

**Submitted by staff at 2/21/2019 Board Meeting
Item 14**

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to
comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

*Members Include: Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association,
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce,
Monterey County Association of Realtors, Associated General Contractors-Monterey Division,
Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula*

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Molly Evans, Chair, and Members
Board of Directors, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Re: Agenda items 7., 11., 14 at February 21, 2019 meeting

Dear Chair Evans, Board Members and General Manager Stoldt:

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses (CPB) is concerned about three items on the
February 21st agenda.

Items 7 and 14, when read together, indicate that you have already solicited statements
of qualifications from firms to provide services in connection with the water system
potential public ownership feasibility study required by Measure J. Item 14 indicates
you want authorization to proceed with hiring three firms without any public review of
the firms, their qualifications, or of the range of alternatives to these firms available.

Why is this process hastily being pursued without any public review or input? This is
anything but a transparent process. The Coalition expects better of your public agency.

Item 14 indicates you have already had a review performed by an as-yet not hired consultant of potential criteria for the feasibility study required by Measure J. Again, this was done without public input or review and without your Board formally discussing and adopting feasibility criteria to guide the study.

Why is this process hastily being pursued without any public review or input? This is anything but a transparent process. The Coalition expects better of your public agency.

The Coalition urges you to stop this "black box" approach to the important task of determining the feasibility of pursuing public ownership of our water system and let a little 'daylight' in!

Sincerely,



John Narigi, Chair



Jeff Davi, Co-chair



Bob McKenzie, Consultant

Cc: Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority