



February 20, 2019

Board Members
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Going Forward with the Implementation of Measure J

Dear Madam Chair and Board Members,

On January 24, I sent a letter that listed five issues of concern regarding your implementation of Measure J. These items were identified by the Sand City City Council and I was asked to communicate these concerns to you. To date, I have had no reply to my letter. I specifically requested that you put my five questions on a public agenda for discussion and input from the public.

As a reminder my requests were generally as follows:

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| Number one | Provide a listing of all the factual data that you plan to use in undertaking the feasibility study |
| Number two | Publicly discuss and articulate the Board's definition of feasibility and publicly state which assets of California American Water are actually being considered for condemnation |
| Number three | Provide for a public discussion of the scopes of work of consultants in determining the feasibility analysis required by Measure J |
| Number four | Provide a clear articulation of the costs associated with each phase of the feasibility analysis and condemnation process and what risks are associated with each stage of that process. This listing should include the costs associated with losing the condemnation process as well as the costs associated with winning the condemnation process. |



Number five

Clearly state what mechanism you would use for financing the purchasing of the California American Water assets. Clearly state whether the public will be given an opportunity to vote on whether to move forward with the purchase once the true cost is ascertained by the jury

I believe the answers to these questions will be important to all of your constituents regardless of which side they were on during the Measure J campaign. We can only expect to maintain the public trust if we are honest and open with them. If the public feels that we are trying to hide something from them or that we are moving forward on major issues of importance to them without their ability to vote on those directions, I am fearful they will feel betrayed. This will cause additional corrosion of trust in our local government processes. We should all remember that in 2004 two thirds of the voters in that election voted to eliminate the Water Management District because they had lost trust in its abilities. Recent staff and board leadership had been able to regain that trust- please do not squander it.

I would appreciate a timely response in order to relay the results of the answers to my Council and community.

Sincerely,

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