMD ASR Project is better management of existing water resources and production facilities to help reduce impacts to the Carmel River, especially during the dry season. The projects are viewed as being complementary to other larger, long-term water augmentation projects that are currently being pursued for the Monterey Peninsula. These projects, also known as Phase 1 and 2 ASR projects, entail a maximum diversion of 2,426 AFY, and 2,900 AFY respectively from the Carmel River for injection. The combined average yield for both projects is estimated at about 1,250 AFY. The operation of the Phase 1 and 2 ASR Projects result in reduced unauthorized pumping of the Carmel River in Summer/Fall and increased storage in the Seaside Basin, which are both considered to be environmentally beneficial.

The ASR water supply efforts in 2023-2024 included: (1) continued work with regulatory and land use agencies on expansion of the Phase 1 Santa Margarita ASR site; (2) continued work on the utility water system for the Phase 2 ASR Project at the Seaside Middle School site; (3) coordination with Cal-Am and other parties to construct the necessary infrastructure for the ASR project expansion; and (4) continued implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Cal-Am on operation and maintenance at the ASR facilities.

In 2024, Pure Water Monterey continued to inject 3,500 Acre Feet per year into the Santa Margarita for water supply. Six hundred AF was left in the Seaside Basin for Pure Water Monterey Operational Reserve, the rest was recovered for water supply to Peninsula residents. Approximately 500 additional Acre Feet of Operational Reserve will be built up over WY 2024.

Groundwater quality conditions in both the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer and Seaside Basin have remained acceptable in terms of potential indicators of contamination from shallow sources such as septic systems. There have been no identifiable trends indicative of seawater intrusion into the principal supply sources the coastal areas of these two aquifer systems to date.

Steelhead Fishery Program

• **Adult Steelhead**

Redd surveys conducted downstream of the former SCD confirm improvements in spawning habitat and increased spawning success in the lower river over the last 25 years. Additionally, juvenile steelhead rescued and relocated from the lower river, survive to adulthood and return to reaches in the river to spawn contributing to the overall adult population.

Annual variability in adult steelhead counts result from:

Positive Factors:

- General improvements in streamflow due management activities and favorable climate and precipitation patterns, exemplified by higher base-flow conditions during 2024 reporting period.
- Removal of migration barriers, providing more access to spawning habitat.

Negative Factors:

- Highly dynamic ocean conditions, increasing water temperatures, acidification, and degraded ocean water quality likely affect the abundance of food resources and at-sea survival of returning steelhead.
- Variable river conditions and flow regimes can affect migration and spawning success.
- Variable lagoon conditions, caused by mechanical breaching of the sandbar and/or naturally occurring periods of low winter flows.
- Variable densities of juvenile fish affecting subsequent adult populations.
- Annual entrapment of spawning gravels behind LPD, interrupting the natural migration of spawning gravels downstream.

• **Juvenile Steelhead**

Long-term monitoring of juvenile steelhead at eleven sites along the mainstem Carmel River below LPD suggests that fish density continues to be quite variable between years and among sites, from less than 0.10 fish-per-foot (fpf) of stream to densities frequently above 1.00 fpf, values that are typical of well-stocked steelhead streams. However, fish density has been increasing since the prolonged drought of 2013-15. In this 2024 reporting period, the average juvenile population density was 0.75 fpf, slightly higher than the long-term average of 0.74 fpf for the Carmel River.

The juvenile steelhead population in the Carmel River Basin is influenced by:

Positive Factors:

- General improvements in streamflow due to favorable climate and precipitation patterns, exemplified by higher base-flow conditions.
- District and SWRCB rules to actively manage the rate and distribution of groundwater

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extractions and direct surface diversions within the basin, coupled with changes to Cal-Am's operations at LPD, the increased availability of ASR and Pure Water Monterey in the summer, and extensive conservation measures all help to increase streamflow.

- Restoration and stabilization of the lower Carmel River's streambanks, providing improved riparian habitat (tree cover/shade along the stream, an increase in woody debris and the associated invertebrate food supply) while preventing erosion of silt/sand from filling gravel beds and pools.
- The removal and restoration of the San Clemente Dam and Reservoir, and other barriers in the mainstem and tributaries, improved passage and habitat values for adults and juvenile fish.
- Extensive juvenile steelhead rescues by the District over the last 35 years, now totaling 499,926 fish through 2024.
- Rearing and releases of rescued fish from the SHSRF of 114,149 juveniles and smolts into the river and lagoon over the past 28 years (19 years of operation), at sizes generally larger than naturally reared fish, which research suggests could improve their ocean survival.

Negative Factors:

- Variable lagoon conditions, including highly variable water surface elevation changes caused by mechanical breaching, chronic poor water quality (especially in the fall), and predation by birds and Striped Bass.
- Barriers or seasonal impediments to juvenile and smolt emigration, such as intermittent periods of low flow below the Narrows during the normal spring outmigration.
- Spring flow variability such as low-flow conditions that could dewater redds prematurely or high flows that could either deposit sediment over redds or completely wash them out.
- Downstream migration for all life stages of steelhead are most likely affected by presence and operation of LPD.
- Occasionally elevated temperature and hydrogen sulfide levels below LPD, and the recent large landslide into LPR that affects the outlet works.
- The potential for enhanced predation on smolts and YOY migrating through the sediment field above LPD.
- Invasive species such as, Brown Trout, Striped Bass and New Zealand Mud Snails (NZMS) continue to negatively impact steelhead through competition for resources and habitat and predation, particularly as climate change expands the range of these species and threaten the native populations.

District staff continues to provide technical expertise and scientific data to CAW engineers and environmental consultants, DWR/DSOD, CDFW, NMFS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and others involved in addressing the resource management issues associated with both LPD and the area influenced by the SCD Removal and Carmel River Reroute Project. District staff also continues to provide technical expertise and scientific data to California Department Parks and Recreation, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Monterey County Public Works Department, California Coastal Commission, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Carmel Area Wastewater District, and other regulatory agencies and stakeholders involved in the management of the Carmel River, the Carmel River Lagoon and the barrier beach.

Riparian Habitat Mitigation

Except for the Rancho Cañada to Rancho San Carlos Road Bridge reach, the Carmel River streamside corridor has stabilized in nearly all reaches that were affected by a combination of increased groundwater extraction, extreme drought and flood events that occurred during the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Prior to the 2016-17 winter high flows, a complex channel had developed in the lower 16 miles of the river with improved steelhead spawning substrate, diverse habitat, and a richer riparian community. Areas with perennial or near perennial flow (upstream of Schulte Bridge) or a high groundwater table, such as downstream of Highway 1, experienced vigorous natural recruitment in the channel bottom, which has helped to stabilize streambanks and diversify aquatic habitat. Areas that continue to be dewatered annually have less significant growth. The recovery of streamside areas subjected to annual dewatering requires monitoring. Plant stress in the late summer and fall is evident in portions of the river that go dry. In these areas, streambanks can exhibit unstable characteristics during high flows, such as sudden bank collapse, because of the lack of healthy vegetation that would ordinarily provide stability. Impacts to streamside vegetation can manifest themselves for several years even after the end of a drought. District staff contracted with CSUMB in the fall of 2023 to investigate the overall scour and deposition of the streambed. Conclusions from this report show that the Carmel River primarily experienced net erosion with some cross-sections showing lateral migration. In addition, some cross-sections showed deposition of sediments in riparian areas within the active channel.

Restoration project areas sponsored by MPWMD since 1984 continue to mature and exhibit more features of relatively undisturbed reaches, such as plant diversity and vigor, complex floodplain topography, and a variety of in-channel features such as large wood, extensive vegetative cover, pools, riffles, and cut banks.

As cited in previous reports, the most significant trends continue to include the following:

- increased natural recruitment of vegetation into the active channel of the Carmel River,
- effects to areas with groundwater extraction downstream of Schulte Road,
- channel changes and erosion due to new supply of sediment from upstream associated with high flows, San Clemente Dam removal,
- healthy avian species diversity, and
- maturing of previous restoration projects.

Carmel River Erosion Protection and Restoration

With the exception of the channel area between the Via Mallorca Road bridge and the Rancho San Carlos Road bridge, streambanks in the main stem appear to be relatively stable during average water years with “frequent flow” storm events (flows with a return magnitude of less than five years). The program begun by MPWMD in 1984 (and later subsumed into the Mitigation Program) to stabilize streambanks appears to be achieving the goals that were initially set out, i.e., to reduce bank erosion during high flow events up to a 10-year return flow, restore vegetation along the streamside, and improve fisheries habitat.

Consistent with previous reports, it is likely that the following trends will continue:

- Local, State and Federal agencies consider the Carmel River watershed to be a high priority area for restoration, as evidenced by the interest in addressing water supply issues, the removal of San Clemente Dam (2015), proposed projects in the lower Carmel River, and continued oversight with the management of threatened species. Stringent avoidance and mitigation requirements will continue to be placed on activities that could have negative impacts on sensitive aquatic species or their habitats.
- Activities that interrupt or curtail natural stream functions, such as lining streambanks with riprap, have come under increasing scrutiny and now require significant mitigation offsets. Approximately 35% to 40% of the streambanks downstream of Carmel Valley Village have been altered or hardened since the late 1950s. Activities that increase the amount of habitat or restore natural stream functions are more likely to be approved or funded through State and Federal grant programs.
- Additional work to add instream features (such as large logs for steelhead refuge or backwater channel areas for frogs) can restore and diversify aquatic habitat.
- Major restoration projects completed between 1987 and 1999 have had extensive and successful work to diversify plantings. However, maintenance of irrigation systems is ongoing and requires extensive work in water years classified as below normal, dry and critically dry.
- The channel will change due to a new supply of sediment coming from upstream of the old San Clemente Dam and additional sources of sediment associated with the Soberanes Fire of 2016.

Vegetation Restoration and Irrigation

To the maximum extent possible, MPWMD-sponsored river restoration projects incorporate a functional floodplain that is intended to be inundated in relatively frequent storm events (those expected every 1-2 years). For example, low benches at the Red Rock and All Saints Projects have served as natural recruitment areas and are currently being colonized by black cottonwoods, sycamores and willows. In addition, willow and cottonwood pole plantings in these areas were installed with a backhoe, which allows them to tap into the water table. These techniques have been successful and have reduced the need for supplemental irrigation.

Channel Vegetation Management

Another notable trend relating to the District's vegetation management program was the widening of the channel after floods in 1995 and 1998. With relatively normal years following these floods, the channel has narrowed as vegetation recruits on the channel bottom and gravel bars. Current Federal regulations such as the Endangered Species Act (ESA) "Section 4(d)" rules promulgated by NOAA Fisheries to protect steelhead significantly restrict vegetation management activities. Because of these restrictions, the District can carry out activities only on the most critical channel restrictions and erosion hazards in the lower 15 miles of the river. MPWMD will continue to balance the need to treat erosion hazards in the river yet maintain features that contribute to aquatic habitat quality.

Permits for Channel Restoration and Vegetation Management

In 2024, MPWMD renewed its long-term permits with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board for routine maintenance and restoration work. In 2014, the District also renewed a long-term Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to conduct regular maintenance and restoration activities in the Carmel River.

Monitoring Program

Vegetative moisture stress fluctuates depending on the rainfall, proximate stream flow, depth to groundwater, and average daily temperatures, and tends to be much lower in above-normal rainfall years. Typical trends for a single season start with little to no vegetative moisture stress in the spring, when the soil is moist and the river is flowing. As the river begins to dry up in lower Carmel Valley (normally around June) and temperatures begin to increase, an overall increase in vegetative moisture stress occurs. The District irrigates around large production wells to help mitigate impacts from groundwater extraction. However, many recruiting trees experience high levels of stress or mortality in dry years in areas difficult to irrigate. Riparian vegetation exposed to rapid or substantial lowering of groundwater levels (i.e., below the root zones of the plants) will continue to require monitoring and irrigation during the dry season.

With respect to riparian songbird diversity, populations dropped after major floods in 1995 and 1998 because of the loss of streamside habitat. Since 1998, species diversity recovered and now fluctuates depending on habitat conditions. Values from 2018 avian point count surveys indicate that the District's mitigation program is preserving and improving riparian habitat.

Strategies for the future

A comprehensive long-term solution to overall environmental degradation requires a significant increase in dry-season water flows in the lower river, a reversal of the incision process, and re-establishment of a natural meander pattern. Of these, MPWMD has made progress on increasing summer low flows and groundwater levels by aggressively pursuing a water conservation program, implementing the first and second phases of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project, new sources such as Pure Water Monterey, and recommending an increase in summer releases from Los Padres Reservoir.

Reversal, or at least a slowing, of channel incision may be possible if the supply of sediment is brought into better balance with the sediment transport forces. Additional sediment from the tributary watersheds between San Clemente Dam and Los Padres Dam will pass into the lower river in the foreseeable future now that San Clemente Dam has been removed. District staff are already seeing signs of additional sediment in the Carmel River below Esquiline Road Bridge.

However, reestablishing a natural supply of sediment and restoring the natural river meander pattern through the lower 15.5 miles of the Carmel Valley presents significant political,

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environmental, and fiscal challenges, and is not currently being considered as part of the Mitigation Program.

Funding from the IRWM grant program and other programs requiring an adopted IRWM Plan provide the incentive to undertake a set of projects that would engage a larger number of organizations in helping to develop and implement a comprehensive solution to water resource problems in the planning region.

On November 4, 2014, California voters approved Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014. Proposition 1 authorized \$510 million in Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) funding. Funds were allocated to 12 hydrologic region-based Funding Areas, including the Central Coast Funding Area to which the Monterey Peninsula Region belongs. A funds sharing agreement for the Central Coast Funding Area was executed in 2016 that allowed the Monterey Peninsula Region to plan for receiving \$4.3 million in IRWM grant funding.

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Grant Program

In 2018, \$252,693 was awarded to the region as a part of the Proposition 1 Disadvantaged Community Involvement grant. The 2018 grant was completed by the region in 2020. In 2020, \$2,238,904 was awarded to the region as a part of the Proposition 1 Implementation Round 1 grant. Three projects were funded; two projects were located in disadvantaged communities. Two of the three projects were completed by the end of 2023.

In 2023, MPWMD was awarded an Implementation Round 2 Grant for the Monterey Peninsula region in the amount of \$1,488,961. The two project recipients are 1. Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (Carmel River FREE), sponsored by Monterey County, and 2. the Olivier Street Stormwater Diversion Project, sponsored by the City of Monterey.

More information about the IRWM Plan and the group of stakeholders in the planning region can be found at the following web site: [Integrated Regional Water Management Program – Monterey Peninsula Water Management District](#)

Carmel River Lagoon Habitat

The District continues to support and encourage the ongoing habitat restoration efforts in the wetlands and riparian areas surrounding the Carmel River Lagoon. These efforts are consistent with goals that were identified in the Carmel River Lagoon Enhancement Plan, which was partially funded by the District. The District continues to work with various agencies and landowners to implement ongoing restoration of the Odello West property and future restoration of the Odello East property across the highway.

The District expanded its long-term monitoring around the lagoon in 1995 in an attempt to determine if the reduction in freshwater flows due to groundwater pumping upstream might change

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the size or ecological character of the wetlands. Demonstrable changes have not been identified. Because of the complexity of the estuarine system, a variety of parameters are monitored, including vegetative cover in transects and quadrats, water conductivity, and hydrology. It is notable that due to the number of factors affecting this system, it would be premature to attribute any observed changes solely to groundwater pumping. The following illustrates the Water Year (October 1 – September 30) classifications since 1995 in terms of total annual runoff.

Classification	Number of Years	Water Year
Extremely Wet	5	1995, 1998, 2017, 2019, 2023
Wet	2	2005, 2006
Above Normal	6	1996, 1997, 2000, 2010, 2011, 2024
Normal	6	1999, 2001, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2020
Below Normal	3	2004, 2016, 2018
Dry	6	2002, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2021, 2022
Critically Dry	2	2007, 2014

Thus, the hydrology of the watershed has been at least normal or better 63% of the time during the 30-year period. However, monitoring in 2014 occurred during a Critically Dry Water Year that followed two consecutive Dry Water Years, and 2015 was the first time a fourth year of drought was ever monitored. Other natural factors that affect the wetlands include introduction of salt water into the system as waves overtop the sandbar in autumn and winter, tidal fluctuations, and long-term global climatic change. When the District initiated the long-term lagoon monitoring component of the Mitigation Program, it was with the understanding that it would be necessary to gather data for an extended period in order to draw conclusions about well production drawdown effects on wetland dynamics. It is recommended that the current vegetation, conductivity, topographical and wildlife monitoring be continued in order to provide a robust data set for continued analysis of potential changes around the lagoon.

Lagoon bathymetric cross-sectional surveys, initially conducted in 1988, were completed annually during the dry season from 1994-2022. In 2023, a sonar bathymetric survey intended to replace cross sectional surveys, however the accuracy of the results was not verifiable. Cross sectional surveys occurred again in 2024 and found a generalized pattern of scour in the deeper areas of the lagoon where the fastest moving water occurs during high flows, with some deposition on the lagoon banks where water moves more slowly. These data are useful in assessing changes in the sand supply within the main body of the lagoon and are necessary to answer questions concerning whether or not the lagoon is filling up with sand, thus losing valuable habitat. As indicated in previous reports, the sandy bed of the lagoon can vary significantly from year to year, but there have been no significant correlations detected between flow and sediment supply based on the cross-sectional surveys of four transects. Acoustic bathymetric surveys will give a more complete spatial understanding of lagoon and should be prioritized as the survey method moving forward. On years when the lagoon levels are too low for a complete bathymetric survey, drone photogrammetry can be used to fill in the gaps of non-submerged areas. Until an accurate and

repeatable method of acoustic bathymetry and drone photogrammetry is developed and verified, cross-sections should continue as a backup method during any experimental methodology.

Program Costs

Mitigation Program costs for FY 2023-2024 totaled approximately \$2.86 million including direct personnel expenses, operating costs, project expenditures, capital equipment, and fixed asset purchases. The annual cost of mitigation efforts varies because several mitigation measures are weather-dependent. Expenditures in FY 2023-2024 were lower than the prior fiscal year by \$0.7 million due to a decrease in costs related to Mitigation project expenditures. However, the overall costs have remained comparable for the last few years. In the past, expenditures had trended upward due to expenditures for the Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) Project. ASR Project costs are no longer captured under Mitigation Program Costs. FY 2022-23 expenditures were \$3.54 million and FY 2021-2022 expenditures were \$3.46 million.

During FY 2023-2024, revenues totaled \$5.05 million including user fees, grant receipts, investment income, project reimbursements, and miscellaneous revenues. The Mitigation Program Fund Balance as of June 30, 2024, was \$10.64 million.

Table I-1

**SUMMARY OF COMPONENTS OF MPWMD MITIGATION PROGRAM
July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

WATER MANAGEMENT

- Monitor Water Resources
- Manage Water Production
- Manage Water Demand
- Monitor Water Usage
- Augment Water Supply
- Allocation of New Supply
- Determine Drought Reserve

STEELHEAD FISHERY

- Capture/Transport Emigrating Smolts in Spring
 - Smolt rescues
 - Pit tagging study
- Prevent Stranding of Fall/Winter Juvenile Migrants
 - Juvenile rescues
- Rescue Juveniles Downstream of Robles del Rio in Summer
- Operate Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility
- Monitoring Activities for Mitigation Plan
 - Juvenile population surveys
- Other Activities not required by Mitigation Plan
 - Spawning habitat restoration
 - Modify critical riffles

RIPARIAN VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

- Conservation and Water Distribution Management
- Oversee Riparian Corridor Management Plan
- Implement Riparian Corridor Management Program
 - Cal-Am well irrigation (4 wells)
 - Channel clearing
 - Vegetation monitoring
 - Track and pursue violations
 - River Care Guide booklet
 - CRMP Erosion Protection Program

LAGOON VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

- Assist with Lagoon Enhancement Plan Investigations (See Note 1)
- Expand Long-Term Lagoon Monitoring Program
 - Water quality/quantity
 - Vegetation/soils
- Identify Alternatives to Maintain Lagoon Volume

AESTHETICS

- Restore Riparian Vegetation (see above)

Note 1: Mitigation measures are dependent on implementation of the Lagoon Enhancement Plan by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the land owner and CEQA lead agency. Portions of the Enhancement Plan have been implemented by CalTrans as part of a “mitigation banking” project.

Table I-2
Summary of MPWMD Mitigation Program Accomplishments: 2023-2024 Report

MITIGATION ACTION	MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Monitor Water Resources	Regularly tracked precipitation, streamflow, surface and groundwater levels and quality, and lagoon characteristics between Los Padres Dam and the Carmel River Lagoon, using real-time methods at numerous data collection stations. Maintained extensive monitoring network, and continuous streamflow recorders below Los Padres Dam and other sites.
Manage Water Production	Developed and implemented multi-agency Memorandum of Agreement and quarterly water supply strategies based on normal-year conditions; worked cooperatively with resource agencies implementing the federal Endangered Species Act. Implemented ordinances that regulate wells and water distribution systems.
Manage Water Demand	A total of about 1,735 inspections were conducted in 2024. An estimated 1.66 Acre-Feet (“AF”) of water were saved by new retrofits verified this year in these two categories. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, a total of 1,219 applications for rebates were received and 1,080 applications were approved with the use of the rebate refund, as described in Section VIII. As of June 30, 2024, a total of 85.445AF of water remained available in the areas served by CAW, as described in Section IX. This includes water from pre- and post-Paralta Allocations and water added to a Jurisdiction’s Allocation from Water Use Credit transfers and public retrofits.
Monitor Water Usage	Complied with SWRCB Order 95-10 for Water Year 2024.
Augment Water Supply	Long-term efforts to augment supply included: (1) Continued participation in meetings about Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) construction, operations, financing, management, and oversight; (2) Helped fund environmental work to qualify Pure Water Monterey Expansion as a potential alternative; (3) Operated Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Phase 1 and 2 projects in WY 2024; (4) Held regular coordination meetings with Cal-Am regarding planned infrastructure upgrades to deliver water supply to the ASR project wells at full capacity; (5) Provided project management and technical support to Monterey One Water for the Pure Water Monterey Project; (6) Participated in CPUC hearing process on Cal-Am related rate requests.

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MITIGATION ACTION	MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
	Other ongoing activities included: (1) Served as member of both the Seaside Basin Watermaster Board and as the Technical Advisory Committee; (2) Participation in a technical role regarding alternatives for Los Padres Dam and associated sediment management.
Allocate New Supply	Remained within Water Allocation Program limits.
Determine Drought Reserve	Rationing was not required due to maintenance of adequate storage reserve.
Steelhead Fishery Program	Main stem rescues were conducted over 3 days from early October to early November, yielding 359 steelhead including: 103 young-of-the-year (YOY), 255 yearlings (1+), and 1 mortality (0.28%). Staff tagged 276 fish with Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags before release. In addition, rescues were conducted in five tributaries over 29 days from the middle of May through early August, yielding 5,274 steelhead, including: 4,830 YOY, 416 yearlings (1+), and 28 mortalities (0.53%). Staff tagged 566 fish with PIT tags before release. There were 2 recaptures. Since 1989, District staff has rescued 499,926 steelhead from drying reaches of the Carmel River watershed. Compared to previous rescue seasons, the total number of rescued fish in the 2024 dry season was 41% of the 1989-2024 average of 13,887, as described in Section XVI.
Riparian Habitat Program	Continued revegetation efforts at exposed banks with little or no vegetation located between Via Mallorca and Esquiline Roads; Continued long-term monitoring of physical and biological processes along the river in order to evaluate the District's river management activities; Continued the annual inspections of the Carmel River from the upstream end of the lagoon to Camp Steffani; Continued enforcement actions to address serious violations of District riparian ordinances; Carried out vegetation management activities; Operated under Routine Maintenance Agreement with CDFW for MPWMD vegetation maintenance activities.

MITIGATION ACTION	MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS
Lagoon Habitat Program	The District continues to support and encourage the ongoing habitat restoration efforts in the wetlands and riparian areas surrounding the Carmel River Lagoon. These efforts are consistent with goals that were identified in the Carmel River Lagoon Enhancement Plan, which was partially funded by the District. The District continues to work with various agencies and landowners to implement ongoing restoration of the Odello West property and future restoration of the Odello East property across the highway. The District also surveyed and analyzed sonar bathymetric surveys, participated in interagency meetings regarding management of lagoon in winter storm events (see also steelhead efforts that benefit lagoon) and monitored lagoon stage.
Aesthetic Measures	See Riparian Habitat Program measures in Section XVII.

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April 10, 2025

TO: Chair Riley, Members of the Board and General Manager Stoldt

FROM: David C. Laredo, Counsel

RE: General Report of Pending Litigation effective April 9, 2025

This memo presents a public summary of litigation matters that are deemed to be open and active. This is a recurring memo; the newly updated data is shown in **highlighted text**.

1 – Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association (MPTA) cases:

Cases brought by MPTA are part of a series of six (6) separate lawsuits. These six cases collectively challenge various aspects of the District's collection of the Water Supply Charge.

1.a MPTA I – MPTA v. MPWMD; M123512

The initial challenge brought by MPTA regarding District collection of the Water Supply Charge was resolved by order of Superior Court Judge Thomas Wills in favor of the District, and against the challenge brought by MPTA.

**1.b MPTA II – MPTA v. MPWMD; Monterey County Superior Court 21CV003066
6th Dist. Court of Appeal H0-51128**

1.c MPTA III – MPTA v. MPWMD; Monterey County Superior Court 22CV002113

1.d MPTA IV - MPTA v. MPWMD; Monterey County Superior Court 23CV002453

1.e MPTA V - MPTA v. MPWMD; Monterey County Superior Court 24CV002642

1.f MPTA VI - MPTA v. MPWMD; Monterey County Superior Court 24CV003408

Five separate challenges - noted above – are pending by MPTA against District collection of the Water Supply Charge. The second challenge, MPTA II, was resolved by Superior Court Judge Panetta against the District and in favor of MPTA. The Sixth District Court of Appeal affirmed the trial decision, and the matter has been remanded to the trial court for further action.

District Litigation counsel, Michael Colantuono and Matthew Slentz have led negotiation efforts under the direction of General Manager Stoldt and with the support of Counsel Dave Laredo. MPTA is represented in these discussions by Eric Benik and Prescott Littlefield.

On March 25, 2025, a Case Management Conference was held for cases 22CV002113 and 23CV002453. The settlements for both cases are in the final stages of completion, with a long-form agreement in place. A Motion for Preliminary Approval will be submitted to the Court within the next few weeks. Five days after the execution of the agreement, the cases will be dismissed. A Case Management Conference is scheduled for June 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM in Division 14. However, Judge Panetta anticipates that this date will be vacated upon finalization of the agreement.

The parties are finalizing a stipulation to resolve Petitioners' claims through a refund process and payment of attorney's fees incurred by MPTA. The court continued Case Management for all open cases pending implementation of the settlement.

2 – *MPWMD v. Cal-Am; 23CV004102*

This pending lawsuit embodies District efforts to fulfill the electoral mandate of Measure J to acquire ownership and operation of Cal-Am's Monterey Division water supply facilities. Cal-Am filed its Answer in this case on Dec. 16, 2024. Judge Vanessa Vallarta is the presiding judge for this case.

The March Case Management Conference was rescheduled to May 13, 2025.

The next steps in the District's Measure J effort are anticipated for Cal-Am to request an early decision from the Superior Court regarding LAFCO issues. That effort may take the form of a Motion for Summary Judgment by Cal-Am, and perhaps cross motions for Summary Adjudication. It is likely Cal-Am will file its Motion for Summary Judgment in April; a hearing on that motion would likely be set in the July/August/September timeframe (depending on the Court's schedule).

3 – *MPWMD v. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); Cal-Am; 22CV000925* 6th Dist. Court of Appeal H051849

The District brought this lawsuit to challenge LAFCO's conduct and administrative decisions regarding exercise of District powers to acquire Cal-Am water system facilities in accord with the voter mandate in Measure J. On December 7, 2023 Judge Thomas Wills ruled in favor of the District, and against LAFCO. The matter is now on appeal before the Sixth District Court of Appeal.

The appellate court granted, in late March, a joint request by Cal-Am and LAFCO joint request to extend their time to file opening briefs.

4 – *City of Marina; MPWMD, et al, v. California Coastal Commission (CCC); Cal-Am; 22CV004063*

This lawsuit includes multiple actions by Petitioners City of Marina, the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), the MCWD Groundwater Sustainability Agency and MPWMD that collectively challenge CCC issuance of a Coastal Development Permit to Cal-Am to grant conditioned approval of Cal-Am's proposed Desalination Project. Cal-Am is a direct party as a real party in interest to this proceeding.

After a trial on the merits held on December 9, 2024 & January 6, 2025, Judge Wills in early April issued a 118-page decision to deny the Petition, ruling in favor of the CCC and Cal-Am. The Court

found the CCC did not exceed its jurisdiction or abuse its discretion. The opinion concludes the CCC action was supported by substantial evidence.

The decision does note a different result would have been equally reasonable, but emphasized the Court's role is not to decide the matter upon its independent discretion but instead its role is to defer to the CCC as the administrative agency and indulge all reasonable inferences from the evidence to support the agency's decision. Based on this limited review standard, the Court concluded the evidence supported the CCC action.

It is anticipated that the Petitioners will seek modification of the decision within the time limit allowed by the Court. Assuming modification does not reverse the Court's holding, an appeal may thereafter be taken by one or more of the parties.

5 – Matters Pending before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Actions pertaining to the Cal-Am Water System

The following actions are separate pending proceedings in which MPWMD is involved due to their impact on the Monterey area or upon the Cal-Am water system.

5.a A.21-11-024 Cal-Am Amended Water Purchase Agreement

This action deals with Cal-Am's request to purchase water from the Pure Water Replenishment Project and its expansion.

Earlier phases of this case dealt primarily with Cal-Am's request that the CPUC authorize the Company to enter into the Amended and Restated Water Purchase Agreement for Pure Water Expansion. The most recent phase has addressed the need to update water supply and water demand calculations related to the Cal-Am system.

Phase 2 briefs have been filed by all parties. It is not clear when a Proposed Decision will be issued by the assigned ALJ or when the matter may be submitted for action by the full Commission. An Order Extending Statutory Deadline to 12/31/2024 was published 7/16/2024.

On December 17, 2024 the CPUC assigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jack Chang assigned to work with ALJ Robert Haga as co-ALJ.

In response to an email inquiry by Cal-Am's counsel as to the status of this proceeding, ALJ Jack Chang responded on February 11, 2025, to the effect: "Proposed decisions on outstanding issues in this proceeding are targeted for issuance in spring 2025."

5.b A.22-07-001 Cal-Am 2022 General Rate Case (GRC)

This action deals with Cal-Am triennial request that the CPUC approve both rates and charges, and changes to the Cal-Am operating system for a three-year rate cycle. Although the Commission had previously ordered an extension to the Statutory Deadline in this matter to March 30, 2025, this deadline has since been extended to June 30, 2025.

Cal-Am filed its General Rate Case (GRC) application on July 1, 2022, seeking statewide revenue recovery¹ for a three-year period (2024, 2025 and 2026). MPWMD participated in the proceeding with full party status. On August 27, 2024, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jacob Rambo issued a Proposed Decision (PD). Once the PD was released parties supporting Cal-Am began lobbying the Commissioners via many ex parte meetings and a vigorous letter-writing campaign. MPWMD set a single ex parte meeting with Commissioners Karen Douglas and Darcie Houck. Two revisions were made to the PD before the matter was voted on at the Commission's December 5, 2024 meeting.

Cal-Am filed an Application for Rehearing of Decision 24-12-025 on December 12, 2024, challenging the Commission's denial of several special requests. MPWMD and Cal Advocates submitted responses opposing Cal-Am while the California Water Association's response supported Cal-Am's position. The matter is currently pending.

I. Background

GRCs are massive filings. Cal-Am alone filed 40 exhibits and sponsored 25 witnesses; other parties included the Public Advocates Office (Cal Advocates), MPWMD, Public Water Now, City of Thousand Oaks, California Water Efficiency Partnership (Cal WEP), California Water Association (CWA), and the National Association of Water Companies (NAWC).

A. Settlement between Cal-Am and Cal Advocates

A Partial Settlement² was reached on November 17, 2023 between Cal-Am and Cal Advocates. MPWMD supported many of the revenue expenses but objected to several. These included a ten percent (10%) reduction in conservation funding, various statewide subsidies, and certain plant issues such as the delay with the New Carmel Valley Well and elimination of the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) leak detection project. The settlement did secure substantial reduction of \$25.5 million in Cal-Am's original statewide revenue increase request.

The Settlement estimates Central Division Operating Revenues for 2022 of \$94,653,007 will rise to \$100,720,049 for 2024, \$103,959,979 for 2025 and \$107,076,900 for 2026. Cal-Am will earn a 7.68% rate of return on a current Central Division rate base of \$290,946,200. This will rise to \$319,431,400 by 2026.³

II. The Decision

A. Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism Issue

A significant portion of the proceeding was spent on whether a "decoupling mechanism" known as a Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM) should be continued or if an alternate should be

¹ California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) has three divisions within California. They include Northern, Central and Southern Divisions and the Monterey Wastewater District. Monterey Main is part of the Central Division.

² A Partial Settlement does not resolve all issues although it can resolve many issues. In the current proceeding, the settlement resolved all revenue requirement issues and many of the special requests. The ALJ accepted the settlement as presented, without any modifications.

³ It should be noted that any GRC increases authorized by the Commission do not reflect the true rate increase. Surcharges as well as capital projects approved in separate filings add to the cost of water.

authorized. Cal-Am's sought WRAM to recover all authorized revenue it alleged to have "lost" due to conservation. Decision 24-12-025 denies Cal-Am's request and authorizes a version that originated in Monterey in 1996⁴. Cal-Am asked to retain an Annual Consumption Adjustment Mechanism (ACAM) but to increase it twice each year. The PD allows the ACAM but restricts it to only once a year.

B. Statewide Subsidies

MPWMD continued to argue against statewide subsidies in the form of customer assistance programs, spreading acquisition costs, and failure to recognize the disparity in the unit cost of water to meet basic human needs.

C. Conservation Budget

Cal-Am proposed a 10.9% reduction in the conservation budget for the Central Division to \$1,566,318. While MPWMD was unsuccessful in its opposition to this reduction, the ALJ did require that all approved conservation funding must be spent in the Monterey Service Area.

D. Monterey Plant Issues

The settlement agrees to capital projects and investments to provide safe, reliable, high-quality service to customers and continue to meet regulatory requirements for the Central Division of \$71,701,027 for the years 2023 – 2025. MPWMD supported several plant expenditures in the settlement, including \$3.8 million for the Monterey Well Rehabilitation Program, \$3 million for the Well Installation and Replacement Program for the Carmel Valley Well field and the Seaside Basin wells, and \$2.4 million for Los Padres Dam Projects. MPWMD also successfully argued against Cal-Am's proposed "Water Loss Performance Standards" cost exceeding \$943,000 as a duplicative and unnecessary expenditure.

E. Transmission and Distribution Consolidation Denied

Cal-Am proposed to consolidate all water transmission and distribution net plant assets across all tariff areas into one central pool to be allocated back to each tariff area based on the number of customers in that area. MPWMD and Cal Advocates successfully argued against this.

F. Other Issues

The Decision agrees with MPWMD's position on other issues such as Cal-Am's request for earthquake insurance (an unreasonable expense costing \$3.3 million annually that would pay up to \$10 million after a \$25 million deductible), and a chemical cost balancing account (a routine expense already forecast).

III. Conclusion

The GRC affords MPWMD an opportunity to obtain information that Cal-Am does not voluntarily provide and to present independent arguments that reflect Monterey customer concerns. MPWMD is

⁴ To avoid confusion going forward, a new name for the Monterey WRAM or M-WRAM is the Conservation Adjustments for Rate Tier Designs (CART Designs).

also able to work with Cal Advocates on many issues that often result in better outcomes for Cal-Am's Monterey customers.

Cal-Am will file its 2025 GRC application on July 1, 2025, when the process begins again.

At the Commission's December 19, 2024, the statutory deadline in A.21-11-024 (PWMX), was further extended to June 30, 2025.

5.c R.22-04-003 CPUC Acquisition Rulemaking

This action deals with CPUC Rulemaking that impacts statewide public utility systems with particular impact on the Cal-Am system. The scope of the proceeding focuses on proposed rules to provide a framework for Public Water System Investment and Consolidation. The effect of these rules may promote or discourage transfer of local costs which would impose subsidies of local costs to non-local systems. The scope of these regulations may affect purchase prices for distressed assets and impose subsidies on local ratepayers.

Workshop Issues are listed below:

Workshop #1: Options for Inadequately Operated and Maintained Systems.

Workshop #2: How to set fair market value of a water utility acquisitions? What appraisal process should apply to utility acquisitions? Should this include overall system value? How should potential liabilities and deferred maintenance be considered? Should water rights be valued and considered?

Workshop #3: How to examine ratepayer impacts regarding water utility acquisitions? What tests and criteria; what information to evaluate ratepayer impacts? Should rate impacts from previous acquisitions be assessed for a proposed acquisition? Should the Commission consider expanding the gain on sale rules? What cost-sharing mechanisms between ratepayers and shareholders should be considered for acquisitions?

Workshop #4: How should the Commission consider grant funding in water system acquisitions, and should investor-owned utilities be required to take grant funding if available? Should this process be coordinated with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)? Commission reporting requirements for proposed acquisitions; Framework to timely resolve acquisitions issues (e.g., proceedings or advice letters); how to evaluate acquisitions of mutual and municipal water systems.

It is not clear when a Proposed Decision will be issued by the assigned ALJ or when the matter may be submitted for consideration by the full Commission. The Statutory Deadline, extended by the Commission on Sept 12, 2024 to March 30, 2025, was further extended at Commission's December 19, 2024 meeting to September 30, 2025.

In addition to pending matters of active litigation referenced above, two matters of threatened litigation exist. as referenced below.

6 – Cal-Am v. MPWMD and Monterey One Water (action threatened by not yet filed)

By letter, Cal-Am threatened to file a breach of contract action relating to the Aquifer Storage & Recovery (ASR) Agreement among the parties. The dispute relates to the status of ASR Well.

The parties continue to cooperatively resolve their concerns and have entered into seven consecutive agreements to toll (extend) filing deadlines and facilitate their ability to reach a mutually acceptable settlement.

Cal-Am's most recent comment states it "has been working diligently to address both extraction and injection concerns relating to ASR-04. Due to a variety of technical and several DDW-related procedural issues we now believe that this will not be fully resolved for several months and perhaps up to a year."

7 –MPWMD v. SWRCB. Case No. 1-10-CV-163328 (Santa Clara County Superior Court) 10/27/2009.

On July 24, 2024, Sierra Club attorney, Larry Silver, advised by email they will reactivate a claim for attorney's fees in this lawsuit. This Report revises and amends prior characterizations of the attorney's claim submitted by Mr. Silver, based clarifications he sent on an October email.

This case (1-10-CV-163328) asserted four causes of action against the SWRCB related to the Cease & Desist Order. The case was originally filed in Monterey County but was transferred from Monterey to Santa Clara County. A stay of the SWRCB CDO was issued on November 6, 2009 and remained in effect only until November 4, 2010. The matter was appealed to the Sixth District Court of Appeal and in 2014 was remanded to the Superior Court. Sierra Club filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees in 2012, and the Appellate Court held in 2014 that the Sierra Club was not precluded from filing a Motion for Fees once there was a final judgement in the case.

The case, although dormant, remains pending in the Santa Clara County Superior Court and has not been dismissed. The Sierra Club is an intervenor in this case.

The 2012 Sierra Club Attorney's Fees demand sought \$256,934 for time spent during the 2008 administrative hearing 2008 (efforts related to the 2009 CDO), for time opposing stay of the CDO, and other efforts associated with this matter. The Sierra Club alleged time to be paid by Cal-Am total 209.35 hours; time to be paid by MPWMD total 45.40 hours; and additional time to be shared by both Cal-Am and MPWMD total 167.5 hours. The District timely filed Opposition to the Sierra Club Motion for Attorneys' Fees.

The extent the Sierra Club may change or increase its 2012 demand is not known. Although our latest call with Sierra Club Counsel, Don Mooney, occurred on February 10, 2025, there have been no substantive developments to date.

ITEM: ACTION ITEM**14. CONSIDER REMOVAL OF 9 ORDINANCE NO. REFERENCES FROM THE DISTRICT WEBSITE****Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt
General Manager **Program/
Line Item No.:** N/A**Prepared By:** David J. Stoldt **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: An “ordinance” is a piece of legislation enacted by a municipal authority. For the District it is typically how we codify our rules, regulations, and laws. The District maintains links to each of its Ordinances on its website, as well as physical copies. However, from 1989 through 2010 the District has drafted nine (9) Ordinances, assigned them numbers, and brought them to the Board for action, and then failed to enact them.

The reasons for failure to enact have been either (i) no action taken, (ii) rejected by the Board, or (iii) referred back to committee. Yet, the District has posted such non-enacted ordinances on its website, chronologically among the enacted Ordinances. Staff recommends that the Board adopt a policy that Ordinances that are not enacted shall not be posted to the website, nor be maintained in physical copies among the enacted ordinances.

The ordinances to be removed are Ordinance Nos 46, 68, 93, 94, 103, 112, 117, 131, 143.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt a policy that Ordinances that are not enacted shall not be posted to the website, nor be maintained in physical copies among the enacted ordinances, and remove the nine presently posted ordinances.

EXHIBITS

None

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**15. REPORT ON ACTIVITY/PROGRESS ON CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000**

Meeting Date: April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt, **Program/** N/A
 General Manager **Line Item No.:**

Prepared By: Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025.

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Attached for review as **Exhibit 15-A** is a monthly status report on contracts over \$25,000 for the period of February 2025. This status report is provided for information only; no action is required.

EXHIBIT

15-A Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25k)

EXHIBIT 15-A

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25K)
For The Period February 2025**

Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Acitivity	P.O. Number
1 Albert A. Webb Associates	Consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System (Cal-Am)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 20,003.25	\$ 12,917.50	\$ 32,920.75	Current period billing	PO03880
2 County of Monterey	IRWM Grant Round 2 Reimbursement	5/19/2023	\$ 898,451.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03879
3 City of Monterey	IRWM Grant Round 2 Reimbursement	5/19/2023	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 9,292.44	\$ -	\$ 9,292.44	Q2 FY24-25 Billing	PO03878
4 Close and Associates	Utility consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System	11/18/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 50,737.50	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 55,657.50	Current period billing	PO03876
5 Ralph Andersen and Associates	AGM recruitment	10/17/2024	\$ 36,750.00	\$ 11,025.00	\$ -	\$ 11,025.00		PO03872
6 TM Process & Controls	ASR Well Turbidity Control	8/19/2024	\$ 57,749.00	\$ 29,688.69	\$ -	\$ 29,688.69		PO03852
7 TJC and Associates	Perform a review of our electrical system, capacity, and provide overall support for the ASR project	6/27/2024	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,372.75	\$ 2,839.50	\$ 4,212.25	Current period billing	PO03829
8 DeVeera Inc.	IT Managed Services Contract and subscriptions FY 2024-2025	5/20/2024	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 55,692.84	\$ 7,955.98	\$ 63,648.82	Current period activity for managed IT services	PO03815
9 Lynx Technologies, Inc	GIS Consultant Contract for 2024-2025	5/20/2024	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 20,025.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 22,425.00	Current period billing	PO03795
10 Kyocera Document Solutions of America Inc.	Lease Agreement for three Copiers for 60 months	8/1/2024	\$ 29,424.00	\$ 2,199.51	\$ 565.47	\$ 2,764.98	Current period billing	PO03790
11 Clifton Larson Allen LLP	Audit & Related Services for FY 24-25	8/21/2023	\$ 84,525.00	\$ 81,500.00	\$ -	\$ 81,500.00		PO03771
12 Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc	ASR1 and ASR2 Well Rehabilitation	5/20/2024	\$ 509,534.00	\$ 490,573.00	\$ -	\$ 490,573.00		PO03762
13 JEA & Associates	Legislative and Administrative Services	7/1/2024	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 36,000.00	Current period retainer billing	PO03761
14 The Ferguson Group LLC	Contract for Legislative Services for FY 2024-2025	7/1/2024	\$ 79,100.00	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 56,700.00	Current period retainer billing	PO03760
15 CSC	Recording Fees	7/1/2024	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00		PO03754
16 Monterey One Water	PWM Expansion State Water Control Board Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 4,800,000.00	\$ 1,530,851.60	\$ 1,220,385.00	\$ 2,751,236.60	Current period billing	PO03753
17 Onpoint Generators, Inc	Purchase & installation of Generator	6/27/2024	\$ 58,900.00	\$ 5,890.00	\$ -	\$ 5,890.00		PO03751
18 Montgomery & Associates	Groundwater Modeling Montgomery Contract	6/27/2024	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03750
19 Tyler Technologies	Annual Financial Software	5/20/2024	\$ 36,607.72	\$ 35,737.72	\$ -	\$ 35,737.72		PO03737
20 WellmanAD	Public Outreach Consultant	7/17/2024	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 68,519.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 76,394.00	Current period payment for public outreach retainer	PO03735
21 Monterey One Water	Urban Community Drought Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 11,935,206.00	\$ 3,277,142.32	\$ -	\$ 3,277,142.32		PO03726
22 DUDEK	IRWM IR2 Grant Administration	10/1/2022	\$ 90,510.00	\$ 5,197.50	\$ 1,526.25	\$ 6,723.75	Q2 FY24-25 Billing	PO03718
23 Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	MTA Legal services for appeal to Water Supply Charge	9/15/2021	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 72,394.22	\$ 5,937.00	\$ 78,331.22	Current period billing	PO03715
24 John K. Cohan dba Telemetrix	Consultant Services for Sleepy Hollow Facility	6/30/2023	\$ 29,600.00	\$ 26,700.49	\$ -	\$ 26,700.49		PO03693
25 Rutan & Tucker, LLP	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Eminent Domain Phase IV	2/24/2023	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 245,183.96	\$ -	\$ 245,183.96		PO03639
26 Raftelis Financial Consultants	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Appraisal/Rate Study Phase 4	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 23,257.50	\$ 5,030.00	\$ 28,287.50	Current period billing	PO03491

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25K)
For The Period February 2025

Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Activity	P.O. Number	
27	Telemetrix	Flood Repair Services for Sleepy Hollow Facility	1/23/2023	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 43,062.84	\$ -	\$ 43,062.84		PO03556
28	Schaaf & Wheeler	Drawing Support Services	4/23/2023	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,425.00	\$ -	\$ 29,425.00		PO03474
29	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc	ASR Support from Maggiora Bros for Well Work	6/20/2023	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03407
30	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	ASR Operations Support	6/20/2023	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,527.50	\$ -	\$ 1,527.50		PO03406
31	Montgomery & Associates	Tularcitos ASR Feasibility Study	3/20/2023	\$ 119,200.00	\$ 14,642.00	\$ -	\$ 14,642.00		PO03368
32	Kevin Robert Knapp/ Tierra Plan LLC	Surface Water Data Portal	11/14/2022	\$ 27,730.00	\$ 27,400.81	\$ -	\$ 27,400.81		PO03302
33	Montgomery & Associates	Annual Groundwater Modeling Support	6/20/2022	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 34,439.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 36,639.00	Current period billing	PO03193
34	Telemetrix	Consultant Services for Sleepy Hollow Facility	6/20/2022	\$ 27,060.00	\$ 24,554.64	\$ -	\$ 24,554.64		PO03121
35	City of Sand City	IRWM Grant Reimbursement	3/28/2022	\$ 1,084,322.50	\$ 79,720.00	\$ -	\$ 79,720.00		PO03093
36	DUDEK	Grant administration services for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation	12/14/2020	\$ 114,960.00	\$ 64,485.00	\$ -	\$ 64,485.00		PO02847
37	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	Measure J LAFCO Litigation Legal Services	1/1/2022	\$ 484,000.00	\$ 483,801.73	\$ -	\$ 483,801.73		PO02843
38	Reiff Manufacturing	Quarantine tanks for the Sleepy Hollow steelhead facility	10/18/2022	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 40,350.00	\$ -	\$ 40,350.00		PO02824
39	Tetra Tech, Inc.	Engineering services Sleepy Hollow Facility Upgrade	6/21/2021	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 46,098.64	\$ -	\$ 46,098.64		PO02693
40	Weston Solutions, Inc.	UXO Support Services	6/15/2020	\$ 26,378.70	\$ 7,473.34	\$ -	\$ 7,473.34		PO02371
41	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	Seaside Groundwater Basin Geochemical Study	1/24/2018	\$ 68,679.00	\$ 57,168.85	\$ -	\$ 57,168.85		PO01628
42	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	SSAP Water Quality Study	8/21/2017	\$ 94,437.70	\$ 47,282.61	\$ -	\$ 47,282.61		PO01510

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**16. STATUS REPORT ON EXPENDITURES – PUBLIC’S OWNERSHIP OF MONTEREY WATER SYSTEM**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on April 14, 2025.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Attached for review as **Exhibit 16-A** is a monthly status report on spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System for the period February 2025. This status report is provided for information only; no action is required.

EXHIBIT**16-A** Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
 Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase IV
 Eminent Domain Proceedings through Bench Trial
 Through February 2025**

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Phase IV - Authorization (unallocated)	11/13/2023	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (Rutan)	12/16/2024	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 246,127.96		\$ 246,127.96	\$ 203,872.04	PA00009-01
3	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (SMW)*	3/17/2025	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 132,329.21	\$ 1,060.60	\$ 133,389.81	\$ (8,389.81)	PA00009-02
4	Financial Services (Raftelis)	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 23,257.50	\$ 5,030.00	\$ 28,287.50	\$ 171,712.50	PA00009-03
5	District Legal Counsel*		\$ 95,000.00	\$ 131,046.49	\$ 10,677.95	\$ 141,724.44	\$ (46,724.44)	PA00009-05
6	Utility Consultant (Close & Associates)	12/16/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 50,737.50	\$ 4,920.00	\$ 55,657.50	\$ 909,342.50	PA00009-07
7	Consulting Civil Engineer (Webb Associates)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 20,003.00	\$ 12,917.50	\$ 32,920.50	\$ 1,167,079.50	PA00009-07
	Total		\$ 3,035,000.00	\$ 603,501.66	\$ 34,606.05	\$ 638,107.71	\$ 2,396,892.29	

**Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase III
 Appraisal through Resolution of Necessity
 Through October 2023**

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 98,283.28		\$ 98,283.28	\$ 101,716.72	PA00007-01
2	Appraisal Services	4/17/2023	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.75		\$ 220,000.75	\$ (0.75)	PA00007-03
3	District Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 46,361.50		\$ 46,361.50	\$ 53,638.50	PA00007-05
4	Real Estate Appraiser	8/15/2022	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 53,309.64		\$ 53,309.64	\$ 26,690.36	PA00007-06
5	Water Rights Appraisal	8/15/2022	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 45,490.46		\$ 45,490.46	\$ 29,509.54	PA00007-10
6	Contingency/Miscellaneous	12/16/2019	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	PA00007-20
	Total		\$ 675,000.00	\$ 463,445.63	\$ -	\$ 463,445.63	\$ 211,554.37	

Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase II
EIR & LAFCO Application
Through September 2022

Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1 Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	9/20/2021	\$ 345,000.00	\$ 168,265.94		\$ 168,265.94	\$ 176,734.06	PA00005-01
2 CEQA Work	12/16/2019	\$ 134,928.00	\$ 134,779.54		\$ 134,779.54	\$ 148.46	PA00005-02
3 Appraisal Services	9/20/2021	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 188,683.75		\$ 188,683.75	\$ 241,316.25	PA00005-03
4 Operations Plan	12/16/2019	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 94,860.00		\$ 94,860.00	\$ 50,140.00	PA00005-04
5 District Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 162,254.16		\$ 162,254.16	\$ (122,254.16)	PA00005-05
6 MAI Appraiser	6/15/2020	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 76,032.00		\$ 76,032.00	\$ 93,968.00	PA00005-06
7 Jacobs Engineering	12/16/2019	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 86,977.36		\$ 86,977.36	\$ 22.64	PA00005-07
8 LAFCO Process	11/15/2021	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 217,784.62		\$ 217,784.62	\$ 22,215.38	PA00005-08
9 PSOMAS	9/20/2021	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 25,900.00		\$ 25,900.00	\$ 2,100.00	PA00005-09
10 Contingency/Miscellaneous/Uncommitted	12/16/2019	\$ 289,072.00	\$ 38,707.08		\$ 38,707.08	\$ 250,364.92	PA00005-20
Total		\$ 1,909,000.00	\$ 1,194,244.45	\$ -	\$ 1,194,244.45	\$ 714,755.55	
1 Measure J CEQA Litigation Legal Services*	12/23/2020	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 140,303.06		\$ 140,303.06	\$ 59,696.94	PA00005-15
1 Measure J LAFCO Litigation Legal Services*	1/1/2022	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 398,750.20		\$ 398,750.20	\$ 1,249.80	PA00005-16

Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase I
Financial Feasibility
Through November 2019

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	12/17/2018	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 160,998.16		\$ 160,998.16	\$ (60,998.16)	PA00002-01
2	Investment Banking Services	2/21/2019	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,000.00		\$ 27,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	PA00002-02
3	Valuation & Cost of Service Study Consultant	2/21/2019	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 286,965.17		\$ 286,965.17	\$ 68,034.83	PA00002-03
4	Investor Owned Utility Consultant	2/21/2019	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 84,221.69		\$ 84,221.69	\$ 15,778.31	PA00002-04
5	District Legal Counsel		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,897.59		\$ 41,897.59	\$ (6,897.59)	PA00002-05
6	Contingency/Miscellaneous		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 45,495.95		\$ 45,495.95	\$ (15,495.95)	PA00002-10
	Total		\$ 650,000.00	\$ 646,578.56	\$ -	\$ 646,578.56	\$ 3,421.44	

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**17. LETTERS RECEIVED AND SENT****Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:**Prepared By:** Sara Reyes **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

Listed below is a letter sent by the District on March 31, 2025.

These letters are included in the meeting packet to inform the Board and public. Copies can be reviewed at the District office. Reproduction fees will apply. The letters are also downloadable from the District's website at www.mpwmd.net.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
David J. Stoldt	Mayor Ian Oglesby	3/31/25	Recent Seaside Basin Groundwater Model Results

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**18. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
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From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
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Prepared By:	Sara Reyes	Cost Estimate:	N/A
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General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A**

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

The final minutes of the committee meetings listed below are formally submitted for review.

EXHIBIT**18-A** MPWMD Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting of September 3, 2024**18-B** MPWMD Water Demand Committee Meeting of February 6, 2025**18-C** MPWMD Administrative Services Committee Meeting of February 18, 2025



EXHIBIT 18-A

Final Minutes Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Monday, September 30, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was conducted via Teleconference - by Zoom.

Call to Order

Chair Adams called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Committee members present:

Mary Adams, Chair
Ian Oglesby
Alvin Edwards

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Sara Reyes, Sr. Office Specialist

District Counsel present:

Michael Laredo with De Lay and Laredo

Legislative Consultant:

John Arriaga, JEA & Associates
Laurie Johnson, JEA & Associates
Roger Gwinn, The Ferguson Group
Chris Kearney, The Ferguson Group

Comments from the Public:

Chair Adams opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of the April 24, 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Adams introduced the item and opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made.

A motion to approve the April 24, 2024 Committee meeting minutes was offered by Director Oglesby and seconded by Director Edwards. The motion passed on a roll-call vote with 3 Ayes (Edwards, Adams and Oglesby), and 0 Noes.

Discussion Items

2. Report from The Ferguson Group on Federal Legislative and Regulatory Activities

Chair Adams introduced the item. Roger Gwinn with The Ferguson Group (TFG) provided an

advocacy update on some of the District’s pending priorities, including but not limited to:

- Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024: This “minibus” bill was signed into law on March 23, 2024, and closed out the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations process
- Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill: This bill provides extra funding for the Corps of Engineers’ Section 219/Environmental Infrastructure account. The District will use this account to fund projects under the Monterey Peninsula Stormwater Diversion and Recycling Program
- Community Project Funding/Congessionally Directed Spending Requests: TFG worked with the District to submit two requests:
 1. Monterey Peninsula Stormwater Diversion and Recycling Project (\$650,000)
 2. Feasibility and Design of Other Diversion and Recycling Projects (\$350,000)The requests did not receive funding for FY25.

Chris Kearney from TFG highlighted Washington News and referred to the Federal Legislative Report memo prepared by TFG. Mr. Kearney made the following points, including but not limited to:

- New House Appropriations Chairman Named
- Senate Appropriations Announces New Chairs
- EPA Sets Strict Limits for Six Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Drinking Water
- EPA Launches New Website to Improve Transparency in Permitting
- EPA Defends ‘Adjacent’ Wetlands Definition as Critics Attack WOTUS Rule in Texas Case
- Biden White House Approves Endangered Species Act Rulemaking Reversing Trump Revisions
- Biden Administration Discusses Water Sector Cybersecurity Concerns with State/Local Officials

3. Report from JEA & Associates on Legislative Status and Bill Tracking

Chair Adams introduced the item. John Arriaga from JEA & Associates provided a state legislative update, noting some high-profile packages, such as the Pro-Tem’s clean energy bills.

Laurie Johnson from JEA & Associates made the following points, including but not limited to:

- Budget Update
- Legislative Updates
 - AB 2257 – ACWA Sponsored / JEA recommends Support
 - AB 2302 – Signed by the Governor / JEA recommends Support
 - AB 2561 – Signed by the Governor / JEA recommends Oppose
 - SB 937 – Signed by the Governor / JEA has no position
 - Climate Bond – Referred to as Proposition 4 and scheduled to be on the November 2024 ballot

Other Items

4. Suggest Items to Place on a Future Committee Agenda

Chair Adams introduced the item. The committee discussed future topics of interest, but no items were formally suggested.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Adams adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

/ s/ Sara C. Reyes

Sara C. Reyes, Committee Clerk to the
MPWMD Legislative Advocacy Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Legislative Committee on March 20, 2025
Approved by the MPWMD Board of Director's on April 21, 2025

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EXHIBIT 18-B

Final Minutes Water Demand Committee Meeting Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. Meeting Location: Zoom

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:33

Committee Members Present

Alvin Edwards
Karen Paull (Alternate)
Ian Oglesby

Committee Members Absent

Amy Anderson

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina, De Lay & Laredo

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

None

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2024

On a motion by Oglesby and seconded by Paull, the minutes of the December 5, 2024, committee meeting were approved on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Edwards, Paull and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

2. Adopt 2025 Meeting Schedule

Chair Edwards introduced this item and opened public comment; however, no comments were directed to the committee.

Director Oglesby offered a motion to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule. Director Paull seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Edwards, Paull and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

Discussion Items

3. Non-Functional Turf Irrigation Prohibition

General Manager Stoldt briefly reported on this item and stated Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, would be presenting information via a slide deck presentation titled “AB1572 Ban on Irrigation of Non-Functional Turf”. The committee then engaged in discussions. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

4. “Making Conservation a California Way of Life” Regulation

General Manager Stoldt briefly reported on this item and stated Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, would be presenting information via a slide deck presentation titled “Making Conservation a California Way of Life”. The committee then engaged in discussions. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

5. New District Urban Water Management Plan Requirements

General Manager Stoldt provided information on this item, reporting that the District is classified as an indirect urban water supplier for the Pure Water Monterey municipal water supply. Consequently, it must submit an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) by July 1, 2026. Mr. Stoldt mentioned that the District is considering hiring a consultant to assist in preparing its UWMP and shared a list of potential consultants with the committee. The committee then engaged in discussions.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

Report on Amnesty Program

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Water Demand Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Demand Committee on April 10, 2025.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Director’s on April 21, 2025.

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EXHIBIT 18-C

FINAL MINUTES
Finance and Administration Committee
February 18, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
 5 Harris Court, Building G., Monterey, CA 93940
(Hybrid: Meeting Held In-Person and via Zoom – Teleconferencing means)

Call to Order

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

George Riley, Chair
 Rebecca Lindor

Committee Members Absent

Kate Daniels

District Staff Members Present

David J. Stoldt, General Manager
 Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative
 Services Manager
 Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
 Kyle Smith, Conservation Representative II
 Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Additions / Corrections to Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

None

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of January 21, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the minutes of January 21, 2025, meeting were approved unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

2. Consider Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Water Conservation Equipment

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board support the expenditure of up to \$25,000 to renew the District's stock of water conservation equipment. The motion passed unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

3. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for December 2024

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt the December 2024 Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and ratify the disbursements made during the month. The motion passed unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

4. Receive and File Second Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board receive and file the Second Quarter Financial Activity report. The motion passed unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

5. Consider Adoption of Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Adjustment

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt the proposed mid-year budget adjustment for FY 2024-2025. The motion passed unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

6. Consider Approval of the Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report

On a motion by Riley and seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve the Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously on a 2-0 vote.

Informational Items**7. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

8. Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

Discussion Items**9. Adopt 2025 Committee Meeting Schedule**

The Committee discussed and agreed to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule.

10. Review Draft February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Agenda and the February 28, 2025 Board Workshop Agenda

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agendas for the February 24 and 28 Board meetings and made no changes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Committee Clerk to the
MPWMD Finance and Administration Committee

Reviewed and Approved by the MPWMD Finance and Administration Committee on April 14, 2025.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on April 21, 2025.

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**19. MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT****Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program:** N/A
Line Item No.:**Prepared By:** Gabriela Bravo **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 2025, the District released the first Allocation of water from Pure Water Monterey (“Pure Water”) via Ordinance No. 197. **Exhibit 19-A** shows the amount of water allocated to each Jurisdiction from Pure Water, the balance of water available by Jurisdiction from the Paralta Well Allocation and Pre-Paralta credits, the amount of “Public Water Credit” remaining, and the quantities of water permitted by Jurisdiction in March 2025 (“changes”), and the balances remaining. The table includes balances for Quail Meadows and Water West, which were specific amounts dedicated to properties located in specific areas of Monterey County.

Exhibit 19-B is the Monthly Entitlement Report which shows water available to Water Entitlement Holders. Entitlements were established by the following ordinances: The Pebble Beach Company (Ordinance Nos. 39 and 109), Hester Hyde Griffin Trust (Ordinance No. 39), J. Lohr Properties Inc. (Ordinance No. 39), the City of Sand City (Ordinance No. 132), Cypress Pacific Investors LLC (Water Distribution System Permit approved September 15, 2014), Malpaso Water Company LLC (Ordinance No. 165), D.B.O. Development No. 30, a California Limited Liability Company (Ordinance No. 166), and the City of Pacific Grove (Ordinance No. 168).

BACKGROUND: The District’s Water Allocation Program, associated resource system supply limits, and Jurisdictional Allocations have been modified by a number of key ordinances. These key ordinances are listed in **Exhibit 19-C**.

EXHIBITS**19-A** Monthly Allocation Report**19-B** Monthly Entitlement Report**19-C** District’s Water Allocation Program Ordinances

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EXHIBIT 19-A
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
 Reported in Acre-Feet
 For the month of March 2025

Jurisdiction	Pure Water Monterey Allocation	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Paralta & Pre-Paralta Water	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Public Credits	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Total Available
Airport District	44.000	0.000	44.000	8.100	0.000	5.197	0.000	0.000	0.000	49.197
Carmel-by-the-Sea	14.000	0.000	14.000	20.491	0.000	2.479	0.910	0.000	0.182	16.661
Del Rey Oaks	6.000	0.000	6.000	8.540	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.000
Dept of Defense	27.000	0.000	27.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.000
Monterey	141.000	0.000	141.000	126.979	0.000	0.543	38.121	0.000	3.627	145.170
Monterey County	72.000	0.000	72.000	100.790	(0.104)	11.034	7.827	0.000	1.181	84.215
Pacific Grove	32.000	0.000	32.000	27.180	0.000	0.024	15.874	0.000	0.002	32.026
Sand City	14.000	0.000	14.000	52.698	(0.029)	0.029	24.717	0.000	23.163	37.192
Seaside	21.000	0.000	21.000	99.888	0.000	29.157	2.693	0.000	1.144	51.301
District Reserve	2086.000	0.000	2,086.000	9.000	0.242	7.802	0.000	0.000	0.000	2,093.802
TOTALS	2,457.000	0.000	2,457.000	453.666	0.109	56.265	90.142	0.000	29.299	2,542.564

Allocation Holder	Water Available	Changes During Period	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Water Available
Quail Meadows	33.000	0.000	32.320	0.680
Water West	12.760	0.000	10.352	2.408

EXHIBIT 19-B
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
ENTITLEMENTS
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of March 2025
Recycled Water Project Entitlements

Entitlement Holder	Entitlement	Changes this Month	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Entitlement/and Water Use Permits Available
Pebble Beach Co. *	190.280	0.100	32.782	157.498
Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties (Pursuant to Ord No. 109)	174.720	0.691	82.721	91.999
Macomber Estates	10.000	0.000	10.000	0.000
Griffin Trust	5.000	0.000	4.829	0.171
CAWD/PBCSD Project Totals	380.000	0.791	130.332	249.668

Entitlement Holder	Entitlement	Changes this Month	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Entitlement/and Water Use Permits Available
City of Sand City	206.000	0.000	23.234	182.766
Malpaso Water Company	80.000	0.063	25.132	54.868
D.B.O. Development No. 30	13.950	0.000	3.913	10.037
City of Pacific Grove	38.390	0.169	18.933	19.457
Cypress Pacific	3.170	0.000	3.170	0.000
City of Seaside	10.817	0.000	10.817	0.000

* Increases in the Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties Entitlement will result in reductions in the Pebble Beach Co. Entitlement.

EXHIBIT 19-C

District's Water Allocation Program Ordinances

Ordinance No. 1 was adopted in September 1980 to establish interim municipal water allocations based on existing water use by the jurisdictions. Resolution 81-7 was adopted in April 1981 to modify the interim allocations and incorporate projected water demands through the year 2000. Under the 1981 allocation, Cal-Am's annual production limit was set at 20,000 acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 52 was adopted in December 1990 to implement the District's water allocation program, modify the resource system supply limit, and to temporarily limit new uses of water. As a result of Ordinance No. 52, a moratorium on the issuance of most water permits within the District was established. Adoption of Ordinance No. 52 reduced Cal-Am's annual production limit to 16,744 acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 70 was adopted in June 1993 to modify the resource system supply limit, establish a water allocation for each of the jurisdictions within the District, and end the moratorium on the issuance of water permits. Adoption of Ordinance No. 70 was based on development of the Paralta Well in the Seaside Groundwater Basin and increased Cal-Am's annual production limit to **17,619** acre-feet. More specifically, Ordinance No. 70 allocated 308 acre-feet of water to the jurisdictions and 50 acre-feet to a District Reserve for regional projects with public benefit.

In addition to releasing water from the development of the Paralta Well, Ordinance No. 70 established a "special reserve" of 12.76 acre-feet of water saved by system improvements to the former Water West System when it was purchased and integrated into Cal-Am. This reserve was made available to properties in the former Water West System on a first-come, first-served basis. The ordinance also increased Cal-Am's production limit for savings related to the annexation of the Quail Meadows subdivision.

Ordinance No. 73 was adopted in February 1995 to eliminate the District Reserve and allocate the remaining water equally among the eight jurisdictions. Of the original 50 acre-feet that was allocated to the District Reserve, 34.72 acre-feet remained and was distributed equally (4.34 acre-feet) among the jurisdictions.

Ordinance No. 74 was adopted in March 1995 to allow the reinvestment of toilet retrofit water savings on single-family residential properties. The reinvested retrofit credits must be repaid by the jurisdiction from the next available water allocation and are limited to a maximum of 10 acre-feet. This ordinance sunset in July 1998.

Ordinance No. 75 was adopted in March 1995 to allow the reinvestment of water saved through toilet retrofits and other permanent water savings methods at publicly owned and operated facilities. Fifteen percent of the savings are set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal and the remainder of the savings are credited to the jurisdictions allocation. This ordinance sunset in July 1998.

Ordinance No. 83 was adopted in April 1996 and set Cal-Am's annual production limit at **17,621** acre-feet and the non-Cal-Am annual production limit at **3,046** acre-feet. The modifications to the production limit were made based on the agreement by non-Cal-Am water users to permanently reduce annual water production from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer in exchange for water service from Cal-Am. As part of the agreement, fifteen percent of the historical non-Cal-Am production was set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal.

Ordinance No. 87 was adopted in February 1997 as an urgency ordinance establishing a community benefit allocation for the planned expansion of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP). Specifically, a special reserve allocation of 19.60 acre-feet of production was created exclusively for the benefit of CHOMP. With this new allocation, Cal-Am's annual production limit was increased to **17,641** acre-feet and the non-Cal-Am annual production limit remained at **3,046** acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 90 was adopted in June 1998 to continue the program allowing the reinvestment of toilet retrofit water savings on single-family residential properties for 90-days following the expiration of Ordinance No. 74. This ordinance sunset in September 1998.

Ordinance No. 91 was adopted in June 1998 to continue the program allowing the reinvestment of water saved through toilet retrofits and other permanent water savings methods at publicly owned and operated facilities.

Ordinance No. 90 and No. 91 were challenged for compliance with CEQA and nullified by the Monterey Superior Court in December 1998.

Ordinance No. 109 was adopted on May 27, 2004, revised Rule 23.5 and adopted additional provisions to facilitate the financing and expansion of the CAWD/PBCSD Recycled Water Project.

Ordinance No. 132 was adopted on January 24, 2008, established a Water Entitlement for Sand City and amended the rules to reflect the process for issuing Water Use Permits.

Ordinance No. 165 was adopted on August 17, 2015, established a Water Entitlement for Malpas Water Company and amended the rules to reflect the process for issuing Water Use Permits.

Ordinance No. 166 was adopted on December 15, 2015, established a Water Entitlement for D.B.O. Development No. 30.

Ordinance No. 168 was adopted on January 27, 2016, established a Water Entitlement for the City of Pacific Grove.

Resolution 2024-13 was adopted October 21, 2024, to authorize the use of the District Reserve Allocation to permit unpermitted water fixtures found on final inspection, to suspend specific rules through September 2025, and to not collect the Capacity Fee or administrative fees for staff and legal time needed to close certain open Water Permits.

Ordinance No. 197 was adopted January 27, 2025, to allocate water from Pure Water Monterey.

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**20. WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM REPORT FOR MARCH 2025**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.	N/A
Prepared By:	Kyle Smith	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.**

*The following information reflects activities undertaken by the Water Demand Division during the month of **March 2025**.*

I. MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION RETROFIT PROGRAM

District Regulation XIV requires the retrofit of water fixtures upon Change of Ownership or Use with High Efficiency Toilets (HET) (1.28 gallons-per-flush), 2.0 gallons-per-minute (gpm) Showerheads, 1.2 gpm Washbasin faucets, 1.8 gpm Kitchen, Utility, and Bar Sink faucets, and Rain Sensors on all automatic Irrigation Systems. Property owners must certify the Site meets the District's water efficiency standards by submitting a Water Conservation Certification Form (WCC), and a Site inspection is occasionally conducted to verify compliance. Properties that do not require an inspection are issued a Conservation Certification document.

A. Changes of Ownership

Information is obtained monthly from *Realquest.com* on properties transferring ownership within the District. The information is compared against the properties that have submitted WCCs. Details on **80** property transfers that occurred were added to the database.

B. Certification

The District received **46** Water Conservation Certification Forms. Data on ownership, transfer date, and status of water efficiency standard compliance were entered into the database.

C. Verification

27 properties were verified compliant with Rule 144 (Retrofit Upon Change of Ownership or Use). Of the **27** verifications, **8** properties verified compliance by submitting certification forms and/or receipts. District staff completed **30** Site inspections. Of the **30** properties visited, **19 (57%)** passed.

D. Non-Residential Compliance with Water Efficiency Standards

By January 1, 2014, all Non-Residential properties were required to meet Rule 143, Water Efficiency Standards for Existing Non-Residential Uses. District inspectors performed **no** verification inspections.

As part of the Non-Residential compliance effort, MPWMD notifies California American Water (Cal-Am) of properties with landscaping. Cal-Am staff then schedules an outdoor audit to verify compliance with the Rate Best Management Practices (BMPs). (Compliance with MPWMD's Rule 143 achieves Rate BMP compliance for indoor water uses.) Properties with landscaping must comply with Cal-Am's outdoor Rate BMPs to avoid rates in Division 4 (customers that are not in compliance with Rate BMPs). Rate BMPs are used to determine the appropriate Non-Residential rate division for each customer (there are four different rates based on the amount of irrigated area and compliance/noncompliance with the Rate BMPs).

MPWMD referred **no** property to Cal-Am for verification of outdoor Rate BMPs.

E. Water Waste Enforcement

The District has a Water Waste Hotline 831-658-5653 or an online form to report Water Waste occurrences at www.mpwmd.net or www.montereywaterinfo.org. There were **six** Water Waste responses during the past month. There were **no** repeated incidents that resulted in a fine.

II. WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT

A. Permit Processing

District Rule 23 requires a Water Permit application for all properties that propose to expand or modify water use on a Site, including New Construction and Remodels. District staff processed and issued **85** Water Permits. **Ten** permits were issued using Water Entitlements (Pebble Beach Company, Malpas Water, Sand City, etc.). **No** permits involved a debit to a Public Water Credit account. **Three** Meter Split Permits and **eight** Hydrant Meter Permits were issued.

District Rule 24-3-A allows the addition of a second Bathroom in an existing Dwelling Unit that has only one Bathroom. Of the **85** Water Permits issued, **two** were issued under this provision.

B. Permit Compliance

Staff completed **22** site inspections during March. **Eighteen** properties passed the interior inspection, and **five** properties failed due to unpermitted fixtures. **Five** properties were inspected to complete a Landscape Water Permit: **two** failed.

C. Close the Open Permits Project

Staff sent out **213** open permit letters during March. **One hundred twenty-two** properties were inspected to close open permits. **Eighty-three** of the **122** inspected passed and **39** failed. In March **fifteen** permits were amended using the District Reserve.

D. Notary Services

District staff provided Notary services for **32** customers.

E. Rebates

The District processes rebate applications to ensure that only voluntary replacement of higher efficiency devices receive rebates. The comprehensive list of available rebates can be found in [Rule 141](#). Monthly statistics are shown on the following page.

EXHIBIT

20-A Rebate report for March 2025

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March 2025 Rebate Report

REBATE PROGRAM SUMMARY		March-2025			2025 YTD		1997 - Present		
I. Application Summary									
A.	Applications Received	75			219		32,444		
B.	Applications Approved	59			181		25,523		
C.	Single Family Applications	58			178		28,404		
D.	Multi-Family Applications	1			3		1,632		
E.	Non-Residential Applications				0		363		
		Number of Devices	Rebate Paid	Estimated AF	Gallons Saved	Year to Date Number	Year to Date Paid	Year to Date Estimated AF	
II. Type of Devices Rebated									
A.	High Efficiency Toilet (HET)	4	\$375.00	0.020000	6,517	26	\$2,025.00	0.13000	
B.	Ultra HET			0.000000	0	3	\$375.00	0.03000	
C.	Toilet Flapper	5	\$67.40	0.000000	0	6	\$82.40	0.00000	
D.	High Efficiency Dishwasher	9	\$1,125.00	0.027000	8,798	30	\$3,750.00	0.09000	
E.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Res	25	\$12,798.00	0.402500	131,155	83	\$41,796.56	1.33630	
F.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Com			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
G.	Instant-Access Hot Water System	1	\$200.00	0.005000	1,629	2	\$400.00	0.01000	
H.	Zero Use Urinals			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
I.	Pint Urinals			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
J.	Cisterns			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
K.	Smart Controllers			0.000000	0	1	\$100.00	0.00000	
L.	Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
M.	Moisture Sensors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
N.	Lawn Removal & Replacement			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
O.	Graywater			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
P.	Smart Flowmeter	19	\$3,800.00	0.000000	0	46	\$9,158.00	0.00000	
Q.	Smart Toilet Leak Detectors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
III. TOTALS		63	\$18,365.40	0.454500	148,099	197	\$57,686.96	1.59630	
IV. TOTALS Since 1997							Paid Since 1997: \$ 6,416,442	250.2 Acre-Feet Per Year Saved Since 1997 (from quantifiable retrofits)	

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**21. CARMEL RIVER FISHERY REPORT FOR MARCH 2025****Meeting Date:** April 21, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:**Prepared By:** Cory Hamilton **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

AQUATIC HABITAT AND FLOW CONDITIONS: A series of mild storms hit the watershed in the beginning of March and continued through the middle of the month, representing the second consecutive month of above normal rainfall. During this time migration for fish was optimum in the river as well as the Lagoon, as the mouth stayed open most of the time and only closed briefly from tidal closure, then opening back up on the low tide (see graphic below). Los Padres Reservoir ended the month at a water surface elevation of 1040.46 feet and peaked at 1040.87 ft. Flow out of the reservoir at the end of the month was 80 cfs, while the incoming flow into the reservoir was 66 cfs.

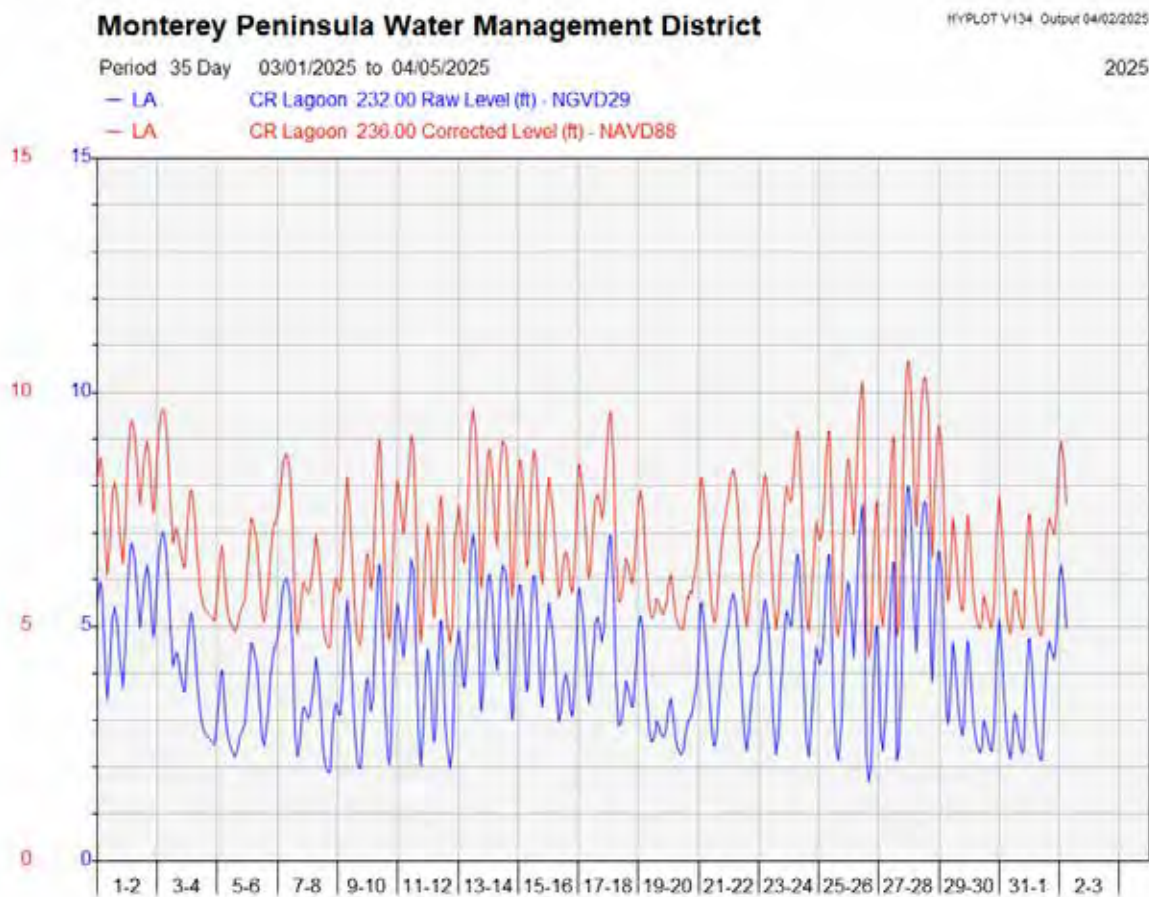
March's streamflow at the Sleepy Hollow Weir gaging station ranged from 55 to 272 cfs (mean 132 cfs), while flows at the Highway 1 gage ranged from 84 to 272 cfs (mean 152 cfs).

There was 3.95 inches of rainfall in March as recorded at the San Clemente gauge. The total rainfall for Water Year (WY) 2025 (which started October 1, 2024) is 15.98 inches., which is 85% of normal.

ADULT MONITORING: District staff installed the resistance board weir on February 20th, which is used to enumerate adult steelhead entering the Carmel River. At the end of March, 72 fish were counted at the weir. The Los Padres fish trap first picked up fish on February 5th, and through March has trapped 68 fish. Staff also initiated its critical riffle monitoring surveys this month for the ASR diversion season. Five riffles have been selected and are currently being monitored while conditions are met for diversion.

CARMEL RIVER LAGOON: In March, the lagoon's Water Surface Elevation (WSE) ranged from approximately 4.5 to 10.5 feet (NGVD 1988) (see graph below). Water quality depth-profiles were conducted at five sites on March 20, 2025, while the lagoon mouth was opened, water surface elevation was 5.0 feet at the time of sampling, and river inflow was approximately 228 cfs. The salinity stratification layer finally broke this month, with most of the lagoon depths becoming mostly freshwater, with the exception of the far back site of the new Odello channel, which still had a significant salt strata. Salinity levels ranged from 0.3-4.2 parts per thousand (ppt), except in

the new Odello channel, where salinity spiked at 20.9 ppt. Water temperatures ranged from 52-65 degrees Fahrenheit, and dissolved oxygen (DO) levels ranged from 2.7 -12.1 mg/l. Overall, the lagoon had acceptable water quality for rearing and migration of steelhead.



ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**22. QUARTERLY CARMEL RIVER RIPARIAN CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	Dave Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Thomas Christensen	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.**

IRRIGATION OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION: Irrigation of riparian vegetation has been on hold because of sufficient rainfall.**Water Use in Acre-Feet (AF)**

January - March 2025	<u>0.00</u> AF
Year-to-date	0.00 AF

MONITORING OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION: During the winter season, the District suspended the riparian vegetation monitoring program. The monitoring of soil moisture, groundwater levels, and canopy defoliation (a measure of vegetation moisture stress) will resume in June 2025. During the months of June through October, staff will take monthly measurements of depth to groundwater and canopy vigor in areas where willow and cottonwood trees may be impacted by lowered water levels caused by groundwater extraction. The areas monitored are in the vicinity of California American Water's (Cal-Am) Cañada and San Carlos wells, and the District's Valley Hills (next to Cal-Am's Cypress Well) and Schulte (next to Cal-Am's Schulte Well) Restoration Projects. The District's monitoring provides insight into the status of soil moisture through the riparian corridor by collecting and analyzing monthly readings from the District's array of monitoring wells and pumping records for large-capacity Carmel Valley wells in the Cal-Am system.

OTHER TASKS PERFORMED SINCE THE JANUARY 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT:

- 1. Public Outreach:** On March 27, 2025, staff presented information on the District's Vegetation Management Program at the Carmel Valley Community Center. Highlights included the history of the Carmel River, general river dynamics, and how the District manages vegetation to prevent problems associated with downed trees or constrictions in the channel.

EXHIBIT

None

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**23. MONTHLY WATER SUPPLY AND CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

Meeting Date:	April 21, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Jonathan Lear	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A

CEQA Compliance: Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10 and 2016-0016, and the Seaside Basin Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.

Exhibit 23-A shows the water supply status for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) as of **April 1, 2025**. This system includes the surface water resources in the Carmel River Basin, the groundwater resources in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer and the Seaside Groundwater Basin. **Exhibit 23-A** is for Water Year (WY) 2025 and focuses on three factors: rainfall, runoff, and storage. The rainfall and Streamflow values are based on measurements in the upper Carmel River Basin at Sleepy Hollow Weir.

Water Supply Status: Rainfall through **March** 2025 totaled **3.95 inches** and brings the cumulative rainfall total for WY 2025 to **15.98 inches**, which is **85%** of the long-term average through **March**. Estimated unimpaired runoff through **March** totaled **8,090 acre-feet (AF)** and brings the cumulative runoff total for WY 2025 to **26,225 AF**, which is **49%** of the long-term average through **March**. Usable storage for the MRWPRS was **30,220 acre-feet**, which is **95%** of average through **March**, and equates to **91%** percent of system capacity.

Production Compliance: Under State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Cease and Desist Order No. 2016-0016 (CDO), California American Water (Cal-Am) is allowed to produce no more than 3,376 AF of water from the Carmel River in WY 2025. Through **March**, using the CDO accounting method, Cal-Am has produced **1,264 AF** from the Carmel River (excluding **163 AF** of Table 13 and **46 AF** of Mal Paso.) In addition, under the Seaside Basin Decision, Cal-Am is allowed to produce 1,474 AF of water from the Coastal Subareas and 0 AF from the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Basin in WY 2025. Through **March**, Cal-Am has produced **757 AF** from the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Through **March**, **637 AF** of Carmel River Basin groundwater have been diverted for Seaside Basin injection; **0 AF** have been recovered for customer use, **163 AF** have been diverted under Table 13 water rights, and **1,797 AF** of Pure Water Monterey recovered. Cal-Am has produced 4,123 AF for customer use from all sources through **March**. **Exhibit 23-B** shows production by source. Some of the values in this report may be revised in the future as Cal-Am finalizes their production values and monitoring data.

EXHIBITS**23-A** Water Supply Status: **March 1, 2025****23-B** Monthly Cal-Am production by source: WY 2025

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EXHIBIT 23-A

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Water Supply Status
April 1, 2025**

Factor	Oct – Feb 2025	Average To Date	Percent of Average	Oct – Feb 2024
Rainfall (Inches)	12.03	15.50	78%	16.67
Runoff (Acre-Feet)	18,135	37,081	49%	37,644
Storage ⁵ (Acre-Feet)	30,470	30,105	101%	31,050

Notes:

1. Rainfall and runoff estimates are based on measurements at San Clemente Dam. Annual rainfall and runoff at Sleepy Hollow Weir average 21.22 inches and 67,246 acre-feet, respectively. Annual values are based on the water year that runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following calendar year. The rainfall and runoff averages at the Sleepy Hollow Weir site are based on records for the 1922-2024 and 1902-2024 periods respectively.
2. The rainfall and runoff totals are based on measurements through the dates referenced in the table.
3. Storage estimates refer to usable storage in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) that includes surface water in Los Padres and San Clemente Reservoirs and ground water in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer and in the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The storage averages are end-of-month values and are based on records for the 1989-2024 period. The storage estimates are end-of-month values for the dates referenced in the table.
4. The maximum storage capacity for the MPWRS is currently 33,130 acre-feet.

Production vs. CDO and Adjudication to Date: WY 2025

(All values in Acre-Feet)

Year-to-Date Values	MPWRS				Water Projects and Rights					
	Carmel River Basin ^{2, 6}	Seaside Groundwater Basin		MPWRS Total	ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Table 13 ⁷	Sand City ³	Water Projects and Rights Total	
		Coastal	Laguna Seca							Ajudication Compliance
Target	1,385	660	0	660	2,045	0	2,040	138	150	2,328
Actual ⁴	1,264	701	56	757	2,021	0	1,797	163	96	2,055
Difference	121	-41	-56	-97	24	0	243	-25	54	273
WY 2024 Actual	1,109	612	59	671	1,779	0	1,926	218	36	2,180

1. This table is current through the date of this report.
2. For CDO compliance, ASR, Mal Paso, and Table 13 diversions are included in River production per State Board.
3. Sand City Desal, Table 13, and ASR recovery are also tracked as water resources projects.
4. To date, 637 AF and 163 AF have been produced from the River for ASR and Table 13 respectively.
5. All values are rounded to the nearest Acre-Foot.
6. For CDO Tracking Purposes, ASR production for injection is capped at 600 AFY.
7. Table 13 diversions are reported under water rights but counted as production from the River for CDO tracking.

Monthly Production from all Sources for Customer Service: WY 2025

(All values in Acre-Feet)

	Carmel River Basin	Table 13	Mal Paso	Seaside Basin	ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Sand City	Total
Oct-24	296	0	9	250	0	270	28	852
Nov-24	382	0	9	43	0	285	14	733
Dec-24	318	0	9	40	0	278	17	662
Jan-25	194	0	5	209	0	242	15	666
Feb-25	31	75	7	107	0	349	0	568
Mar-25	42	88	8	109	0	373	22	642
Apr-25								
May-25								
Jun-25								
Jul-25								
Aug-25								
Sep-25								
Total	1,264	163	46	757	0	1,797	96	4,123
WY 2024	1,109	218	35	671	0	1,926	36	3,995

1. This table is produced as a proxy for customer demand.
2. Numbers are provisional and are subject to update.



Supplement to April 21, 2025 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached is a letter sent on March 31, 2025. This letter is listed in the meeting packet for Monday, April 21, 2025, under Letters Received and Sent.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
David J. Stoldt	Mayor Ian Oglesby	3/31/25	Recent Seaside Basin Groundwater Model Results



VIA EMAIL

March 31, 2025

Mayor Ian Oglesby, Chairman
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster

RE: Recent Seaside Basin Groundwater Model Results

Dear Mayor Oglesby and Watermaster Members:

Since groundwater level data mapped by hand in 2002 and reported in 2005 by Yates *et al*, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has held the belief that the northern physical boundary – or hydrologic flow divide – of the Seaside Groundwater Basin did not align well with the legal boundary as shown in maps of the basin adopted by the Superior Court in the adjudication. As part of ongoing District-funded work to better understand the influence of groundwater levels in the Salinas Valley on conditions in the Seaside Subbasin, the District contracted with Montgomery & Associates (Consultant) to further investigate and summarize the dynamics of the groundwater flow divide that defines the northern boundary of the Seaside Subbasin. The Consultant’s technical memorandum is attached.

The District’s Water Supply Planning Committee reviewed and discussed the technical memorandum at its March 3, 2025 meeting and informed its full Board of its findings March 17, 2025. The District Board has asked that this letter and the Technical Memorandum be forwarded to you.

Principal conclusions of the memorandum are as follows:

- The physical flow divide is dynamic and moves over time in response to changes in pumping and recharge, both seasonally and long-term;
- The flow divide does not align with the court-adjudicated boundary, nor the State Department of Water Resources boundary published in its Bulletin 118;
- The interpretation of inflow and outflow across the Court-adopted adjudicated basin boundary needs to be re-considered in light of this, as in theory there would be zero flow across an actual flow divide.

Previous estimates and discussions of inter-basin flows have been based solely on the position of the jurisdictional subbasin boundary rather than on the actual position of the flow divide. In fact, at its November 6, 2024 meeting the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster adopted a “target” for annual replenishment water – if such water was available – based in part upon net outflows from the basin (see “Summary of Updated Replenishment Water Analyses”, October 10, 2022 and updated September 10, 2024, an Attachment to Watermaster agenda Item VIII.A, November 6, 2024. aka

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“Watermaster Summary”)

This new technical memorandum effectively calls into question the entire concept of “Net Flows from the Deep Aquifer to the Monterey Subbasin” as shown in Figure 11 of the Watermaster Summary (also attached to this letter.) Hence, several of the principal conclusions of the Watermaster Summary presented November 6, 2024 cannot be substantiated. Specifically, groundwater is not predictably “lost” to the Monterey Subbasin. Instead, that water remains in the physical basin, providing protective water against seawater intrusion. **Therefore, the replenishment “target” adopted by the Watermaster is based upon an unproven assumption of leakage or outflow** and should be revisited with additional groundwater modeling analyses.

The Consultant proposes that a potential new analysis framework could be developed and used as part of Seaside Boundary Conditions Sensitivity Analysis work currently underway by the Watermaster.

The District believes that there are additional areas of concern surrounding any assumptions the Watermaster could make about protective water levels in the Basin and hopes to share the District’s thoughts in future correspondence.

Sincerely,



David J. Stoldt
General Manager

cc: Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency

February 3, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Lear
Water Resources Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942-0085

SUBJECT: SEASIDE SUBBASIN GROUNDWATER DIVIDE

Dear Mr. Lear:

Per your request, Montgomery & Associates (M&A) has prepared this letter memorandum to summarize the current understanding of the dynamics of the groundwater flow divide that defines the northern boundary of the Seaside Subbasin. This northern boundary is shared with the Monterey Subbasin and has historically been defined by the position of a groundwater flow divide inferred from groundwater elevation contours. Unlike the southern boundary of the Seaside Subbasin, the groundwater divide is not a physical structural boundary, but rather a ridge of higher groundwater elevation that develops between the pumping depressions in the Seaside Subbasin and pumping depressions further north in the Monterey and 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasins in the Salinas Valley. As part of ongoing Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) funded work to understand the influence of groundwater levels in the Salinas Valley to conditions in the Seaside Subbasin, M&A reviewed previous work and publications that evaluated the position of the flow divide based on mapped groundwater levels (See Figures 1 and 2). We also looked at the results of previous modeling studies (HydroMetrics LLC, 2009b, M&A 2022) using the Seaside Watermaster Groundwater model to determine if the model can be used to identify the position of the flow divide (Figure 3) over time and how it responds to changes in basin management activities such as seasonal and long-term shifts in pumping and injection. The results of this review are summarized below:

- The positions of the flow divides in the Paso Robles (PR) and Santa Margarita (SM) Aquifers are different (see Figure 2).
- The simulated and mapped position of the flow divides do not align with either the Adjudicated or the DWR Bulletin 118 jurisdictional Basin boundaries (see example on Figure 3).

- The flow divides are dynamic, and their positions move over time in response to changes in pumping and recharge in each subbasin (both seasonally and long term).
- The 2009 Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) (HydroMetrics, LLC, 2009a) and the 2018 BMAP update (M&A, 2019) describe the northern boundary as being roughly parallel to (rather than coincident with) the position of mapped groundwater divides and highlight the differences between the location of the jurisdictional basin boundary and the position of mapped flow divides in both the Shallow and Deep Aquifer. Both documents describe the dynamic nature of the flow divide positions in response to changes in conditions on either side.
- The 2009 BMAP (HydroMetrics, LLC, 2009a) identified the Seaside Subbasin's northern boundary as a management issue that needed to be addressed:
 - “This BMAP identifies other basin management issues that need to be addressed and pursued by the Watermaster. One such issue is the dynamic nature of the Basin's northern boundary. This boundary (flow divide), although delineated in the Amended Decision will change location over time in response to changes in pumping in the Seaside area, Marina, the Salinas Valley and the lower El Toro Creek area. Given that this boundary is controlled by hydraulic factors, it is possible that if pumping in the Seaside area ceased completely and groundwater levels recovered to a certain point, groundwater in the northern portion of the Basin might flow into the Salinas Valley. Similarly, increased pumping in the Seaside Groundwater Basin might capture groundwater from the Salinas Valley.”
- Review of groundwater levels from previous simulations suggests:
 - The groundwater level ridge that defines the flow divide in the SM can disappear locally and seasonally in response to increases in groundwater levels associated with Pure Water Monterey (PWM) and Carmel River Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) injection operations. As the injection mounds develop around the injection wells the local water levels eventually rise above the previous elevation of the groundwater ridge such that locally it ceases to form a divide and instead forms a sort of north flowing chute through which water flows from the areas of higher groundwater elevation around the wells to areas north with lower elevation.
 - Similarly, long term increase of groundwater levels in both aquifers within the Seaside Subbasin may also cause areas of the flow divides to disappear and/or move further into the Seaside Subbasin as water levels south of the previous position of the groundwater ridge rise above it.

- Increases in groundwater levels due to ongoing and projected future reductions in pumping from wells screened in the PR (e.g., reductions from a shift to recycled water for golf course irrigation and a shift from older multi-aquifer production wells to newer wells screened only in SM), coupled with recharge from the PWM shallow aquifer vadose zone well and percolation ponds could eliminate the PR flow divide altogether or shift it much further into the Seaside subbasin.

Previous estimates and discussions of inter-basin flows have been based solely on the position of the jurisdictional subbasin boundary rather than on the actual position of the flow divides. The interpretation of inflows and outflow across the adjudicated basin boundary needs to be re-considered in light of this, because theoretically there would be zero flow across an actual flow divide.

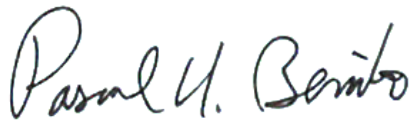
Take for example the Deep Aquifer, where water level mapping has consistently shown the position of the flow divide to be north of the adjudication boundary line. Flow lines that move north across the jurisdictional boundary may not actually continue toward the Salinas Valley. They may bend toward the west, parallel to the groundwater divide, with some flow lines moving back across the jurisdictional boundary and being captured by the Seaside pumping depression; other flow lines may continue west to the offshore portions of the aquifer. In other cases such as those described in the bullets above where the flow divide is no longer continuous, some of these flow lines that cross the jurisdictional boundary could potentially continue further north and not get recaptured. Similarly, some of the water being captured by the Seaside pumping depression could in fact be coming from across the adjudicated boundary line from what is jurisdictionally the Monterey Subbasin but could still be originating from within the Seaside subbasin if the boundary were considered as being defined by the actual position of the flow divide.

An alternate analysis framework that incorporates and considers the dynamic position of the flow divides in each aquifer can be developed using the model. For example, particle tracking could be used to trace the movement of particles released along the adjudicated boundary line during each simulated stress period. This would allow us to track where cross-boundary flows exit and/or enter the subbasin, what fraction of the particles flow into or out of the subbasin, and/or are recaptured within the Seaside subbasin. The particle path lines would also serve to help visualize the changing positions of the flow divides in each aquifer relative to the jurisdictional boundary line.

This new analysis framework would complement, rather than replace, the water budget cross-boundary flow estimates developed based on the jurisdictional boundary and could be used to re-evaluate previous model scenarios that have already been simulated or as a tool used for evaluating new model scenarios. We feel it is important to investigate what impact this would

have on interpretations of future projects and management actions in the Seaside Subbasin and the wider Salinas Valley. We propose that this new analysis framework be developed as an additional data analysis task as part of the Seaside Boundary Conditions Sensitivity Analysis work currently underway. If the District sees value in this approach, we can develop a cost estimate proposal to incorporate it into the scope of work. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss the material presented in more detail.

Sincerely,
MONTGOMERY & ASSOCIATES



Pascual Benito, Ph.D.
Senior Hydrogeologist

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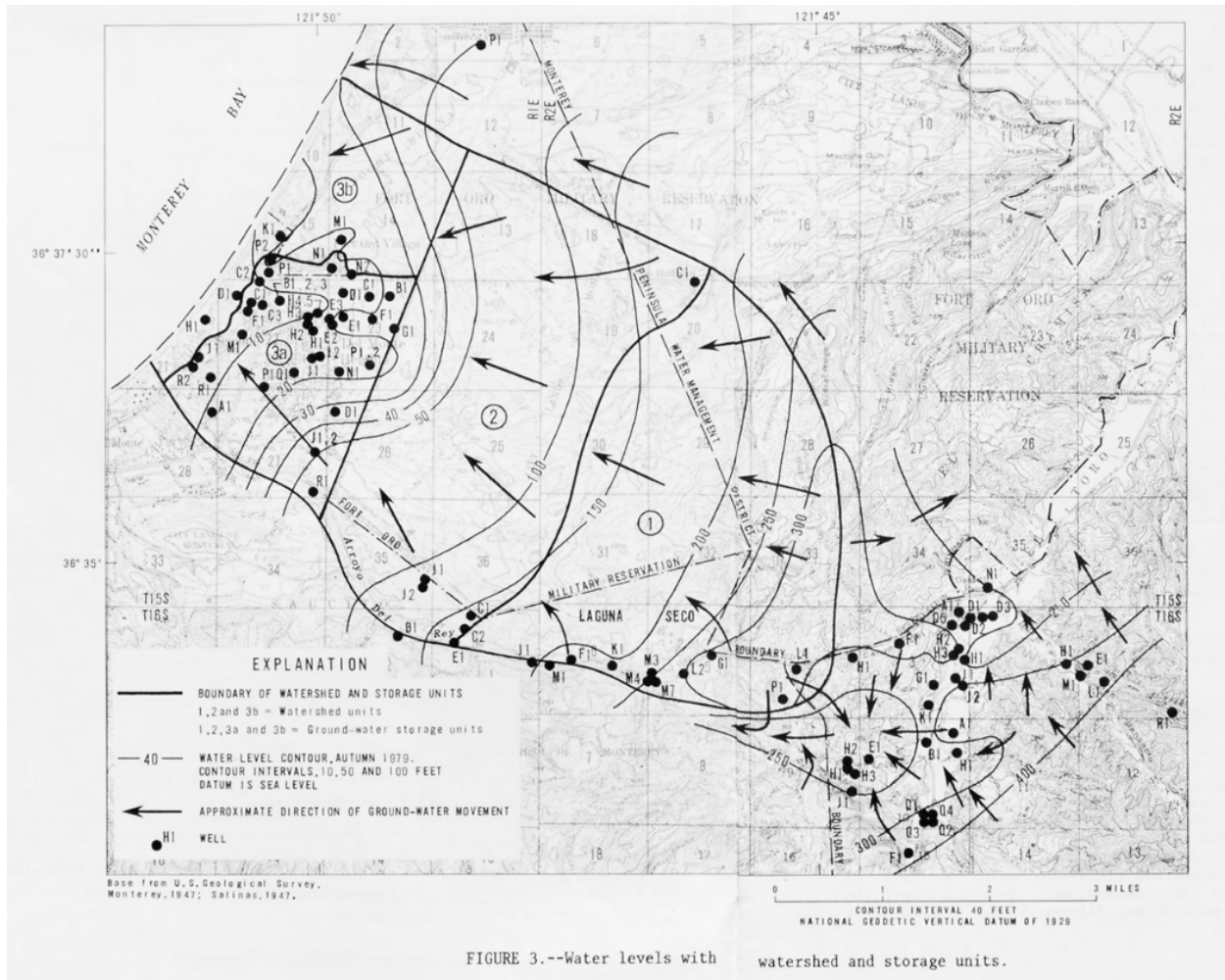


Figure 1. Seaside Basin Watershed and Storage Units as Drawn by K.S. Muir (USGS, 1982) based on 1979 water level data.

K.S. Muir (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS], 1982) describes that the data were averaged from wells screened across multiple depths and aquifers, and thus represents a composite of both the Deep and Shallow Aquifer. The report describes the north and east boundaries of the basin “watershed” as being “in the vicinity of groundwater divides”, but the northern boundary appears to be drawn slightly south of where an inferred flow divide would be located based on the drawn contour lines. It should be noted that there is only a single data point north of the boundary line with which to infer the position of a groundwater divide. The USGS 1982 report is cited as the basis for the basin adjudication boundary and for the DWR Bulletin 118 Subbasin boundary adopted in 2018.

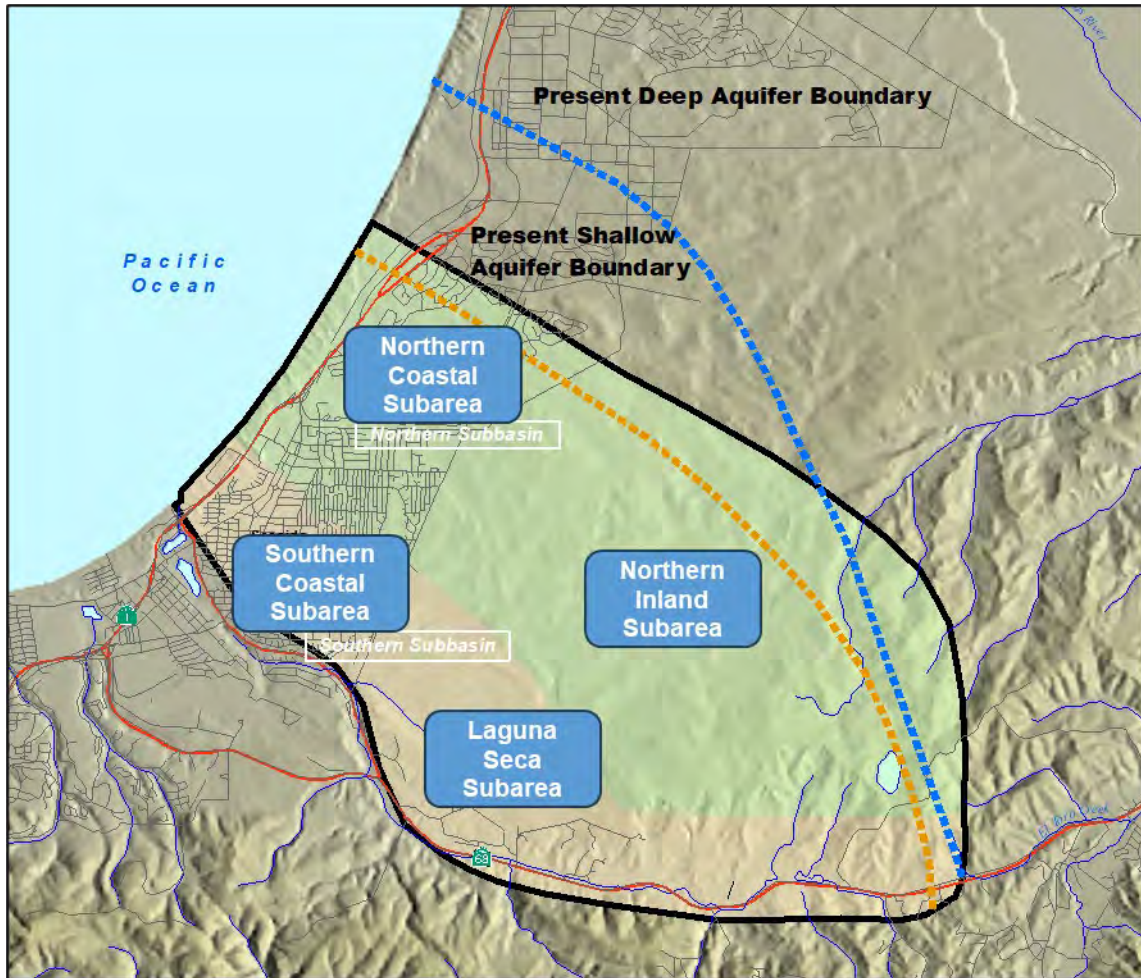


Figure 2. Positions of Shallow (orange dashed line) and Deep Aquifer Flow Divide (blue dashed line)

These flow divide positions are based on hand drawn contour maps of water level data from fall 2002 by Yates *et al.* (2005), as shown in a slide presentation of the 2009 Basin Management Action Plan (BMAP) (HydroMetrics, LLC, 2009a).

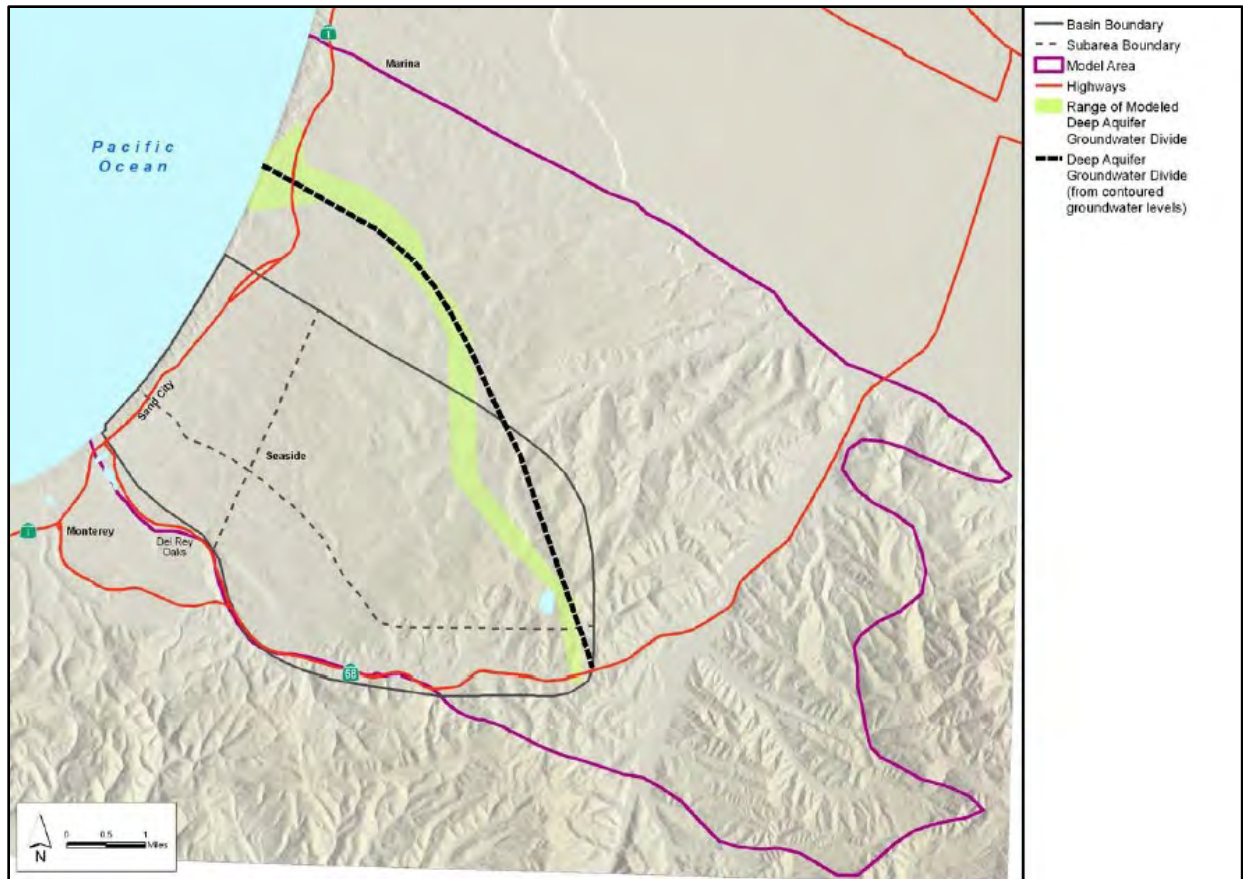


Figure 3. Plot Showing Simulated Position (yellow area) of Ground Water Divide in the Deep Aquifer

This figure was presented in the 2009 modeling report (HydroMetrics LLC, 2009b). Note that the simulated position of the Deep Aquifer groundwater divide differs significantly from the jurisdictional boundary line (thin black line) and has differences with the Deep Aquifer divide as mapped by Yates *et al.* (2005) from hand contoured 2002 groundwater level data (thick dashed line). The 2009 modeling report did not show or discuss how the simulated Shallow Aquifer groundwater divide compared with the jurisdictional boundary or the Yates *et al.*, Shallow Aquifer boundary, but a brief review of modeling results shows that while similar in a broad sense, they also differ in many places. This suggests that the hand drawn flow divides based on limited water level data sets are simplified representations of more complex and dynamic boundaries.

Figure 11 Annual Groundwater Losses from the Seaside Subbasin to the Monterey Subbasin under the Baseline Scenario

