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An Open Letter to the Board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Dear MPWMD Board Members:

19 February 2019

The word “feasible” has assumed meanings in our local discussion of Cal Am municipalization that have strayed far from the word’s dictionary definition. Like others, the attendees at our weekly Water Plus meetings have put their oars into this water, and the idea I am going to share with you now came out of this week’s meeting.

According to the Oxford Dictionary, the word “feasibility” means the *state or degree of being easily or conveniently done*. It does not refer to a goal, like the

cheapest water anywhere, but to how easy it is to get there. In passing Measure J, the public has already determined the goal. It is for the MPWMD to purchase Cal Am *if and when feasible*. Feasible does not mean possible. Unlike “possible?”, which has a *yes or no* answer, “feasible?” has a comparative answer like *less or more*. That answer requires two things to compare.

The two things to compare regarding the purchase of Cal Am are now and later. The question is not *whether*; it is *when*: When is it easier to purchase Cal Am, now or later? That is one of the questions the consultants you hire should help you answer. If the answer is later, then that obviously means not now. If the answer is now, however, that means your purchase should be now because if you waited till later it would be less feasible then, meaning you never would buy it, in violation of the intent of Measure J.

Among all the ideas about feasibility that you consider, please include this one, too.

Respectfully,

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