



Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 194, Amending Rule 11 and Adding Rule 23.10 to Establish a Water Entitlement for the City of Seaside

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Ordinance No. 194 -- Summary

- Ordinance No. 194 establishes a Water Entitlement for the City of Seaside
- “Water Entitlement” is a discrete quantity of water designated by ordinance to a specified Water Entitlement Holder
- Entitlement is based on a temporary assignment of Seaside’s banked water credits from its in-lieu groundwater storage program
 - Seaside golf courses are using recycle water in place of water right
- Program recognized by the Seaside Watermaster

Ordinance No. 194– Summary

- The ordinance establishes a Water Entitlement of 13.00 Acre-Feet annually (AFA) of which 12.09 AFA is available for new Water Permits
- The Entitlement will enable Cal-Am to produce Seaside's water credits from wells within the Seaside Groundwater Basin
- Cal-Am must amend its WDS Permit to increase its Production Limit by 13.0 AFA

Benefited Property

- Seaside Entitlement will be used to issue Water Permits for the Ascent Project, a ten-building workforce rental housing development at Broadway Avenue and Terrace Street
- Ascent needs approximately 11 AFA for its project

CEQA – California Environmental Quality Act

- The Monterey County Superior Court concluded that its Adjudication Decision included environmental determinations related to the Seaside Basin and adjudication of the rights therein
- A Statutory Exemption applies as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15268 (Ministerial Projects) based on previous environmental determinations by the Courts

Recommendation

- Staff recommends the Board approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 194, Amending Rule 11 and Adding Rule 23.10 to Establish a Water Entitlement for the City of Seaside

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