

Public Comment on Item No. 8 for the MPWMD Board of Director's Meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021 during the hearing and distributed on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 to the Board, District Counsel and the General Manager

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Good Morning, All:

Please see below e-mail and above-attached letter from Margaret Ann Coppernoll received at 8:09 PM on 08-16-2021.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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From: mcopperma@aol.com <mcopperma@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:09 PM
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Subject: MPWMD Meeting 16 Aug 2021 Public Comment

Joel, I am sending you the finalized public comment which differs from the earlier version I provided as I had a previous commitment making it impossible for me to attend the meeting this evening. In the interim I was able to rearrange things so I could attend the meeting this evening. I revised the earlier version to fit the three minute time frame for public comment.

Thank you and Sara for the great job you are doing for all of us out here in community land. We appreciate you and your valuable work very much.

margaret-anne coppernoll

MPWMD Meeting Aug 16, 2021 re water purchase agreement, Agenda Item 8

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll speaking. Congratulations! A Water Purchase Agreement for Pure Water Monterey Expansion is the vital right action and fulfillment of fiduciary obligations to the Monterey Peninsula water ratepayers. CalAm's long standing refusal to undertake such a crucial agreement has caused unnecessary delays in alleviating our critical water supply production. So Bravissimo for engaging in these indispensable negotiations.

Notwithstanding, I strenuously object to including unfair, unreasonable conditions, such as compelling ratepayers to pay for desalination project costs incurred prior to August 31, 2019. This is unjust and dishonest, even unconscionable, because the failure of CalAm to achieve a successful desal project is not at all the fault of the Water District or ratepayers. Quite the contrary. The

only entity at fault for the desalination project's hindrance is CalAm and its insistence on forcing a non-starter project on our communities with the express intention of violating environmental laws and purposely working to illegally destroy already critically over drafted aquifers, a factor embedded in CalAm's EIR, attesting to its infeasibility: no water rights, no project.

Please do not include this condition or paragraph 20 (e) as prerequisites for concluding a water purchase agreement. This agreement should be restricted to Pure Water Monterey Expansion parameters to the exclusion of speculations on other possible water alternatives, nor should it hinge on non-existent suppositions. The District and M1W developed this water supply alternative despite intense CalAm opposition. To impose limitations on any further future District water supply achievements is unacceptable.

Right now we must firmly stand with General Manager David Stoldt's solid, incontrovertible water supply and demand study's meticulous analysis of PWM Expansion.

CalAm must bear responsibility for its negligence, environmental injustice, and threats to the survival of communities it harms. CalAm alone must bear the financial burden for its tragic, costly mistakes. No fault or obligation should be attributed to the Water District or ratepayers. To do so holds our communities and future generations hostage to financial commitment with no assured benefit. All citizens and businesses have inalienable rights from our Creator to water for life and prosperity. CalAm water rates are already unsustainably high and skyrocketing. CalAm owes it to all ratepayers to remove these superfluous stipulations from the wpa.

Thank you for your wonderful work. God bless you all.

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll