



AGENDA
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. [PST]

Meeting Location: MPWMD – Main Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940

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<p><u>Board of Directors</u></p> <p>Ian Oglesby, Chair – Mayoral Representative Rebecca Lindor, Vice-Chair – Division 3 Alvin Edwards – Division 1 George Riley – Division 2 Karen Paull – Division 4 Marianne Gwain – Division 5 Kate Daniels – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative</p> <p><u>General Manager</u></p> <p>David J. Stoldt</p> <p><u>Assistant General Manager</u></p> <p>Mike McCullough</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>Sustainably manage and augment the water resources of the Monterey Peninsula to meet the needs of its residents and businesses while protecting, restoring, and enhancing its natural and human environments.</p> <p><u>Vision Statement</u></p> <p>Model ethical, responsible, and responsive governance in pursuit of our mission.</p> <p><u>Board's Goals and Objectives</u></p> <p>Are available online at: https://www.mpwmd.net/who-we-are/mission-vision-goals/</p>
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION TO GEORGE RILEY | 2025 BOARD CHAIR

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA – *The General Manager will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.*

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – *Anyone wishing to address the Board on Consent Calendar, Information Items, Closed Session items, or matters not listed on the agenda may do so only during Oral Communications. Please limit your comment to three (3) minutes. The public may comment on all other items at the time they are presented to the Board.*

CONSENT CALENDAR - *The Consent Calendar consists of routine items for which staff has prepared a recommendation. Approval of the Consent Calendar ratifies the staff recommendation. Consent Calendar items may be pulled for separate consideration at the request of a member of the public, or a member of the Board. Following adoption of the remaining Consent Calendar items, staff will give a brief presentation on the pulled item. Members of the public are requested to limit individual comment on pulled Consent Items to three (3) minutes. Unless noted with double asterisks “**”, Consent Calendar items do not constitute a project as defined by CEQA Guidelines section 15378.*

1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meeting on December 15, 2025
2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for November 2025

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

3. General Manager's Report (*Verbal Report*)

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

4. Report from District Counsel

DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

5. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

PUBLIC HEARING – *Public Comment will be received. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per item.*

6. Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 200 – Repealing Ordinance No. 152

Recommended Action: *The Board will consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 200 – Repealing Ordinance No. 152.*

ACTION ITEMS – *Public Comment will be received. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per item.*

7. Ratify Board Committee Assignments for Calendar Year 2026

Recommended Action: *The Board will review the proposed committee assignments for Calendar Year 2026 and either ratify them as presented or make modifications.*

8. Consider Approval of District Legislative Advocacy Plan for 2026

Recommended Action: The Board will review and adopt the proposed 2026 Legislative Advocacy Plan.

9. Consider Approval of Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Employment of the General Manager

Recommended Action: The Board will consider adoption of compensation changes to the Agreement for Employment of the General Manager.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Public Comment will be received. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per item.

10. Receive Draft Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Water Extraction on the Carmel River (Ten-Year Plan)

Recommended Action: The Board will receive the draft Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Water Year Extraction on the Carmel River.

11. Receive Direction from the Board on the Formation of a Citizens Water Panel for 2026

Recommended Action: The Board will discuss the formation of a Citizens Water Panel and provide general direction to staff.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS - *The public may address the Board on Informational Items and Staff Reports during the Oral Communications portion of the meeting. Please limit your comments to three minutes.*

12. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000

13. Status Report on Expenditures – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System

14. Letters Received and Sent

15. Committee Reports

16. Monthly Allocation Report

17. Water Efficiency Program Report

18. Carmel River Fishery Report for December 2025

19. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report

20. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report

[Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10 and 2016-0016, and the Seaside Basin Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources]

ADJOURNMENT

Board Meeting Schedule		
Monday, February 23, 2026	Regular	6:00 p.m.
Friday, March 6, 2026	Strategic Planning Workshop	9:00 a.m.

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Attend In-Person

The Board meeting will be held in the Main Conference Room at **5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93942** and has limited seating capacity.

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**1. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON DECEMBER 15, 2025**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Sara Reyes **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Attached for consideration are the draft minutes of the MPWMD Board of Directors' Special and Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2025 (**Exhibit 1-A**).

RECOMMENDATION: The Board will consider adopting the draft minutes from the Special and Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2025.

EXHIBIT

1-A Draft Minutes - MPWMD Board of Directors' Special and Regular Meeting on December 15, 2025.

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EXHIBIT 1-A

Draft Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
December 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940 AND
 By Teleconferencing Means - *Zoom*

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Riley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
 Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
 Kate Daniels
 Alvin Edwards
 Rebecca Lindor
 Karen Paull
 Marianne Gawain (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

David Stoldt, General Manager
 Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
 Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period; however, no comments were received.

CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel David Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

CS1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, (Pursuant to CA Gov Code Sec. 54957 of the Government Code)
 – Title: General Manager

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:03 p.m., the Board recessed to Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Riley called the regular session to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL**Board Members Present:**

George Riley, Chair
 Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
 Kate Daniels
 Alvin Edwards
 Rebecca Lindor
 Karen Paull
 Marianne Gawain (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent:**District Staff Members Present:**

David Stoldt, General Manager
 Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
 Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager
 Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
 Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
 Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
 Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
 Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION FROM DECEMBER 15, 2025

District Counsel David Laredo reported that the Board met in closed session at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a performance evaluation of General Manager David Stoldt. The Board discussed evaluations, provided general direction, and took no reportable action.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Susan Schiavone, thanked staff and the Board for their work over the past year, noting the addition of Assistant General Manager, Mike McCullough, praising the new Chief Financial Officer, and recognizing progress on water supply initiatives. She commended the District's clear communication regarding water resources, conservation efforts, legislative advocacy, receipt of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) award, and opposition to SB 473.
- 2) Tom Rowley, reported attending an Airport Land Use Commission meeting on the proposed Tarpy Flats housing development and expressed concerns regarding traffic impacts, project compatibility, and the lack of an emergency evacuation plan. He also thanked the Board and referenced the cancellation of the Ordinance 152 water supply charge.

- 3) Melodie Chrislock, announced that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold an in-person public forum on January 13, 2026 regarding California American Water Company's (CalAm) proposed rate increase request, noting concerns about the small venue at Sand City Hall. She thanked the Board and partner agencies for their work over the past year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Edwards requested to pull Item 4 for discussion.

Motion 1:

Director Lindor offered a motion, seconded by Director Oglesby, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 and 3. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Motion 2:

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 4. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

The following agenda items were accepted as part of the Consent Calendar:

1. Consider Adoption of the Board Minutes from the November 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for October 2025
3. Review Annual Disclosure Statement of Employee/Board Reimbursements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025
4. Consider Recommendation to Authorize Contract with Freeway Toyota of Hanford for Purchase of Two RAV4s

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

5. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision

General Manager Dave Stoldt presented the item using a slide-deck titled "General Manager's Report Item 5: Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of December 1, 2025".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

6. Review of Legislative Activities in 2025

General Manager Stoldt presented this item using a slide-deck titled "Review of Legislative Activities in 2025".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period; however, no comments were received.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the item.

7. General Report of Pending Litigation

District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 173 of the meeting packet and provided a summary of ongoing legal matters.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

Chair Riley introduced the item.

8. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

- Director Edwards stated that he will likely not be serving on the Board next year and extended holiday greetings to the Board, staff and community.
- Director Paull announced she attended an in-person court proceeding related to the eminent domain case. She also noted that other Directors observed the hearing remotely.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the item.

9. Consider Adoption of January through March 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, provided information on the item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of Jan-Mar 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for California American Water”.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Tom Rowley commented on recent and anticipated rainfall totals and their implications for annual water supply. He also discussed upcoming developments increasing water demand, and concerns about long-term land use and traffic impacts along Highway 68.
- 2) Susan Schiavone, asked questions about the water budget, including whether excess Pure Water Monterey supply could offset rainfall deficits and whether the District is still considering building additional injection wells for aquifer storage and recovery (ASR).

A motion was made by Director Oglesby, seconded by Director Edwards, to recommend that the Board adopt the January through March 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Riley introduced the item.

10. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers

General Manager Stoldt provided an overview of the item and referenced the staff report on page 183. The Board discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Tom Rowley, noted that a 2010 lawsuit led to a long-overdue assessment of Salinas Valley water supply, praising current county coordination and leadership after 15 years.

A motion was made by Director Paull, seconded by Director Edwards, to recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to sign the MOU as provided. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

11. Consider Approval of Additional Budget for Legal Services from Shute Mihaly & Weinberger

General Manager Stoldt provided a brief overview of the item as shown on page 191. The Board discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Daniels, to recommend that the Board approve

an additional budget for Shute Mihaly & Weinberger of \$100,000 under its existing contract. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

12. Review and Consider Adopting the Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026 through February 2027

General Manager Stoldt reviewed the 2026 meeting schedule. Director Paull requested changing the September meeting date to avoid Yom Kippur. He advised that the Board Clerk will survey the Board to select a new September meeting date.

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Lindor, seconded by Director Gawain, to adopt the proposed Board meeting schedule with a modification to select a new September meeting date. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

13. Conduct Election of Board Officers for 2026

General Manager Stoldt reviewed the process for rotation of Board Officers. The Board briefly discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Riley, seconded by Director Edwards, to confirm the Director Oglesby as Chair and Director Lindor as Vice Chair. General Manager David J. Stoldt was elected to serve as Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager Nishil Bali was elected Treasurer. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 14. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 15. Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 16. Letters Received and Sent**
- 17. Committee Reports**
- 18. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 19. Water Efficiency Program Report**
- 20. Carmel River Fishery Report for November 2025**
- 21. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

These items were informational only and no action was taken. Copies of these reports are available at the District office and can be found on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on _____.

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: **Exhibit 2-A** comprises the Treasurer's Report for November 2025. **Exhibit 2-B** includes listings of check disbursements for the period November 1-30, 2025. Checks, virtual checks (AP Automation), direct deposits of employee paychecks, payroll tax deposits, and bank charges resulted in total disbursements for the period in the amount of \$2,411,608.06. **Exhibit 2-C** reflects the unaudited version of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending November 30, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board adopt the November 2025 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursements made during the month.

EXHIBITS

2-A Treasurer's Report

2-B Listing of Cash Disbursements

2-C Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Checking</u>	<u>MPWMD Money Market</u>	<u>California CLASS</u>	<u>L.A.I.F.</u>	<u>Multi-Bank Securities*</u>	<u>MPWMD Total</u>	PB <u>Reclamation Money Market</u>
Beginning Balance (A)	\$1,274,938.94	\$3,596,499.71	\$1,033,730.92	\$16,420,180.86	9,493,962.43	\$31,819,312.86	\$184,165.99
Fees/Deposits		2,531,842.26				2,531,842.26	672,516.09
MoCo Tax & WS Chg Installment Pymt						0.00	
Interest Received			3,430.99		24,050.25	27,481.24	
Transfer - Checking/CLASS						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/LAIF					1,200,007.57	1,200,007.57	
Transfer - Money Market/Checking	2,000,000.00	(2,000,000.00)				0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Multi-Bank		(1,200,007.57)				(1,200,007.57)	
Transfer to CAWD						0.00	
<i>Sub-total - Receipts/Transfers (B)</i>	<i>\$2,000,000.00</i>	<i>(\$668,165.31)</i>	<i>\$3,430.99</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$1,224,057.82</i>	<i>\$2,559,323.50</i>	<i>\$488,516.09</i>
AP Automation Payments	(1,966,673.96)					(1,966,673.96)	
General Checks	(805.00)					(805.00)	
Bank Draft Payments	(39,266.40)					(39,266.40)	
Rebate Payments	(975.00)					(975.00)	
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits	(186,717.60)					(186,717.60)	
Payroll Tax/Benefit Deposits	(227,009.91)					(227,009.91)	
Bank Charges/Other	(1,350.18)					(1,350.18)	
Bank Corrections/Reversals/Errors	48.19					48.19	
Voided Checks (prior year stale rebates/payments)	11,141.80					11,141.80	
Credit Card Fees						0.00	
Returned Deposits						0.00	
<i>Sub-total - Disbursements (C)</i>	<i>(2,411,608.06)</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>(2,411,608.06)</i>	<i>-</i>
Ending Balance (A+B+C)	\$863,330.88	\$2,928,334.40	\$1,037,161.91	\$16,420,180.86	\$10,718,020.25	\$31,967,028.30	\$672,682.08

* Fixed Income investments are reported at face value

EXHIBIT 2-B

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My Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 11/01/2025 - 11/30/2025



Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: APBNK	-Bank of America Checking					
Payment Type: Regular						
02779	Estate of Raymond Bickel III (stale check reversal)	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-57.00	14551
16623	Brian Pitman (recording fee reversal)	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	32696
00252	Cal-Am Water	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-5.00	37924
05370	California Secretary of State	11/14/2025	Regular	0.00	5.00	40997
01002	Monterey County Clerk	11/14/2025	Regular	0.00	50.00	40998
06746	POSTMASTER	11/24/2025	Regular	0.00	750.00	40999
Total Regular:				0.00	668.00	

My Check Report

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Virtual Payment						
00225	AAA Workspace	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	407.89	APA007663
00763	ACWA-JPIA	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	387.98	APA007664
00767	AFLAC	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	733.74	APA007665
00263	Arlene Tavani	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,114.00	APA007666
08109	David Olson, Inc.	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,330.00	APA007667
18734	DeVeera Inc.	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,959.98	APA007668
18225	DUDEK	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,800.00	APA007669
21199	G3, Green Gardens Group, LLC	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,850.00	APA007670
00993	Harris Court Business Park	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,586.78	APA007671
04717	Inder Osahan	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,417.20	APA007672
00094	John Arriaga	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,500.00	APA007673
24166	Kevin Robert Knapp	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,000.00	APA007674
00222	M.J. Murphy	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	43.04	APA007675
00242	MBAS	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,248.00	APA007676
00036	Parham Living Trust	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	850.00	APA007677
00154	Peninsula Messenger Service	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	665.00	APA007678
00755	Peninsula Welding Supply, Inc.	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	64.50	APA007679
00262	Pure H2O	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	65.54	APA007680
05831	Seaside Chamber of Commerce	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	250.00	APA007681
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	309.25	APA007682
19700	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	16,737.23	APA007683
00990	Smith-Root, Inc.	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	776.34	APA007684
09989	Star Sanitation Services	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	164.21	APA007685
09425	The Ferguson Group LLC	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	6,300.00	APA007686
17965	The Maynard Group	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,828.96	APA007687
00203	ThyssenKrup Elevator	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	824.70	APA007688
04366	Tom Lindberg	11/07/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,105.70	APA007689
00281	CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,509.72	APA007690
18734	DeVeera Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	312.98	APA007691
22793	ETech Consulting, LLC	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,225.00	APA007692
02833	Greg James	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,408.52	APA007693
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	385.42	APA007694
05830	Larry Hampson	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,410.00	APA007695
13431	Lynx Technologies, Inc	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,900.00	APA007696
00222	M.J. Murphy	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	140.66	APA007697
05829	Mark Bekker	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	375.67	APA007698
00223	Martins Irrigation Supply	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2.22	APA007699
04715	Matthew Lyons	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	392.19	APA007700
26785	Monterey Bay Pest Control, Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	140.00	APA007701
25765	Monterey Fire Extinguisher Inc	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	855.00	APA007702
08700	Monterey Regional Waste Management District	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	20.00	APA007703
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,357.02	APA007704
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	200.00	APA007705
24871	Radiant Landscaping Inc.	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	8,605.00	APA007706
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	51.04	APA007707
00271	UPEC, Local 792	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,287.50	APA007708
23550	WellmanAD	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	9,214.87	APA007709
20230	Zoom Video Communications Inc	11/14/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	492.76	APA007710
28519	Albert A. Webb Associates	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	343.00	APA007712
04039	American Water Works Association	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,197.00	APA007713
00760	Andy Bell	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	604.00	APA007714
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	99.44	APA007715
00083	Clifton Larson Allen LLP	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,324.70	APA007716
00028	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	651.00	APA007717
04041	Cynthia Schmidlin	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,127.52	APA007718
00046	De Lay & Laredo	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	37,102.00	APA007719
00192	Extra Space Storage	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	510.00	APA007720
15398	GovInvest Inc	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,000.00	APA007721
00986	Henrietta Stern	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,480.00	APA007722
03857	Joe Oliver	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	744.00	APA007723

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27302	Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc.	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	535.75	APA007724
00222	M.J. Murphy	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	90.78	APA007725
00118	MB Carpet & Janitorial Inc.	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,680.00	APA007726
00242	MBAS	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	227.00	APA007727
26785	Monterey Bay Pest Control, Inc.	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	135.00	APA007728
16182	Monterey County Weekly	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,884.00	APA007729
00274	Monterey One Water	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,800,596.16	APA007730
25760	Pacific Surveys, LLC	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	10,146.10	APA007731
00036	Parham Living Trust	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	850.00	APA007732
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	680.00	APA007733
08105	Yolanda Munoz	11/21/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007734
00983	Beverly Chaney	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,499.18	APA007735
00986	Henrietta Stern	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	370.00	APA007736
04717	Inder Osahan	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,417.20	APA007737
01012	Mark Dudley	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007738
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,357.02	APA007739
00251	Rick Dickhaut	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,122.00	APA007740
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	11/26/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	215.50	APA007741
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	1,966,673.96	

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Bank Draft						
00269	U.S. Bank	11/03/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	12,670.21	DFT0003984
00252	Cal-Am Water	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	400.57	DFT0003987
00758	FedEx	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	61.44	DFT0003988
00769	Laborers Trust Fund of Northern CA	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	43,004.00	DFT0003989
00259	Marina Coast Water District	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	5,021.44	DFT0003990
07627	Purchase Power	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	506.00	DFT0003991
00766	Standard Insurance Company	11/07/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,649.81	DFT0003992
00266	I.R.S.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	18,510.96	DFT0003996
00266	I.R.S.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	4,344.28	DFT0003997
00267	Employment Development Dept.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	7,431.37	DFT0003998
00266	I.R.S.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	208.32	DFT0003999
00266	I.R.S.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	54.82	DFT0004000
00266	I.R.S.	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	234.36	DFT0004001
29035	BlueTriton Brands Inc	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	371.35	DFT0004002
00758	FedEx	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	41.75	DFT0004003
00769	Laborers Trust Fund of Northern CA	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	43,004.00	DFT0004005
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	13,866.92	DFT0004006
18163	Wex Bank	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,260.18	DFT0004007
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	11/12/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	164.51	DFT0004010
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	158.02	DFT0004012
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	11/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	18.55	DFT0004018
00256	PERS Retirement	11/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	24,685.09	DFT0004019
00282	PG&E	11/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	5,683.37	DFT0004020
18163	Wex Bank	11/21/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	123.40	DFT0004022
00266	I.R.S.	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	18,743.14	DFT0004023
00266	I.R.S.	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	4,380.08	DFT0004024
00267	Employment Development Dept.	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	7,532.11	DFT0004025
00266	I.R.S.	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	184.90	DFT0004026
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	14,266.92	DFT0004030
00256	PERS Retirement	11/26/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	24,908.83	DFT0004031
00269	U.S. Bank	11/22/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	12,785.61	DFT0004036
Total Bank Draft:					0.00	266,276.31

Payment Type	Bank Code APBNK	Summary		
	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	3	3	0.00	805.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	3	0.00	-137.00
Bank Drafts	135	31	0.00	266,276.31
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	241	115	0.00	2,233,618.27

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: REBATES-02-Rebates: Use Only For Rebates						
Payment Type: Regular*						
01183	STEVE FOX	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-178.00	14124
01922	DONALD K TATUM	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-200.00	14380
01933	Mary Klotz	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-625.00	14469
04664	JEFF FRYE	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-200.00	15933
07537	RICHARD & MARILYN BLOOM	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	19254
08645	John Woytak	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-50.00	20671
08385	LOWELL & HILLERI KEELY	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-50.00	20717
08431	Quality Inn Monterey	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	20793
09809	JOHN HENDRY & LORI A HARRODS	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	23195
10587	CRAIG NOFZIGER	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	24080
10611	MARLENE FANSLER	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	24140
11390	Rose Keane	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	25352
11273	Samit Patel	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-1,232.00	25355
11457	JUDY SONG	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	25535
11633	DINAH HUBERT	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-98.00	25727
11723	DEBRA WEAKLEY	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-298.00	25954
11812	Josephine Moseley	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-149.00	26003
11731	JULIE WOOTEN	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-149.00	26008
12155	JIM PINCKNEY	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	26307
12551	BARBARA RASMUSSEN	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	26901
12360	Hanya Burni	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	26938
12352	S.K. Hershewe	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	26993
12627	Salvatore Carbone/Carbone Bar	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-89.00	27243
12675	ANTHONY MADONNA	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	27349
12725	JOHN SMITH	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	27385
13409	DEANNA YATEMAN	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	28329
13425	Joseph P Damico	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	28349
14423	JIM & VIVECA LOHR	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	29845
14494	ANGELA M ESCOBAR	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	30020
14541	ZACH KAUFMAN	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-100.00	30096
14639	RICO OLIVAREZ	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	30214
15476	FELIX BACHOFNER	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-4.81	30913
15541	JOSEF SIPAL	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	31091
17551	LINDA MACDANNALD	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-150.00	33444
17554	YOUNG GUN KIM	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-225.00	33507
17605	ANTHONY RUSSO	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-225.00	33655
18076	JOHN ADAMO	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-6.99	34378
18493	Susan Grill	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	35372
18642	Michael Abbott	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	35496
18635	Raye Stacks	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	35503
18664	Sandra Hoag	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	35514
18861	Mathew Hess	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	35936
19162	Bill Phillips	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	36343
19172	MARY E. WESTERMAN	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	36368
19417	Britt Anderson	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	36497
19290	Wolf Family Investments	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	36644
19516	Alexandra Collard	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	37128
19606	Sizhe Sun	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	37211
19522	Wenqian Guo	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	37224
19868	Johnathan Smith	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	37986
20235	Catherine Collinsworth	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	38661
21018	Douglas Williams	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-75.00	39188
21276	Jeffrey Ryan Lehr	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-500.00	39470
20985	Rick Johnson	11/30/2025	Regular	0.00	-125.00	40074
Total Regular:					0.00	-11,004.80

* Negative amounts are reversals of prior year stale rebates (uncashed payments) reversed as per the District's Unclaimed Monies policy adopted on November 10, 2025

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Virtual Payment						
40987	Anna Cutino	11/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	775.00	APA007662
40978	Cynthia Tiechner	11/17/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	200.00	APA007711
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	975.00	

Bank Code REBATES-02 Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	54	0.00	-11,004.80
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
Virtual Payments	2	2	0.00	975.00
	2	56	0.00	-10,029.80

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	3	3	0.00	805.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	57	0.00	-11,141.80
Bank Drafts	135	31	0.00	266,276.31
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	243	171	0.00	2,223,588.47

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
99	POOL CASH FUND	11/2025	2,223,588.47

EXHIBIT 2-C

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MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE MONTH NOVEMBER 30, 2025

	Mitigation	Conservation	Water Supply	Current Period Activity	Current FY Year-to-Date Actual	Current FY Annual Budget	Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -
User fees	132,594	127,130	377,675	637,399	2,657,586	7,800,000	3,023,608
PWM Water Sales			2,236,153	2,236,153	7,989,122	20,963,250	5,539,329
Capacity fees			10,771	10,771	467,498	450,000	240,756
Permit fees	-	10,849		10,849	113,526	198,000	84,515
Investment income	9,241	9,241	9,522	28,004	328,502	600,000	283,311
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	721	15,000	4,174
Sub-total district revenues	141,835	147,221	2,634,121	2,923,177	11,556,954	33,026,250	9,175,692
Project reimbursements	-	4,490	-	4,490	101,987	1,024,693	468,533
Legal fee reimbursements		150		150	2,774	15,000	2,100
Grants	-	-	-	-	3,861,346	11,840,610	3,557,852
Recording fees		3,575		3,575	23,890	65,000	24,103
Sub-total reimbursements	-	8,215	-	8,215	3,989,997	12,945,303	4,052,588
From Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	613,316	-
Total revenues	141,835	155,436	2,634,121	2,931,391	15,546,951	46,584,868	13,228,281
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel:							
Salaries	100,248	65,160	128,370	293,779	1,516,357	3,853,000	1,328,989
Retirement	9,435	6,197	12,165	27,797	845,544	1,152,715	732,411
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	10,100	-
Auto Allowance	148	148	443	738	3,840	11,000	2,423
Deferred Compensation	187	187	561	935	4,862	21,614	4,369
Temporary Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-
Workers Comp. Ins.	4,115	357	2,986	7,458	40,966	107,950	34,791
Employee Insurance	19,672	14,493	21,982	56,148	267,393	732,922	249,379
Medicare & FICA Taxes	1,743	992	1,909	4,644	25,063	82,188	20,277
Personnel Recruitment	-	-	-	-	-	11,500	265
Other benefits	66	64	70	200	1,201	2,000	1,000
Staff Development	-	395	675	1,070	7,484	26,400	8,242
Sub-total personnel costs	135,615	87,992	169,161	392,768	2,712,708	6,021,389	2,382,146
Services & Supplies:							
Board Member Comp	846	846	872	2,565	11,205	37,000	10,800
Board Expenses	46	45	49	140	6,413	10,000	1,530
Rent	593	163	604	1,360	7,310	30,000	5,855
Utilities	1,316	1,276	1,396	3,987	20,661	45,200	18,363
Telephone	1,021	1,181	953	3,155	14,601	40,800	15,109
Facility Maintenance	1,782	1,728	1,890	5,399	30,894	95,100	21,340
Bank Charges	446	432	473	1,350	5,158	68,000	7,374
Office Supplies	889	823	868	2,581	12,804	46,700	5,950
Courier Expense	265	257	281	804	3,464	7,600	2,779
Postage & Shipping	6	6	6	17	25,274	30,500	322
Equipment Lease	-	-	-	-	438	13,200	1,781
Equip. Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	40	5,100	-
Printing/Duplicating/Binding	-	-	-	-	115	2,600	-
IT Supplies/Services	3,937	3,845	4,148	11,929	124,391	299,100	157,693
Operating Supplies	601	1,280	308	2,189	12,729	25,100	13,788
Legal Services	8,749	6,572	8,571	23,891	160,838	400,000	154,674
Professional Fees	22,347	23,201	23,702	69,250	202,972	388,200	180,347
Transportation	1,247	-	880	2,127	18,412	58,700	22,782
Travel	-	-	-	-	9,361	37,600	2,422



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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	Mitigation	Conservation	Water Supply	Current Period Activity	Current FY Year-to-Date Actual	Current FY Annual Budget	Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual
Meeting Expenses	230	223	243	696	7,475	24,700	12,040
Insurance	8,649	8,387	9,174	26,210	131,147	342,000	119,018
Legal Notices	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	2,145
Membership Dues	167	162	177	505	22,901	51,900	31,323
Public Outreach	193	-	104	297	4,918	6,000	4,630
Assessors Administration Fee	165	160	175	499	499	25,100	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	420
Sub-total services & supplies costs	53,494	50,586	54,871	158,952	834,021	2,099,400	792,483
Project expenditures	11,719	6,972	2,286,761	2,305,453	12,502,002	37,525,880	7,661,261
Fixed assets	-	-	-	-	2,447	92,200	12,119
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	-
Election costs	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-
Flood drought reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital equipment reserve	-	-	-	-	-	326,000	-
General fund balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
OPEB reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Sub-total other	11,719	6,972	2,286,761	2,305,453	12,504,449	38,464,080	7,673,582
Total expenditures	200,828	145,551	2,510,793	2,857,173	16,051,178	46,584,868	10,848,211
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (58,993)	\$ 9,885	\$ 123,327	\$ 74,219	\$ (504,226)	\$ (0)	\$ 2,380,069



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January 26, 2026

TO: Chair Riley, Members of the Board and General Manager Stoldt

FROM: David C. Laredo, Counsel

RE: General Report of Pending Litigation effective January 20, 2026

This memo presents a public summary of litigation matters that are deemed to be open and active. This is a recurring memo; the newly updated data is shown in **highlighted text**.

1 – MPWMD v. Cal-Am; 23CV004102

This lawsuit embodies District efforts to fulfill the electoral mandate of Measure J to acquire ownership and operation of Cal-Am's Monterey Division water supply facilities by eminent domain. Cal-Am contends the District lacks the power to both acquire the water system, or to operate a retail potable water system. The District disputes Cal-Am's contentions and objections.

On December 12, 2025 Judge Rivamonte reviewed two competing motions filed by MPWMD and Cal-Am, respectively, to narrow the scope of this proceeding. Judge Rivamonte denied Cal-Am's Motion for summary judgment.

In sum, Cal-Am's summary-judgment motion relies on its claims that: (1) operating a retail potable water system is a class of service under the law; (2) MPWMD has never engaged in or exercised that class of service; (3) a retail potable service constitutes a new or different class of service for MPWMD; (4) Government Code sections 56824.10 through 56824.14 require MPWMD to obtain LAFCO approval before providing a new or different service; (5) MPWMD admits lacking such approval (as shown by LAFCO's denial of MPWMD's earlier submission); (6) a public agency cannot condemn property to perform a service it is not authorized to provide [Code Civ. Proc. § 1240.020]; and (7) this case should be dismissed as a matter of law.

In response, Plaintiff argues that: (1) MPWMD already exercises the relevant class of service (2) its Aquifer Storage and Recovery ("ASR") and Pure Water Monterey projects show that MPWMD already performs potable-water functions, so Cal-Am's assertion that the service is "new" is factually incorrect; (3) South San Joaquin Irrigation Dist. v. Superior Court (2008) 162 Cal.App.4th 146, does not apply; (4) the voters of this County directed MPWMD to acquire and operate water systems; (5) LAFCO's prior denial is not binding and was factually inaccurate; and (6) material factual disputes preclude summary judgment.

Judge Rivamonte denied the motion and rules a trial is necessary to resolve the several factual disputes

including whether:

- MPWMD has ever provided retail potable water services;
- MPWMD carries out potable water-related functions in ASR;
- MPWMD performs potable water-related functions at Pure Water Monterey;
- MPWMD proposed operation of the Monterey Water System is either "new" or an extension of existing services;
- Plaintiff's Reclamation Project Facilities qualify as "Retail Water Service."

Judge Rivamonte also denied MPWMD's Motion for summary adjudication. The Court noted the parties do not dispute the historical events; however, they do dispute the operational nature, legal status, and functional significance of Plaintiff's prior water activities. The Court's order stated that determining whether something is a "new or different function or class of services" depends on facts and requires assessing operational differences, regulatory frameworks, and functional distinctions. Although the underlying events are mostly undisputed, the legal classification of Plaintiff's previous services hinges on how those services actually function in practice. The parties strongly disagree on the operational nature, legal status, and importance of Plaintiff's prior water activities. The order concludes "These issues are best determined at trial, where the factfinder can evaluate witness credibility and make factual findings."

The next Case Management Conference (CMC) is calendared for February 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 14.

**2 – MPWMD v. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO); Cal-Am; 22CV000925
6th Dist. Court of Appeal H051849**

The District successfully challenged LAFCO's decisions affecting and limiting MPWMD's power to acquire Cal-Am water system facilities as directed by the voter mandate in Measure J. LAFCO and Cal-Am then appealed the 2023 decision of Judge Thomas Wills. The matter is on appeal before the Sixth District Court of Appeal.

Closing reply briefs by LAFCO and Cal-Am to respond to MPWMD's November closing brief were to be filed in mid-January 2026. Both LAFCO and Cal-Am made a joint request to extend that date. The Appellate Court granted their request and extended the filing date to March 6, 2026.

**3 – City of Marina; MPWMD, et al, v. California Coastal Commission (CCC); Cal-Am;
Trial Case 22CV004063; 6th District Appellate Case H053560**

The trial court judgment entered on May 29, 2025 found the CCC did not exceed its jurisdiction or abuse its discretion in this matter. Parties City of Marina, Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), and MPWMD jointly filed a Notice of Appeal on July 24, 2025.

Appellants joint counsel, T. Peter Pierce of Richards, Watson Gershon in San Francisco is finalizing the opening brief, to be filed with the Appellate Court on or before February 12, 2026. (The final brief deadline is technically January 27, but this date merely triggers issuance of a 15-day notice, making Feb. 12 the ultimate due date).

4 – Matters before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) pertaining to Cal-Am.

The following actions are separate proceedings in which MPWMD is involved due to their impact on the Monterey area or upon the Cal-Am water system.

4.a A.25-07-003 Cal-Am 2025 General Rate Case (GRC)

Cal-Am filed its latest triennial rate request with the CPUC on July 1, 2025. This request is part of the regular three-year rate cycle by which the CPUC reviews and authorizes Cal-Am's rates and charges, and also by which the CPUC authorizes Cal-Am to modify its operating system. MPWMD has been granted full party status in this proceeding, with the right to undertake discovery, and to present witnesses and evidence in forthcoming evidentiary hearings. MPWMD staff and counsel continue to assess issues presented by Cal-Am and points raised by opposing parties.

Two Public Participation Hearings (PPH) were conducted on January 13, 2026, at the Sand City Council Chambers. Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Katherine MacDonald and Commissioner Matt Baker represented the Commission. Brief presentations by Cal-Am and the Public Advocates Office provided an overview of Cal-Am's General Rate Case application to increase rates for the years 2027, 2028, and 2029.

Members of the public were then invited to comment. 15 members commented at the 2:00 session and 8 members at the 6:00 session. Virtually all opposed the requested rate increases. Speakers emphasized several related to their perception that the Commission showed a history of ignoring public comment and acceding to Cal-Am rate increases, authorizing rate recovery for projects that Cal-Am has never built, ignoring the public vote in 2018 to acquire the Cal-Am system, Cal-Am's opposition to MPWMD's effort to have the State Water Resources Control Board lift its CDO and end the moratorium on new housing, and allowing Cal-Am to continue to make substantial capital investments during the eminent domain process which will increase the District's cost to acquire Cal-Am facilities.

A virtual hearing for further Cal-Am ratepayer to comment will occur on January 28th at both 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The public can access this hearing via a toll-free number (800-857-1917) by using the passcode 1673482#. Written comments can also be submitted at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2507003.

Cal Advocates testimony is due January 23, 2026. MPWMD District staff has refined the scope of key points plans for presentation to the Commission, and testimony to support this effort must be filed on or before February 6, 2026.

In-person Evidentiary Hearings are calendared to be held in San Francisco starting April 20, and ending– May 1, 2026. Remote appearances at these hearings are no longer allowed.

4.b R.22-04-003 CPUC Acquisition Rulemaking

This action is a statewide CPUC Rulemaking matter that addresses statewide public utility system policy, and has specific impact on the Cal-Am system. It is unclear when a Proposed Decision will be issued or when the matter may be submitted for consideration by the full Commission. The CPUC's internal Statutory deadline has been extended to September 30, 2025.

5 –MPWMD v. SWRCB. Case No. 1-10-CV-163328 (Santa Clara County Superior Court) 10/27/2009.

This matter was filed in 2010 to challenge the Cease & Desist Order (CDO) issued by the SWRCB. The case asserted four causes of action against the SWRCB related to the Cease & Desist Order. Originally filed in Monterey County, the case was transferred to Santa Clara County.

In July the Sierra Club (Sierra) and Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA) requested the action be dismissed. No parties challenged the request for dismissal and the Court subsequently granted that request.

Sierra filed a Motion for an award of attorney's fees against Cal-Am and MPWMD.

Briefs by MPWMD and Cal-Am are due to be filed by January 30, 2026; Sierra's reply brief is due February 5, 2026. A hearing on this motion is set for March 26, 2026, before Judge Charles F. Adams, in Dept. 7, at 191 North First Street, San Jose, CA.

ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**6. CONSIDER FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 200 – REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 152**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt General Manager	Program/	N/A
		Line Item No.:	
Prepared By:	David J. Stoldt	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review:**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: On December 20, 2022 the Monterey County Superior Court heard Petitioner Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers' Association (Plaintiff) arguments in support of eliminating further collection of the Water Supply Charge.

On March 3, 2023 the Superior Court ruled in favor of the Plaintiff. The District was ordered to cease the imposition and collection of the Water Supply Charge by the amount of the User Fee then currently collected on the Cal-Am water customer bills.

The District appealed the Superior Court decision to the Sixth Appellate District. On September 11, 2024 the District received an adverse opinion on appeal.

The District has made no collections of the Water Supply Charge beginning Fiscal Year 2024-25.

December 19, 2025 the Superior Court granted motions for final approval and attorney fees to settle the case with the Plaintiff.

The District intends to issue refunds to customers subject to the approved settlement in the first quarter of 2026.

The proposed Ordinance No. 200 attached as **Exhibit 6-A** would repeal Ordinance 152.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board will consider the first reading of Ordinance No. 200.

EXHIBIT

6-A Proposed Ordinance No. 200

EXHIBIT 6-A**FIRST READING DRAFT****ORDINANCE NO. 200****AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 152****FINDINGS**

1. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) is charged under the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law to integrate management of the water resources of the Monterey Peninsula.
2. On June 27, 2012 the District adopted Ordinance No. 152 which established a “Water Supply Charge” to replace and augment a former charge collected by California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) on its bills to water customers with a supply charge collected from owners of parcels that receive water-related services from the District through Cal-Am's distribution system.
3. Ordinance No. 152 no longer has any force and effect for the District.
4. The District no longer collects the Water Supply Charge established by Ordinance No. 152.
5. This ordinance repeals and deletes Ordinance No. 152.
6. The District Board of Directors determines that this ordinance is limited to the amendment of its internal rules and, as such, lacks any potential result in either a direct or physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. This ordinance does not constitute a Project as that term is defined by Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as it is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained as follows:

ORDINANCE

Section One: Purpose

This ordinance shall repeal Ordinance No. 152 in its entirety.

Section Two: Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective January 26, 2026.

Section Three: Conjunctive Application

The provisions of this ordinance are intended to complement and to be read conjunctively with the Rules and Regulations and other ordinances of the Water Management District. All definitions used in the District Rules and Regulations shall apply to this ordinance.

Section Four: Severability

If any section, sub-section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

The Board of Directors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, clauses, or phrases may be declared invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ on a motion by Director _____ with a second by Director _____ by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted on the _____ day of _____ 2026.

Dated: _____

David J. Stoldt,
Secretary to the Board

ITEM: ACTION ITEM**7. RATIFY BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Sara Reyes **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: A list of Board committee assignments for Calendar Year 2026 is attached as **Exhibit 7-A**.

All committees consist of less than a quorum of the Board. The Finance and Administration Committee is the District's only standing committee and generally meets one week prior to the Board meeting. All other committees meet on an as-needed basis.

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify the appointments as presented or modify them by motion.

EXHIBIT**7-A Chair's Proposed Committee Assignments for Calendar Year 2026**

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EXHIBIT 7-A

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Chair's Board Committee Appointments for 2026

Committee	2026 Appointees	Alternate
Finance and Administration	George Riley, Chair Karen Paull Kate Daniels	Rebecca Lindor
Public Outreach	Rebecca Lindor, Chair Alvin Edwards Marianne Gawain	George Riley
Water Demand	Alvin Edwards, Chair Marianne Gawain Ian Oglesby	Rebecca Lindor
Legislative Advocacy	Ian Oglesby, Chair Karen Paull George Riley	Marianne Gawain
Water Supply Planning	Karen Paull, Chair Alvin Edwards Rebecca Lindor	Marianne Gawain
Outside Agencies/Liaisons	2026 Representative	
Monterey County Special Districts' Association	Karen Paull	Marianne Gawain
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster	George Riley	Rebecca Lindor
Association of California Water Agencies/Joint Powers Insurance Agency	Marianne Gawain	George Riley
Advisory Committees	2026 Appointees	
Policy (PAC)	Awaiting Reappointments by the Jurisdictions	_____
Technical (TAC)	Awaiting Reappointments by the Jurisdictions	

ITEM: ACTION ITEM**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY PLAN FOR 2026****Meeting Date:** **January 26, 2026****Budgeted:** **N/A****From:** **David J. Stoldt,
General Manager****Program/
Line Item No.:** **N/A****Prepared By:** **David J. Stoldt****Cost Estimate:** **N/A****General Counsel Review:** **N/A****Committee Recommendation:** **N/A****CEQA Compliance:** **This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 8-A** is a draft 2026 Legislative Advocacy Plan. This is a renewal of the 2025 plan which was significantly revised by the Legislative Advocacy Committee in March 2023. It has been updated to reflect 2026 activities.

RECOMMENDATION: The General Manager recommends the Board of Directors review and adopt the proposed 2026 Legislative Advocacy Plan.

EXHIBITS**8-A Draft 2026 Legislative Advocacy Plan**

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EXHIBIT 8-A



2026 DRAFT Legislative Advocacy Plan

Purpose

The purpose of the Plan is to guide District officials and staff in considering legislative or regulatory proposals that are likely to have an impact on the District, and to allow for a timely response to important legislative issues. Although the expenditure of public funds for the purpose of supporting or opposing a ballot measure or candidate is prohibited, the expenditure of public funds is allowed to advocate for or against proposed legislation or regulatory actions which will affect the public agency expending the funds.

The purpose for identifying legislative advocacy procedures is to provide clear direction to District staff with regard to monitoring and acting upon bills during state and federal legislative sessions. Adherence to such procedures will ensure that legislative inquiries and responses will be administered consistently with "one voice" as to the identified advocacy priorities adopted by the Board of Directors. The advocacy priorities will provide the District General Manager, or other designee, discretion to advocate in best interests in a manner consistent with the goals and priorities adopted by the Board of Directors. This Plan is intended to be manageable, consistent, and tailored to the specific needs and culture of the District.

Plan Goals

- Advocate the District's legislative interests at the State, County, and Federal levels.
- Inform and provide information to the Board and staff on the legislative process and key issues and legislation that could have a potential impact on the District.
- Serve as an active participant with other local governments, the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA), the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), and local government associations on legislative and regulatory issues that are important to the District and the region.
- Seek grant and funding assistance for District projects, services, and programs to enhance services for the community.

Plan Principles

The Board recognizes the need to protect District interests and local control, and to identify various avenues to implement its strategic and long-term goals. It is the policy of the District to proactively monitor and advocate for legislation as directed by the advocacy priorities and by the specific direction of the Board of Directors.

This Plan provides the District General Manager, or other designee, the flexibility to adopt positions on legislation in a timely manner, while allowing the Board of Directors to set advocacy priorities to provide policy guidance. The Board of Directors shall establish various advocacy priorities and, so long as the position fits within the advocacy priorities, staff is authorized to take a position without board approval.

Whenever an applicable advocacy priority does not exist pertaining to legislation affecting the District, the matter shall be brought before the Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled board meeting for formal direction from the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has chosen to establish a standing committee of three Directors, known as the "Legislative Advocacy Committee", with the authority to adopt a position when consideration by the full Board of Directors is not feasible within the time-constraints of the legislative process.

Generally, the District will not address matters that are not pertinent to the District's local government services, such as social issues or international relations issues.

Legislative Advocacy Procedures

It is the Plan of the District to proactively monitor and advocate for legislation as directed by the advocacy priorities and by the specific direction of the Board of Directors. This process involves interaction with local, state, and federal government entities both in regard to specific items of legislation and to promote positive intergovernmental relationships. Accordingly, involvement and participation in regional, state, and national organizations is encouraged and supported by the District.

Monitoring legislation is a shared function of the Board of Directors and General Manager or designated staff. Legislative advocacy procedures are the process by which staff will track and respond to legislative issues in a timely and consistent manner. The General Manager, or other designee, will act on legislation utilizing the following procedures:

1. The General Manager or other designee shall review requests that the District take a position on legislative issues to determine if the legislation aligns with the District's current approved advocacy priorities.
2. The General Manager or other designee will conduct a review of positions and analysis completed by ACWA, CSDA, WateReuse, and other local government associations when formulating positions.
3. If the matter aligns with the approved priorities, District response shall be supplied in the form of a letter to the legislative body reviewing the bill or measure. Advocacy methods utilized on behalf of the District, including but not limited to letters, phone calls, emails, and prepared forms, will be communicated through the General Manager or designee. The General Manager or designee shall advise staff to administer the form of advocacy, typically via letters signed by the General Manager, or designee, on behalf of the Board of Directors.

4. All draft legislative position letters initiated by the General Manager or designee shall state whether the district is requesting "support", "support if amended", "oppose", or "oppose unless amended" action on the issue, and shall include adequate justification for the recommended action. If possible, the letter should include examples of how a bill would specifically affect the District, e.g. "the funding the District will lose due to this bill could pay for X capital improvements."
 - a. Support – legislation in this area advances the District's goals and priorities.
 - b. Oppose – legislation in this area could potentially harm, negatively impact or undo positive momentum for the district, or does not advance the District's goals and priorities.
5. The General Manager may also provide a letter of concern or interest regarding a legislative issue without taking a formal position on a piece of legislation. Letters of concern or interest are to be administered through the General Manager or designee.
6. When a letter is sent to a state or federal legislative body, the appropriate federal or state legislators representing the District shall be included as a copy or "cc" on the letter. The appropriate contacts at ACWA or the CSDA and other local government associations, if applicable, shall be included as a cc on legislative letters.
7. A position may be adopted by the General Manager or designee if any of the following criteria is met:
 - a. The position is consistent with the adopted advocacy priorities;
 - b. The position is consistent with that of organizations to which the District is a member, such as ACWA or CSDA; or
 - c. The position is approved by the Board of Directors or the Legislative Advocacy Committee.
8. All legislative positions adopted via a process outside of a regularly scheduled Board Meeting shall be communicated to the Board of Directors at a subsequent Board Meeting. When appropriate, the General Manager or other designee will submit a report (either written or verbal) summarizing activity on legislative measures to the Board of Directors.

Advocacy Priorities

Revenue, Finances, and Taxation

Ensure adequate funding for the District's safe and reliable core local service delivery. Protect Districts' resources from the shift or diversion of revenues without its consent. Promote financial independence and afford access to revenue opportunities equal to that of other types of local agencies. Protect and preserve the District's property tax allocation and local flexibility with revenue and diversify local revenue sources.

Support opportunities that allow the District to compete for its fair share of regional, state, and federal funding, and that maintain funding streams. Opportunities may include competitive grant

and funding programs. Opportunities may also include dedicated funding streams at the regional, state, or federal levels that allow the District to maximize local revenues, offset and leverage capital expenditures, and maintain District goals and standards.

Governance and Accountability

Enhance the Districts' ability to govern as an independent, local government body in an open and accessible manner. Encourage best practices that avoid burdensome, costly, redundant or one-size-fits all approaches. Ensure local services meet the unique needs, priorities, and preferences of the community.

Oppose additional public meeting and records requirements that unnecessarily increase the burden on public resources without effectively fostering public engagement and enhancing accountability of government agencies.

Promote local-level solutions, decision-making, and management concerning service delivery and governance structures while upholding voter control.

Human Resources and Personnel

Promote policies related to hiring, management, and benefits and retirement that afford flexibility, contain costs, and enhance the ability to recruit and retain highly qualified, career-minded employees to public service. As public agency employers, support policies that foster productive relationships between management and employees.

Maintain the Districts' ability to exercise local flexibility by minimizing state-mandated contract requirements. Oppose any measure that would hinder the ability of special districts to maximize local resources and efficiencies through the use of contracted services.

Infrastructure, Innovation, and Investment

Encourage prudent planning for investment and maintenance of innovative long-term infrastructure. Support the contracting flexibility and fiscal tools and incentives needed to help special districts meet California's changing demands. Promote the efficient, effective, and sustainable delivery of core local services.

Prevent restrictive one-size-fits-all public works requirements that increase costs to taxpayers and reduce local flexibility.

Federal Delegation



Senator Adam Schiff



Senator Alex Padilla



Rep. Jimmy Panetta, 19th Dist.

Federal Strategy

1) Continue relationship and services with The Ferguson Group

- Identifying legislation or proposed regulatory changes that may impact the District.
- Submit and pursue WRDA earmarks; Work with Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco regional office.
- Consider additional requests under Community Project Funding program.
- Consult with staff to develop positions on relevant legislation.
- Advocate the District's position on bills and matters of interest.
- Identify funding opportunities and notify of timing, requirements, and advocate on behalf of District or District's partners (e.g. WaterSMART) for, but not limited to:
 - ü ASR
 - ü Fisheries and watersheds
 - ü Pure Water Monterey Expansion
- Prepare materials for briefing – talking points, briefing books, letters, as necessary
- Coordinate with other water district lobbyists and organizations
- Maintain close relationships with Monterey legislative delegation

2) Maintain Washington DC profile:

- Work with The Ferguson Group to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from ACWA trip
- Both Congressional delegation and regulatory departments related to water, including but not limited to BLM, NOAA (NMFS), USBR, USDA, USACE, and EPA.
- Develop relationships with new legislative staff.
- Attend ACWA trip each year or every other year
- Direct contact with associations including ACWA, WaterReuse, etc.

3) Provide support for relevant legislation.

4) Perform on existing federal grants and loans.

State of California Delegation



John Laird, Senate District 17



Dawn Addis, Assembly District 30

Also: Anna Caballero (Senate District 12) and Robert Rivas (Assembly District 29)

State of California Strategy

- 1) Work on lifting Cease & Desist Order
- 2) Attempt to pass clean-up legislation on Non-Functional Turf enforcement
- 3) Maintain Sacramento profile:
 - Work with JEA Associates to organize timely trips as needed, but at least once a year separate from needs-based visits.
 - Pursue other grant and/or special legislation opportunities.
 - Visit w/ Governor Newsom's appointee's in relevant key positions
 - Meet with legislative team locally
 - Attend CSDA, ACWA, and/or WateReuse legislative days
- 4) Provide support/opposition for relevant legislation.
 - Pursue omnibus legislation to provide special districts enforcement powers under Water Use Efficiency Objective law
 - Maintain JEA bill-tracking
 - Provide letters of support or opposition on legislation and regulations that affect the water industry. Current effort on proposed SWRCB regulations.
- 5) Develop helpful relationships: ACWA, WateReuse, others

Local Strategy

- 1) Continue effort to modify CDO and foster use of jurisdictional water allocations.
- 2) Maintain District role in regional water issues related to:
 - Pure Water Monterey expansion
 - Desalination
 - Los Padres Dam and Reservoir studies
 - Manage local IRWM and WRDA efforts
 - Groundwater Sustainability
 - Regionalism in water, generally
- 3) Encourage information flow and public participation in Measure J / Water System Acquisition where possible.
- 4) Participate in County-wide efforts (CEQA, OES, Water planning, Carmel River/Lagoon)
- 5) Maintain outreach to local associations government affairs committees (Chambers, MCAR, MCHA, Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, jurisdictions' mayors and councils); Meet new councilmembers and board members.
- 6) Better articulate CPUC activities to local ratepayer groups

ITEM: ACTION ITEM**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO THE AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Salary & Benefits
Prepared By:	David J. Stoldt	Cost Estimate:	Will be included in FY 2026-27 Budget

General Counsel Review:**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: On December 15, 2025, the Board met and discussed the General Manager's annual performance appraisal. The Board is satisfied with the General Manager's performance and noted the General Manager continues to perform at a high level advancing the Board's goals and direction.

The Board suggested changes related to the General Manager's Employment Contract to adjust for the cost of living. The attached proposed amendment to the Agreement for Employment of General Manager is attached as **Exhibit 9-A**.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended the Board approve compensation changes as shown in "Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Employment of General Manager," **Exhibit 9-A**.

EXHIBIT**9-A** Proposed Amendment No. 8 to the Agreement for Employment of General Manager

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EXHIBIT 9-A

AMENDMENT NO. 8 TO AGREEMENT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF GENERAL MANAGER

The following amendment has been made and entered into this 26th day of January 2026, by and between the MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT (the District) and DAVID JON STOLDT ("Stoldt"). It amends the salary provisions found in the Agreement for Employment of General Manager, dated June 20, 2016, as amended. The amendment shall have an effective date of January 26, 2026. In consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree to amend the General Manager's contract as follows, all other terms and conditions remaining the same:

III. COMPENSATION OF STOLDT.

A. Salary.

As General Manager, STOLDT shall receive a cost of living adjustment (COLA) in base salary added to his 2025-26 annual base salary, effective July 1, 2026, in an amount identical to the approved COLA for the General Staff unit equal to 3.0%.

Any other compensation or benefits calculated as a percent of salary shall be adjusted accordingly.

GENERAL MANAGER

DAVID JON STOLDT

MONTEREY PENINSULA
WATER MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

IAN OGLESBY, CHAIR

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM**10. RECEIVE DRAFT MONITORING AND MITIGATION PLAN FOR WATER EXTRACTION ON THE CARMEL RIVER (TEN-YEAR PLAN)**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/	N/A
		Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Thomas Christensen and Cory Hamilton	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: As part of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's (MPWMD) 2025 Strategic Goals and Objectives, staff was asked to review the Carmel River Mitigation Program in the context of California American Water (Cal-Am) complying with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order WR 2016-0016 (i.e., the "Cease and Desist Order" or CDO). The attached Draft Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Water Extraction on the Carmel River addresses these objectives by identifying Carmel River mitigation activities required by regulatory agencies. The report also identifies data needs to help refine the program in the future as well as looking at climate change and its influence on the Carmel River. Staff recommends extending the Mitigation Program for 10 years to capture various water year classifications to help determine the amount of dry back and groundwater drawdown along the Carmel River based on the current pumping rate. This dry back information is critical to understanding how community water use impacts the Carmel River and the ecosystem that depends on it.

BACKGROUND: On November 5, 1990, the MPWMD Board certified the Final Water Allocation Environmental Impact Report (Allocation EIR) and adopted findings which included a comprehensive Mitigation Program. Even though Option V (16,744 acre-feet per year from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System) was the least damaging alternative of the five options it was determined that there would still be significant environmental impacts that must be mitigated. Mitigation activities focused on the steelhead fishery, riparian habitat, Carmel River lagoon, and aesthetic resources. In addition, the 1990 Mitigation Plan incorporated other MPWMD programs such as the Carmel River Management Program (1983) and the Interim Relief Plan (1988).

Then in 1995 with Order 95-10, the SWRCB found that the Mitigation Program was alleviating the effects of Cal-Am's diversions on the Carmel River. At the time the SWRCB was considering Order 95-10, MPWMD's Mitigation Program was going to be reviewed in June 1996. To ensure that those mitigation measures continued to be implemented pending a long-term water supply

solution, the SWRCB ordered Cal-Am to implement those mitigation programs if MPWMD ceased those activities after June 30, 1996, making the Mitigation Program a contingent obligation of Cal-Am. However, MPWMD continued to implement the Mitigation Program, funded in part by the User Fee. Interested outside agencies such as the Sierra Club, the Carmel River Steelhead Association, and others have expressed a specific interest in MPWMD maintaining responsibility for execution of mitigation activities. To date, as part of the annual budget approval process, the MPWMD Board has voted to continue the program.

In addition, SWRCB permits (20808A and 20808C) and the MPWMD Phase 1 Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Environmental Impact Report have permit conditions that are intertwined with the MPWMD's Mitigation Program. These include monitoring fish passage during ASR operations as well as carrying out annual fish rescues.

The Mitigation Program has demonstrated its effectiveness through restoration and protection of the riparian corridor as well as preserving threatened steelhead in drying portions of the Carmel River. The program has lessened environmental impacts on the Carmel River that resulted from community water use. Until mitigation activities can be documented as no longer necessary, they will remain a required cost of operations related to the provision of water. MPWMD staff propose an additional ten years of monitoring and mitigation to understand how the new pumping regime will impact the Carmel River.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required for this matter. It is provided for information/discussion only.

EXHIBIT

10-A Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Water Extraction on the Carmel River

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EXHIBIT 10-A**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

Draft
Monitoring and Mitigation Plan for Water Extraction on the Carmel River
Ten-Year Plan

January 20, 2026

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Section 1: Executive Summary

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District / MPWMD) initiated its environmental work shortly after its formation in 1978 to address severe ecological impacts on the Carmel River caused by decades of water diversions, dam operations, and groundwater pumping. Early efforts to reduce environmental harm included emergency fish rescues, irrigation to preserve riparian vegetation, and restoration projects to prevent erosion along the riparian corridor. These actions were developed collaboratively with state agencies and local stakeholders to offset environmental damage linked to water supply practices in the 1988 Interim Relief Plan. In 1990, the District's Mitigation Program was developed following a comprehensive Water Allocation Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The District adopted a formal Mitigation Program to reduce significant adverse impacts on riparian habitats, fisheries, and lagoon habitat resulting from water allocation policies as part of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Over time, the Mitigation Program has been referenced and included in measures tied to projects such as Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), with specific requirements for habitat monitoring, fish passage improvements, and flow management. This program has since evolved into a long-term initiative which has been continuously extended by the District Board to support the regulatory mandates. Funding for the Mitigation Program is from the users of the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System.

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), through Order 95-10, recognized the effectiveness of the District's Mitigation Program after determining that California American Water (Cal-Am) was unlawfully diverting approximately 10,730 acre-feet of water annually from the Carmel River Basin. If the District discontinued its river mitigation efforts, Cal-Am would be required to assume responsibility for the relief program. Today, with Cal-Am operating within its legal limit of 3,376 acre-feet per year, the District Board has requested an updated review of the Mitigation Program as part of its strategic planning process.

Over the past four years, Cal-Am has operated within its legal diversion limit, enabling District staff to assess the Carmel River's response under the reduced pumping regime across various water year classifications. In 2025—a “below normal” year—the river still experienced intermittent drying conditions over four miles. These new operational parameters provide critical benchmarks for evaluating the Mitigation Programs shortfalls or successes. District staff remain obligated to implement mitigation and monitoring measures to balance groundwater extraction from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer (CVAA) with the goal of protecting threatened species and their habitats. Legal mandates continue to establish a clear link between these mitigation requirements and water supply operations from both the Carmel River and ASR. Until data demonstrate that mitigation is no longer necessary, these activities will remain an essential function of the District.

The Mitigation Program has shown that it has and will continue to reduce environmental impacts on the Carmel River resulting from community water usage. Regulatory orders, including SWRCB's Order 95-10 and subsequent ASR water rights permits, have reinforced the program's role in mitigating ecological impacts and maintaining compliance with state environmental standards. Today, the program remains the most efficient and effective mechanism for meeting mitigation obligations, supported by agency expertise, established processes, and strong stakeholder endorsement.

To evaluate long-term outcomes, District staff propose a 10-year Monitoring and Mitigation Plan extension to focus on riparian corridor maintenance, steelhead rescue and rearing, and lagoon monitoring plus analyzing data associated with these practices. Consulting with state and federal entities on the District's restorative efforts and data review will help determine if the mitigation measures should be extended for a longer period. This extended timeframe will determine whether mitigation measures can be sustained despite current pumping limits and the climate variability in the annual precipitation. The ten-year period is based on statistically capturing various water years to understand how the current legal pumping regime is impacting the Carmel River.

Section 2: Mitigation Program History

The District's Mitigation Program began soon after the creation of the District in 1978. In the 1970's and 1980's the community familiar with the Carmel River observed the loss of riparian vegetation, extensive erosion along river front properties and a struggling steelhead fishery. The first major alterations to the hydraulic regime of the Carmel River started with the construction of San Clemente Dam (1921) and Los Padres Dam (1948). Then in the late 1950s extensive groundwater pumping started in the Carmel River Watershed. It didn't take long for scientists and the community to realize that many of the problems observed along the Carmel River were linked to the community's water supply.

In 1983, the District adopted the Carmel River Management Program in an effort to restore the resources and stability of the Carmel River. The program focused on management of fourteen miles of the river from the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) to Camp Steffani just east of Carmel Valley Village. The 1984 Carmel River Management Plan identified eight miles of the Carmel River that needed significant restoration to stabilize eroding streambanks and help promote natural river processes. Some of the first restoration efforts started at Garland Park with willow plantings and in 1987 the District carried out the Schulte Restoration Project.

In 1988, the District implemented the Interim Relief Plan (IRP) in an effort to offset impacts from water extraction. This included the steelhead rescue and rearing program and irrigation of riparian vegetation. This plan was developed cooperatively by representatives from Cal-Am, MPWMD, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), SWRCB, Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA), and the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA). The IRP was also developed at the request of the SWRCB as part of a settlement for two water rights complaints filed by CRSA in 1987. The IRP initially included three general program elements directly related to steelhead and riparian vegetation as part of its initial Emergency Relief Plan: (1) Fish Rescues and Rearing, (2) Irrigation of Riparian Vegetation, and (3) Flow Releases from San Clemente Dam (SCD). The intent of the flow releases was to provide steelhead habitat that could be sustained throughout the Low Flow Season with existing water supplies. This was to be achieved through two processes: a) the negotiation of an Annual Low Flow Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Cal-Am, CDFG, and MPWMD regarding the release of water from SCD; and b) the Quarterly Water Supply Budget process mandated by District Ordinance No. 19. At the time the IRP was adopted, Fish Rearing and Rescues were focused on moving fish upstream into year-round flowing waters with some short-term rearing in off-stream ponds, and capturing and moving smolts downstream to the ocean in drier years, when they otherwise would not have been able to reach the ocean. The IRP was subsequently replaced by the Mitigation Program resulting from the 1990 EIR, described below.

In 1990, the District revised the Water Allocation Program to reflect dry rainfall year conditions instead of average rainfall year conditions. As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to consider the environmental effects of the Water Allocation Program. This EIR evaluated the environmental effects assuming five different production volumes from the various sources of supply on the Monterey Peninsula. Based on the revised analysis that was conducted, the annual production limit from the MPWRS for Cal-Am's main distribution system was reduced to 16,744 Acre Feet per Year (AFY) and a moratorium on new or expanded water uses was imposed.

The EIR concluded that the Water Allocation Program could have significant or potentially significant environmental effects unless mitigated. Therefore, in implementing the Water Allocation Program, the District was required under CEQA to mitigate, to the extent feasible, the significant impacts of the Water Allocation Program. On November 5, 1990, the Water Management District Board certified the Final EIR for the Water Allocation Program and adopted findings that included a Five-Year Mitigation Program for the selected production limits.

Five water supply options were analyzed in the EIR, along with associated impacts, and possible mitigations. Impacts to riparian vegetation, riparian wildlife, special-status wildlife, fisheries, and aesthetics without full mitigation measures were projected to be “significant adverse impacts” that could be reduced to “potentially significant” or “less than significant” adverse impacts with mitigation. The District’s Board adopted a Mitigation Program and authorized staff to carry out that program for five years, until June 30, 1996, and to report the results of the Mitigation Program to the Board. Following public hearings in May 1996, the District Board authorized continuation of the Five-Year Mitigation Program through 2001. Since 2001, the District Board has voted to continue the Comprehensive Mitigation Program as part of the District’s annual budget approval process.

In Order 95-10, the State Water Resources Control Board found that the Mitigation Program was alleviating the effects of Cal-Am’s diversions on the Carmel River. At the time the SWRCB was considering Order 95-10, the District’s Mitigation Program was initially intended to be reviewed in June 1996. To ensure the mitigation measures continued to be implemented pending a long-term water supply solution, the SWRCB ordered Cal-Am to implement those mitigation programs even if the District ceased those activities after June 30, 1996, making the Mitigation Program a contingent obligation of Cal-Am. However, the District continued to implement the Mitigation Program, funded in part by the User Fee, until 2009 when the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) ordered Cal-Am to cease collecting and remitting the User Fee, which occurred in May 2011. During 2011 to 2016, Cal-Am and the District worked cooperatively to ensure the Mitigation Program continued uninterrupted. Then in 2016 MPWMD began to collect the User Fee again after winning a court case against the Commission.

The Commission has also concluded that the Mitigation Program is a contingent obligation of Cal-Am. Because MPWMD has been implementing this program, ostensibly to the satisfaction of the State Water Resources Control Board, and the personnel and processes are in place, continued implementation by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is the most efficient and effective manner of meeting this responsibility. Further, most interested outside agencies such as the Sierra Club, the CRSA, and others have expressed a specific interest in the District maintaining responsibility for execution of mitigation activities.

The 2006 EIR for Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Phase 1 required two mitigation measures related to Fisheries: Aquatic Resources (AR)-1 requires MPWMD to conduct an annual survey of the riffles below River Mile 5.5, and if feasible, modify any deemed impassible, then monitor the worst five riffles during the diversion season to assure they remain passable, or cease diversions for ASR; AR-2 requires MPWMD to cooperate with Cal-Am to develop a program to maintain, recover, or increase storage at LPR, and continue the fish rescue program as needed.

The SWRCB issued Permits 20808A and 20808C for ASR Phase 1 and 2 which added more requirements: Conditions 19 and 20 are related to gages and monitoring, Condition 24 requires a continuation of the Annual Low Flow MOA process in an attempt to insure 5+ cubic-feet per second (CFS) of flow at the Sleepy Hollow Weir insofar as possible with existing LPR storage, Condition 25 requires a continuation of fish rescues as outlined by Condition 3 of 1990 Water Allocation EIR's Fisheries Mitigation program, Condition 26 seeks to conduct studies to determine the efficiency of annual fish rescues, Condition 27 requires the implementation of all aspects of the Carmel River Lagoon Mitigation Measures specified in the 1990 Water Allocation EIR, and Condition 29 highlights the riparian requirements of the Mitigation Program and the Final Phase 1 Aquifer, Storage and Recovery Project Environmental Impact Report.

Section 3: Carmel River Mitigation Plan Strategies

Water districts across California are increasingly implementing mitigation measures in response to the ecological impacts of groundwater and surface water extraction including the depletion of interconnected surface waters that support steelhead populations. The Carmel River is tied to the alluvial aquifer which is known to flow in definite subterranean channels and pumping groundwater from the alluvial aquifer has a direct connection to the surface flow in the Carmel River. The District is not alone in developing strategies such as seasonal flow releases, habitat restoration, fish passage improvements, and enhanced monitoring of streamflow and water quality parameters to support steelhead migration and rearing. For example, during critical spring months when steelhead smolts migrate to the ocean, some districts adjust diversions to maintain connectivity between river systems and the ocean. These efforts reflect a growing recognition of the need to balance water supply reliability with the protection of endangered aquatic species.

Many water diverters are also required to produce plans, such as Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP), to reduce the impacts of their diversions under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These plans are being developed and executed to minimize and mitigate the negative impacts of their water diversion activities and outline measures to protect listed species. The City of Santa Cruz and Monterey County Water Resources Agency are local examples of water diverters that are in the process of producing plans to protect the aquatic environment from the negative impacts of water diversions. Santa Clara County has a county wide HCP which includes the Santa Clara Valley Water District's water production operations, in this HCP there are specific plans to balance their water supply needs with stream habitat needed for protected species.

MPWMD has been a leader in conservation activities and mitigations designed to protect the Carmel River starting in the 1990s. The success of the program has been recognized statewide and much of the original language has been incorporated into recent water rights permits. As long as the Monterey Peninsula continues to use the Carmel River for a water supply, there will be a need to monitor and enhance stream habitat for its protected species.

Scope of Monitoring

The District would continue to monitor the following physical and biological parameters that are currently being carried out.

Hydrologic and Habitat monitoring

- Rainfall
- Streamflow (gaging)
- Groundwater extraction data
- Water quality data
- Low-flow dry-back surveys
- LPR sedimentation rates
- LPR evaporation rates

Rainfall, stream gaging, and groundwater extraction data are fundamental in understanding how the Carmel River is responding hydrologically to various Water Year types. The District has 5 stream gages on the mainstem of the Carmel River and 8 on significant tributaries, as well as two locations that observe rainfall data. Monterey County has additional rainfall gages. Cal-Am reports monthly groundwater extraction data, and private pumpers report data to the District annually.

Water Year types are characterized by using data from stream flow and directly related to rainfall amounts. Characterizing water year types helps distinguish from the seven types of Water Years (Extremely Dry, Dry, Below Normal, Normal, Above Normal, Wet and Extremely Wet) which assist in assessing potential impacts to water supply and aquatic habitat viability from year to year.

Groundwater extraction is not as dynamic as rainfall from year to year; therefore, associated impacts are variable. The lower the rainfall, the more impacts are associated with consistent groundwater pumping. There are currently data gaps on how the river will respond during different water years (October 1 through September 30) and Cal-Am reducing their annual extraction to the legal limit.

Water quality and temperature conditions are dependent on the amount of water and flow of water through habitat units. Groundwater extraction decreases the amount of surface water available in the river, thus impacting the water quality conditions. This phenomena can be described from decreased water surface elevations or from intermittent flow to completely dry river channel. The Mitigation Plan recommends the continuation of routine water quality and water temperature monitoring to assess the impacts to habitat from groundwater withdrawal.

MPWMD will continue low-flow surveys to assess the amount of dry-back during different water year types. Dry back and loss of surface flow reduces the amount of suitable habitat and water quality for rearing steelhead, impacts steelhead migration opportunities upstream and downstream, and negatively impacts lagoon volume, water quality, and riparian vegetation.

The Los Padres Reservoir is the main surface storage facility on the Carmel River. Water storage held behind the dam allows for summer flow releases to the river and keeps the river flowing longer and helps offset impacts to the alluvial aquifer from groundwater extraction. Routine bathymetric mapping of Los Padres reservoir will help track storage in the reservoir and its rate of sedimentation. The 1990 EIR assumed that Los Padres Reservoir would have a dredging program and that storage would be held static. A dredging program was never

implemented and as such the reservoir has lost storage capacity. Loss of storage at Los Padres Reservoir reduces the ability to manage flows in the lower Carmel River and offset groundwater extraction.

Currently Cal-Am tracks the evaporation rate of Los Padres Reservoir. These data are used when looking at long-term storage at Los Padres Reservoir and helps guide the modeling of low flow releases. It is possible that these values may change over time with climate change because of predicted increasing air temperatures.

Biological Monitoring

- Juvenile Population Surveys
- Migration Survival Rates
- BMI monitoring

Juvenile salmonids are highly sensitive to changes in water quality, temperature, flow, and habitat. A decline in their numbers often signals broader environmental stress before adult populations are affected. Their distribution and abundance help identify which stream reaches are providing suitable rearing habitat—and which ones are impacted. The District has been monitoring juvenile production since 1990, acquiring one of the longest records in this region. This long-term data set allows for comparison throughout time and during different flow management strategies. This plan continues monitoring the juvenile population to compare impacts from previous groundwater extraction management to current practices and water year type. These data are also used for current compliance of requirements required by the regulatory agencies, to use the Carmel River as a source of water supply.

Monitoring steelhead migration and survival in fragmented river systems is a complex but vital task for conservation and fisheries management. Fragmentation—caused by dams, diversions, and altered flow regimes—can disrupt migration routes, reduce habitat connectivity, and increase mortality. The District uses a Resistance Board Weir and Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags that are inserted into fish and detected at fixed stations throughout the river, to estimate abundance, survival rates and migration timing. These data are used to adaptively manage water resources, monitor long-term fish population trends, and are required as performance indicators for current mitigations.

Benthic macroinvertebrates (BMI), river bottom-dwelling organisms—such as aquatic insects, crustaceans, and mollusks—are sensitive to changes in water chemistry, temperature, and sedimentation, making them reliable indicators of stream health. Monitoring BMI is a valuable method for assessing water quality and supporting the ecological needs of steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). A diverse and abundant macroinvertebrate community typically reflects good water quality, while declines in species richness or shifts toward pollution-tolerant taxa can signal environmental degradation. For steelhead, these invertebrates also serve as a critical food source during juvenile development, influencing growth rates and survival. The District has monitored BMI for over 20 years in the Carmel River which serves as a baseline to compare the past impacts to current conditions as we move forward with new management strategies. Past monitoring results have documented negative effects on BMI communities from urbanization and reservoir systems, as well as showing improvement of BMI communities from the removal of San Clemente Dam. By regularly sampling and analyzing the BMI population, District biologists track and ensure that stream conditions remain suitable for sustaining steelhead and other aquatic life.

Riparian Monitoring

- Riparian moisture stress
- Depth to groundwater

Monitoring riparian vegetation for moisture stress associated with groundwater extraction along the Carmel River is essential for understanding ecosystem health and guiding sustainable water management. Riparian zones, which rely heavily on shallow groundwater to support native plant communities, are particularly vulnerable to declines in water availability caused by municipal pumping. When groundwater levels drop, plants may exhibit signs of stress such as reduced leaf area, premature leaf drop, or shifts in species composition toward drought-tolerant varieties. Regular monitoring—using tools like remote sensing and field surveys can help detect these changes early and inform adaptive management strategies. This approach is critical not only for preserving biodiversity and habitat quality, but also for maintaining the ecological functions that riparian corridors provide, such as water filtration, erosion control, and wildlife connectivity.

Monitoring canopy vigor of riparian vegetation is a vital indicator of moisture stress, particularly in regions where groundwater availability influences plant health. Canopy vigor—reflected in leaf density, color, and overall biomass—can decline when plants experience reduced access to subsurface water, often due to groundwater extraction or prolonged drought. Stress symptoms may include thinning foliage, discoloration, and reduced growth, which can compromise habitat quality and ecological functions such as shading, nutrient cycling, and bank stabilization. District staff would continue to monitor tree canopy vigor in the riparian corridor next to Cal-Am municipal supply wells during summer months (July-October). These sites would include Cañada, Cypress, Pearce and Schulte wells.

Monitoring depth to groundwater is also a critical component in assessing moisture stress in riparian vegetation. Riparian species, such as willows and cottonwoods, often have root systems that tap directly into groundwater, making them sensitive to fluctuations in water table levels. When groundwater elevations decline due to extraction or prolonged drought, plants may experience reduced access to moisture, leading to physiological stress indicators like leaf wilting, canopy thinning, and decreased growth rates. By regularly measuring groundwater depth through wells or piezometers, along the Carmel River, the District can correlate changes in water availability with vegetation health, enabling timely interventions with supplemental irrigation to mitigate ecological degradation. The District would continue to monitor depth to groundwater and compare new data to historical trends related to Cal-Am's lawful diversion limit (3,376 acre-feet / year)

Lagoon Monitoring

- wetland vegetation monitoring and water quality monitoring due to impacts of groundwater extraction.

The Findings for Adoption of the Water Allocation Program Final EIR identified three mitigation measures to reduce impacts to the Carmel River Lagoon, including wildlife that is dependent on it (Finding Nos. 390-A through C, and 392). They include: (a) assist with lagoon enhancement

plan investigations, (b) expand long-term monitoring program of the lagoon, and (c) identify feasible alternatives to maintain adequate lagoon volume.

The mouth of the Carmel River supports a small emergent wetland and riverine riparian area known as the Carmel River Lagoon. The estuary and associated wetlands are dependent on the Carmel River. The District has been monitoring the wetlands since 1995 as part of mitigations associated with the 1990 Allocation EIR. The EIR identified potential adverse impacts to the lagoon from reduced freshwater inflow such as wetland size or forced plant succession toward an upland or salt marsh habitat type.

Climate Change Monitoring

- climate change impacts- wetter and drier for longer periods of time and increased air temperature and evaporation effects.
- future effects of increased fire risks

Climate change is driving significant shifts in the hydrology and ecology of coastal streams in California. Central coast streams are characteristic of Mediterranean climates and reflect strong seasonal precipitation patterns of winter/spring-wet high flows, and summer/fall-dry low flows, often with flash flows during storm episodes. Climate change is likely to increase the amplitude of this pattern with drought and flood extremes and further drying of many streams. (Langridge, 2018). Climate change poses a severe, long-term threat to South-Central California Coast steelhead. These potential changes in climate could result in the potential risk of extinction of the species due to changes in precipitation patterns and rising air and water temperatures. These climate variations coupled with ongoing habitat loss and degradation, could result in reduced stream flows, degraded water quality, and fragmented habitats. More intense rainfall during the wet season and increased risks of fire in the dry season throughout watershed lands could lead to increased sediment loading in reservoirs, hence reducing storage capacities. A foreseeable practice of increasing riparian irrigation to offset higher air temperatures and evapotranspiration is likely. District staff will monitor new research as it becomes available from climate scientists and explore the acquisition of new data being collected along the Carmel River to help determine if additional monitoring along the Carmel River is needed to counteract the new problems associated with a changing climate.

Scope of Activities

- Fish Rescue and Rearing
- Limited Irrigation of Riparian Corridor
- Limited Restoration of Streambanks

The Steelhead Fish Rescue and Rearing Program would continue as it is today with a focus on how dry back of the Carmel River is changing based on changes in groundwater pumping. Active rescue work would start in tributaries close to the confluence of the Carmel River (typically in May and June). Work would then transition to fish rescue on the mainstem of the Carmel River starting in late June or early July depending on the season's rainfall. Steelhead will continue to be reared at the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility during the Fall and early Winter and relocated to perennial portions of the river and the lagoon when favorable

conditions are present. A portion of released fish are tagged and monitored to assess performance of the program.

Irrigating riparian areas adjacent to municipal supply wells has been implemented when the Carmel River goes dry during the summer. This practice was performed to prevent degradation of the riparian corridor from groundwater extraction. However, over the years, riparian vegetation has become established through a variety of restoration activities and a reduction in groundwater pumping. Scaling back riparian irrigation system usage is a result of sufficient soil moisture occurring in and along the riparian area. The riparian corridor is still being monitored for environmental stress, however any large-scale irrigation systems may no longer be needed based on current streamflow and groundwater pumping regimes. Irrigation would still occur to establish new restoration plantings that are part of a larger restoration project. Targeted irrigation during multi-year droughts could be used to help maintain riparian vegetation if deemed necessary.

Restoration and stabilization of streambanks in areas that have traditionally gone dry due to groundwater pumping has been carried out by the District over many years. The most recent project, the Rancho San Carlos Bank Stabilizing Project, was completed in 2018. The District continues to monitor streambank stability, especially after high flow events. No other streambank stabilization projects are being planned in the lower river. The District could fund a stabilization project in the lower river if significant erosion was accelerated by annual dewatering of the river or a high flow event.

Length of Time to Monitor and Carry Out Mitigation Activities

District staff recommend 10 additional years of monitoring post any modification to the Cease-and-Desist Order. This new study period would allow District staff the ability to see how the river habitat conditions, steelhead populations, and groundwater elevations will respond to reduced pumping around the Carmel River by Cal-Am. The decision to extend the monitoring duration was determined by conducting a summary of statistics for unimpaired Carmel River flow data from 1902 to 2025. Capturing a wide range of water years (critically dry, dry, below normal, normal, above normal, wet, and extremely wet) will aid in seeing how much the Carmel River dries back in various water year types. Staff have already observed the mainstem of the Carmel River go dry (1/2 mile) for about a week next to the Cal-Am Canada Well in October of 2024 after a classified "Above Normal" year. Another staff observation was 4 ½ miles of the Carmel River going to intermittent flows and being completely dry during the 2025 season after a classified "Below Normal" year. To further the request for more time to monitor key indicators is the life cycle of steelhead is roughly 3 to 4 years. Determining any impacts to Steelhead populations during three life cycles would be a prudent exercise. Furthermore, several housing developments such as September Ranch and Rancho Cañada Villages will be occupied soon and an increase in water production from areas near the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer (CVAA) and extractions directly from CVAA respectively will impact Mitigation Program activities.

Mitigation Program Budget

Mitigation Program costs for FY 2023-2024 totaled approximately \$2.86 million including direct personnel expenses from the ERD division and other divisions within the District. Mitigation Program expenditures include facility operating costs, monitoring and sample collection, capital equipment replacement and renewal, and fixed asset purchases. The annual cost of mitigation efforts varies because several mitigation measures are weather-dependent. Expenditures in FY

2023-2024 were lower than the prior fiscal year by \$0.7 million due to a decrease in costs related to mitigation project expenditures. In the past, expenditures had trended upward due to expenditures for the Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) Project. ASR Project costs are no longer captured under Mitigation Program Costs.

Operational Changes to the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System and Unknowns

- How do new wells and development affect flows in the Carmel River?
- How will an HCP change pumping and what conditions will be included?
- Will the CDO be modified and will there be new permit conditions?
- How does Pure Water Monterey Expansion impact pumping decisions along the Carmel River?
- What is the impact of different operational modes and subsequent changes to the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer from both private and Cal-Am pumbers?
- How does additional sewer connections to CAWD and subsequent loss of septic tank leach fields impact Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer levels?
- What is the future of Los Padres Reservoir?

The 10-year monitoring period will allow the District to evaluate additional impacts from new developments, new extraction wells, and resumed pumping of idle wells that have been maintained for future use. In addition, Cal-Am is moving forward with a new production well in the Palo Corona Park area, which will impact flows of the Carmel River.

Cal-Am is currently working with National Marine Fisheries Service on a Habitat Conservation Plan. A Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is a strategic tool used to balance human development with the protection of threatened or endangered species and their ecosystems. It allows landowners, developers, or agencies to proceed with projects that may incidentally affect protected wildlife. If a project does impact a species that has protected status then a responsible party of the project is required to implement specific conservation measures outlined in the plan. These plans typically include actions to preserve, restore, or enhance habitat, along with monitoring and mitigation strategies to minimize harm. By participating in an HCP, stakeholders can obtain legal authorization for limited impact through an “incidental take permit,” while contributing to long-term biodiversity preservation. It is unclear how a finalized HCP will impact the Mitigation Program.

It is also unknown if modifying the Cease-and-Desist Order (2016 and other WROs) will come with permit conditions that require monitoring or mitigation activities along the Carmel River. This future decision could lead to a lack of regulatory certainty.

The addition of Pure Water Monterey and Expansion has alleviated the unlawful diversion of water from the Carmel River. However, portions of the river are still going dry from Cal-Am and private well groundwater extractions. Additional years of monitoring will help District staff in understanding how this new source of water is helping the Carmel River flow longer into the summer months.

Monitoring for additional years may also help refine the operational modes of groundwater extraction. A new operational regime could help the Carmel River flow in reaches that have traditionally gone dry.

It is unclear how the Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD) will expand and offer new connections to the wastewater facility. A significant number of new connections could reduce return flows to the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer. Previous studies have shown that 30% of a house's water use returns to the ground through septic or irrigation of the landscape. It is important to understand how much new effluent would be captured and exported to CAWD in the next 10 years.

The fate of Los Padres Reservoir (LPR) is also being studied. LPR continues to fill in with sediment and has lost approximately 1,110 acre-feet (AF) of reservoir storage during the last 78 years. As the reservoir is filled in with sediment, the ability to enhance summer flows and rearing habitat for steelhead in the Carmel River would be incrementally reduced.

Currently releases from LPR are used to augment dry season flows in the Carmel River for the benefit of water diversion and steelhead habitat maintenance. If the dam is removed and alternative storage isn't developed, there will no longer be stored water available for this purpose. This may decrease the quality of existing steelhead habitat during the dry season. Drying of the channel during summer months, which occurs in most years below River Mile 8, could be extended across a greater length of stream and for a greater duration. This could affect the extent of suitable steelhead rearing habitat for steelhead and the amount and timing of water available for diversion.

The future of LPR is currently being evaluated. The most recent information is included in the Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Alternatives and Sediment Management Study (2023) located on the District website under water supply. In general, two alternatives have been identified as possible projects. One alternative involves dam and sediment removal, and the other involves storage expansion and dredging. Additional studies are being carried out related to flooding associated with dam removal and impacts on cultural resources associated with sediment disposal.

Section 4: Conclusion

The Mitigation Program has shown that it has lessened environmental impacts on the Carmel River that resulted from community water use and Cal-Am operations. The legally mandated program related to the provision of water is intertwined with ASR water rights and its foundation is the 1990 Water Allocation EIR. The State Water Resources Control Board Order 95-10 recognized the District's Mitigation Program. Ordering Paragraph 11 of Order 95-10 provides that Cal-Am is to implement all measures in mitigation of the MPWMD Water Allocation Program if those are "not implemented by MPWMD.". Additional time is necessary to monitor and carry out mitigation activities along the Carmel River under Cal-Am's legally recognized pumping rates to understand if certain program mitigation activities can be scaled back.

To evaluate the effectiveness of the Mitigation Program, descriptive statistical analysis will be used to assess trends and frequencies in key ecological indicators. Emphasis will be placed on the occurrence and duration of stream dry-back events, patterns in well pumping activity, and overall ecosystem health metrics. By analyzing the frequency distributions and temporal trends of these variables, the District can identify correlations between mitigation efforts and changes in hydrological and ecological conditions. This approach will help reveal whether the program can be modified in the future with data driven conclusions.

Appendix A: Summary of Current Mitigation Requirements

1990 Water Allocation EIR

Mitigation measures that are currently carried out come from the findings of the MPWMD Board of Directors for the certification of the Final Water Allocation Program Environmental Impact Report approved on November 5, 1990. They are summarized as follows starting at finding 384:

Fisheries (Finding Nos. 388 – A through D)

- Continue existing programs (1988 Interim Relief Plan)
- Capture and transport emigrating smolts in spring
- Prevent stranding of fall/winter juvenile migrants
- Rescue juveniles downstream of Robles del Rio in summer
- Modify spillway and transport smolts around Los Padres Dam

Riparian Vegetation and Wildlife (Finding Nos. 389-A through D, and 391)

- Continue existing programs (1988 Interim Relief Plan)
- Conservation and water distribution management
- Prepare and Oversee Riparian Corridor Management Plan
- Implement Riparian Corridor Management Program
- Expand Monitoring Program for Soil Moisture and Vegetative Stress

Lagoon Vegetation and Wildlife (Finding Nos. 390-A through C, and 392)

- Continue existing programs (1988 Interim Relief Plan)
- Assist with lagoon enhancement plan investigations
- Expand long-term lagoon monitoring program
- Identify feasible alternatives to maintain adequate lagoon volume

Aesthetics (Finding No. 393)

Final Phase 1 Aquifer, Storage and Recovery Project Mitigation Measures (August 21, 2006)

Mitigation Measure AR-1: Conduct Annual Survey Below River Mile 5.5 and Monitor River Flow in January–June Period (under Aquatic Resources pg. 4-2).

Even though the project impact is beneficial and no mitigation is required, the following mitigation is proposed to ensure adequate monitoring of the lower Carmel River. At the beginning of each diversion season and following each storm with a peak flow greater than 3,000 cfs, MPWMD shall conduct a survey of the river channel below RM 5.5 and identify five specific locations where low flows or the channel configuration could potentially block or impair upstream migration of adult steelhead.¹ During the period from December 1 through May 31 when water is being diverted from the Carmel River and injected into the Seaside Groundwater

Basin, MPWMD shall monitor flow at the Highway One Bridge, and water currents, depths, and channel configuration at each of the five sites previously identified. If evidence of impairment or blockage is found, MPWMD shall cease diverting until flow increases or until the channel configuration is modified to alleviate the blockage or impairment. If channel conditions improve or deteriorate for more than two seasons, the bypass flow criteria shall be re-examined and may be modified by NOAA Fisheries, CDFG, and the MPWMD.

Mitigation Measure AR-2: Cooperate to Help Develop a Project to Maintain, Recover, or Increase Storage in Los Padres Reservoir and If Needed, Continue Funding Program to Rescue and Rear Isolated Juveniles (under Aquatic Resources pg. 4-3).

To ensure the continued benefit of the Proposed Project to the Carmel River and dependent resources during future low-flow periods, MPWMD will encourage and work with Cal-Am, CDFG, and NOAA Fisheries to investigate and develop a project to improve summer flows and the quality of releases by maintaining, recovering, or increasing storage capacity in the existing Los Padres Reservoir. MPWMD will provide staff expertise and data, as requested. Cal-Am, as owner and operator of Los Padres Dam and Reservoir, is responsible for maintenance of the dam and compliance with existing regulations, including water right conditions. MPWMD will request that Cal-Am develop an updated elevation-capacity curve for Los Padres Reservoir that provides current estimates of the amount of storage capacity available at various elevations in the reservoir area.

In the meantime, MPWMD will continue funding and operation of its program to rescue and rear juvenile steelhead that are stranded downstream of the USGS gaging station at Robles del Rio (RM 14.4). This program is part of MPWMD's Mitigation Program that was adopted in 1990 when the MPWMD Board certified the MPWMD Water Allocation Program EIR. Without significant progress in maintaining storage capacity in Los Padres Reservoir, the rescue program will be needed in most years.

State of California Permit for Diversion and Use of Water Right Permit 20808A Mitigation Measures (2007)

- Permittees shall implement the Riparian Corridor Management Program outlined in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's November 1990 Water Allocation Program until Application 27614A is licensed. Survey data and analysis of results shall be submitted annually to the California Department of Fish and Game for review and comment (Condition 22).
- Until the project authorized by this permit becomes fully operational, Permittees shall continue to negotiate with California Department of Fish and Game to maintain, insofar as possible a minimum 5 cfs bypass flow below San Clemente Dam as measured at the Sleepy Hollow Weir (Condition 24).
- To prevent stranding of spring and fall steelhead juveniles and smolts during critically dry conditions, Permittees shall continue to implement the Fisheries Mitigation Measure 4 outlined in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program. The results shall be submitted to the Chief, Division of Water Rights (Condition 25).

- Permittees shall, in consultation with California Department of Fish and Game conduct studies to determine the effectiveness of fish rescue operations specified in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program. The results shall be submitted to the Chief, Division of Water Rights, for review and approval (Condition 26).
- Permittees shall implement the Lagoon Mitigation Program outlined in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program. Annual reports shall be submitted to the California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Fish and Game, and the Chief, Division of Water Rights for review (Condition 27).
- Permittees shall maintain in good working order all riparian irrigation systems owned or operated by Permittees under the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Allocation Program Environmental Impact Report, 5-Year Mitigation Program (November 1990) for use as needed during dry and critically dry water years (Condition 29).

State of California Permit for Diversion and Use of Water Amended Permit 20808C (2011)

- Permittees shall implement the Riparian Corridor Management Program outlined in the MPWMD's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program until Application 27614C is licensed. Survey data and analysis of results shall be submitted annually to DFG for review and comment (Condition 15).
- Until the project authorized by this permit becomes fully operational, permittees shall continue to negotiate with DFG to maintain, insofar as possible, a minimum 5 cubic feet per second bypass flow below San Clemente Dam as measured at the Sleepy Hollow weir (Condition 17).
- To prevent stranding of spring and fall steelhead juveniles and smolts during critically dry conditions, permittees shall continue to implement Fisheries Mitigation Measure 3 as outlined in the MPWMD's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program (Condition 18).
- Permittees shall, in consultation with DFG, conduct studies to determine the effectiveness of fish rescue operations specified in the MPWMD's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program. The results shall be submitted to the Deputy Director for Water Rights, for review and approval (Condition 19).
- Permittees shall implement the Lagoon Mitigation Program outlined in the MPWMD's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program. Annual reports shall be submitted to the Department of Parks and Recreation, DFG, and the Deputy Director for Water Rights for review (Condition 20).
- Permittees shall maintain in good working order all riparian irrigation systems owned or operated by permittees under the MPWMD's November 1990 Water Allocation Mitigation Program for use as needed during dry and critically dry water years (Condition 21).

Table 1 summarizes the requirements from the 1990 Water Allocation EIR and the 2006 Phase I Aquifer Storage and Recovery EIR.

Table 1. Carmel River Mitigation Program Activities
(Allocation EIR, ASR EIR, ASR Water Rights, Carmel River Management Plan)

Tasks	Permits Required	Document	Type
Steelhead Fish Rescue	ESA Sect 10 RRMP/SCP	a,b,c,d	Fisheries
Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility	ESA Sect 10 RRMP/SCP	a,b,c,d	Fisheries
Fyke Trap (smolt rescue)	ESA Sect 10 RRMP/SCP	a,b,c,d	Fisheries
Redd Surveys	ESA 4D/ SCP	d	Fisheries
Water Quality Monitoring	None	a,c,d	Fisheries
Water Temperature Monitoring	None	a,c,d	Fisheries
Pop Surveys- Juvenile	ESA 4D/ SCP	a,c,d	Fisheries
Habitat- Embeddedness	None	a	Fisheries
BMI (benthic macroinvertebrates)	SCP		Fisheries
Critical Riffles Monitoring	None	a,b	Fisheries
Pit Tag Array (fish monitoring stations)	None	c,d	Fisheries
Weir (adult steelhead counting station)	ESA 4D/ SCP	c,d	Fisheries
Gravel Injection	ACE, CDFW 1602		Fisheries
Lagoon Fish Survey	ESA 4D/ SCP		Fisheries
Lagoon Monitoring- Monterey County Contract	Contract with County		Fisheries
Permits for working with Steelhead	All	a,b,c,d	Fisheries
Low Flow MOA	None	a,c	Fisheries
Quarterly Water Budget	None	e	Fisheries
Stakeholder Outreach	None		Fisheries
TAC Groups	None	a, b, d	Fisheries
Monitoring of Riparian Corridor	None	a, c	Riparian
Monitor Physical Changes along C.R.	None	a, c	Riparian
Irrigation System Operation and Maintenance	Property Owner Permissision	a, c	Riparian
Restoration Project Design and Implementation	Many	a, c, g	Riparian
Restoration Project Maintenance	Depends	a, c, g	Riparian
Vegetation Management	Many	g	Riparian
Permit Acquisition for Veg. Mgmt.		g	Riparian
Ordinance Enforcement	None	f	Multiple
Provied Technical Assistance to Prop. Owners	None	f, g	Riparian
Public Outreach	None	a,b,c,d,e,f,g	Riparian
Permits Issued by the District	None	f	Riparian
Compile Annual Mitigation Report	None	a,b,c,d	Multiple
Surface and Groundwater Monitoring	State Parks Right of Entry	a, c	Multiple
Lagoon Vegetation Surveys	State Parks Right of Entry	a, c	Wetland

a = Water Allocation EIR, b = ASR EIR, c = ASR Water Rights, d = Rescue and Rearing Management Plan,

e = Ord 19 (rule 101 - quaterly water budget), f= Ordinance 10 (Rule 123,124,125 - river management),

and g = Carmel River Management Plan

Federal, State, and Local Permits Required for the Mitigation Program

To carry out these activities there are Federal, State and County permits that are required. The District currently maintains these permits (1-3 Fisheries) and (4-10 Restoration and Vegetation Management):

1. Research and Enhancement Permit, ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) NOAA Fisheries
2. ESA Section 4(D) NOAA Fisheries
3. Scientific Collectors Permit (CDFW)
4. Regional General Permit (SPN-1999-244600) with the Army Corps of Engineers
5. National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion (in consultation with USACE)
6. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinion (in consultation with USACE)
7. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Routine Maintenance Agreement)
8. Regional Water Quality Control Board (401 Water Quality Certification)
9. California Coastal Commission Waiver for Vegetation Management in the Coastal Zone
10. Monterey County Coordination

Appendix B: Description of Mitigation Program Activities

Fish Rescue:

Fish rescues are required as mitigation for all water production uses of the Carmel River. They are outlined as conditions in water rights for ASR and Cal-Am Carmel River diversion (Order 95-10) as well as mitigations in the Water Allocation FEIR and ASR FEIR to reduce impacts of groundwater extraction. The major impact of groundwater extraction is reduced surface flow available in the river channel. The average amount of river channel that deters annually since 2000 is approximately 5 river miles (**Figure 1**).

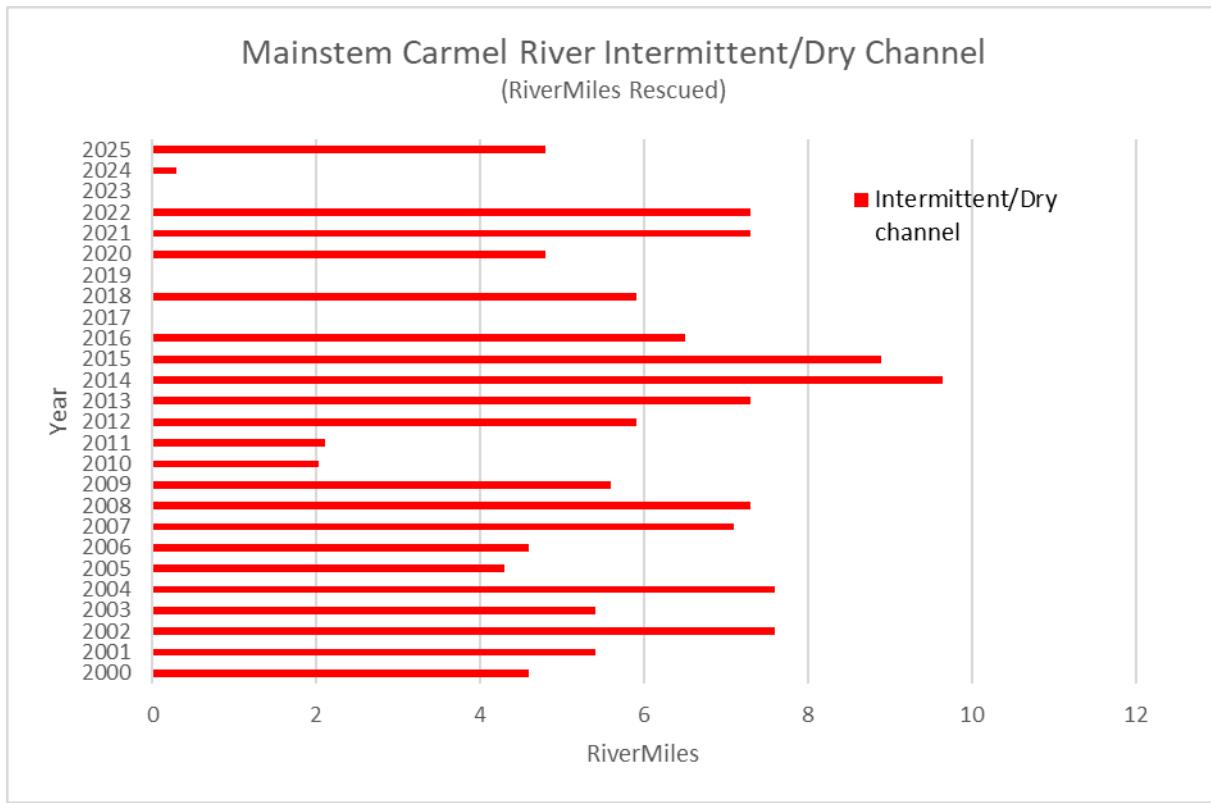


Figure 1. Annual amount of intermittent/dry river channel in river miles.

Fish rescue typically occurs in June but sometimes starts as early as April in extremely dry water years (**Figure 2**). Fish are transported to perennial habitat upstream or are reared at the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility. When the river rewets in winter, typically December or January fish are then released back into the river to continue their life cycle. A percentage of fish are implanted with a Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag and monitored to assess the performance of the rescue program. These small tags are detected when fish swim through an array, which allows specific fish identification and results in data on fish migration and survival rates.

PIT tagging data analysis to date has shown that fish rescued in the Carmel River are mitigating the effects of lost habitat. Tagged fish that have been rescued do return as adult steelhead to contribute to the overall population and return at a rate that is comparable to non-rescued fish. Juvenile population surveys show that there is an increase of juvenile production in the river when rescues are performed, indicating that fish do survive after rescue and contribute to sustaining the Carmel River run.

All of this work is carried out under the Rescue and Rearing Management Plan, which is part of the permit process with NOAA Fisheries and California Department of Fish and Wildlife for “take” coverage of a protected species. This permit contains conditions that the District follows in all rescues, rearing, relocation, and monitoring work of steelhead.



Figure 2. MPWMD staff conducting fish rescues in the Carmel River.

Steelhead Population Monitoring:

Steelhead population monitoring is required by the permitting agencies to track and compare performance of the Mitigation Program activities as well as providing long-term trends due to impacts from water management practices.

Juvenile population monitoring in the low-flow season is an indicator of habitat saturation and freshwater conditions. Many of these fish are tagged and act as the control to compare performance of rescued fish versus non-rescued fish. These indicators depict the health of the population and assist in management, program performance and restoration evaluation.

Monitoring adult steelhead returns with a resistance board weir (fish counting station) is crucial because it provides vital information about the overall health and population (**Figure 3**). By tracking the number of returning adults each year, staff can identify if the steelhead population is increasing, declining, or remaining stable (**Figure 4**). The number of returning adults directly

relates to the potential for successful spawning, indicating the future generation of steelhead that will be produced. Fluctuations in adult returns can indicate issues with habitat quality, such as degraded spawning grounds or barriers to migration, prompting investigations to address these problems.



Figure 3. Carmel River Resistance Board Weir (fish counting station).

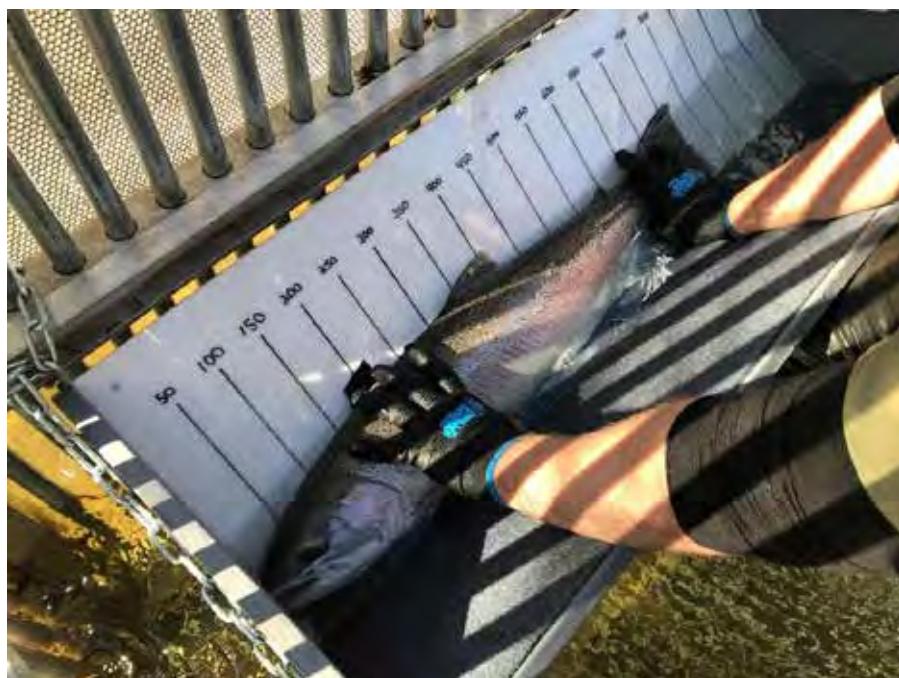


Figure 4. Data collection at Carmel River Resistance Board Weir.

Habitat Monitoring:

Monitoring salmonid habitat is crucial to assess population trends, identify impaired areas, guide restoration efforts, and prepare for the effects of climate change. The District monitors habitat in a variety of ways, such as benthic-macro invertebrate (BMI) monitoring, redd surveys, embeddedness, and substrate composition surveys.

Evaluating the abundance and variety of benthic macroinvertebrates gives us an indication of the biological condition of that waterbody. Generally, waterbodies in healthy biological condition support a wide variety and high number of macroinvertebrate taxa, including many that are intolerant of pollution. Samples yielding only pollution-tolerant species or very little diversity or abundance may indicate a less healthy waterbody. Biological condition is the most comprehensive indicator of waterbody health. When the biology of a waterbody is healthy, the chemical and physical components of the waterbody are also typically in good condition.

Embeddedness monitoring is used as an indicator of spawning and rearing habitat health. Embeddedness is the degree to which larger particles such as gravels and cobbles are surrounded or covered by fine sediment (e.g., silt and/or sand), which effectively covers or cements them into the channel bottom. A spawning steelhead slaps its tail against the channel bottom when constructing the redd, which lifts out un-embedded gravels and cobbles and removes some of the fine sediment. This process results in a pile of cleaner and more permeable gravel or cobble that is better suited for nurturing eggs. Embedded gravels can be cemented, generally do not lift out easily, and can prevent spawning steelhead from building their redds to lay eggs. Most importantly, embedded gravels contain high levels of fine material, reducing permeability in the egg pocket which can slow growth and cause mortality.

Monitoring substrate composition in steelhead habitat is important because it directly impacts spawning success, fish survival, and overall population health by affecting water flow, egg incubation, and juvenile development. Steelhead need specific substrate types (e.g., gravel, cobble) for building nests (redd) and burying their eggs. Monitoring substrate composition helps identify and track changes in habitat quality due to factors like effects of dams on sediment transportation, sediment runoff, and channelization, which can negatively impact steelhead populations.

Redd surveys are annually monitored to determine spatial distribution of spawning habitat that is being used by adult steelhead. It is also a way to index spawning success and allows the District to identify areas that may be saturated with juvenile fish, assisting with fish rescue planning.

Critical Riffle Monitoring:

Critical riffle monitoring is required in the Water Allocation FEIR and the ASR FEIR as mitigation to lessen the impact for water diversion during the migration season (**Figure 5**).

Critical riffles are monitored for steelhead because these shallow, rocky areas in a stream are particularly sensitive to changes in water flow and can act as significant barriers to steelhead migration, preventing them from accessing spawning grounds or suitable rearing habitats, especially when water levels are low or fluctuating significantly; therefore, monitoring these

riffles helps identify potential threats to steelhead populations and inform management strategies to maintain adequate habitat conditions.



Figure 5. MPWMD staff carrying out critical riffle monitoring for fish passage.

Water Quality Monitoring:

This monitoring is required by the Water Allocation EIR and used to help assess whether water-quality criteria for aquatic life are being met in various reaches of the Carmel River, and whether habitats for resources such as Carmel River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and red-legged frogs (*Rana aurora draytonii*) are being sustained or impaired. Monitoring at specific stations gives District staff information on the quality of water released from the reservoir, quality conditions in the main-stem river, and quality conditions in the lagoon. Monitoring also provides District staff with a way of measuring trends over extended time periods. These data are used as an indicator of habitat quality, supports staff in recommending appropriate reservoir release schedules, and assists in determining timing of fish rescues.

River Restoration and Bank Stabilization:

As early as the mid-1980s efforts were already underway to protect and restore the natural resources of the Carmel River. In 1983, after unprecedeted erosion, the District adopted the Carmel River Management Program and finalized a plan in 1984. Many of the essential functions are still active today and include:

1. provide technical assistance to river front property owners including project design, acquisition of permits and construction management,
2. regulate certain activities within the riparian corridor including vegetation removal, channel modification and vehicular access to the riverbed,
3. manage vegetation in the riverbed and on the banks; and

4. document the river's adaptation to human activities and natural events within the riparian corridor

The District has carried out sixteen large and many smaller restoration projects increasing riparian cover by over 30 acres. Some of the largest projects include the Schulte Project, Valley Hills Project, Red Rock (**Table 2**). The projects were designed to help increase bank stability as well as restore natural streamside habitat. In some cases, projects were carried out by private property owners with technical assistance from the District.

Table 2

Partial List of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Restoration Projects			
Restoration Project	Year	Increased Cover (acres)	
Garland	1985	1.62	1
Schulte	1987	13.63	2
Berwick	1987	1.04	3
Egg Ranch	1987	1.06	4
Herbert	1988	0.34	5
Scarlett	1989	3.12	6
Clark	1989	0.44	7
Valley Hills	1992	2.66	8
DeDampierre	1992	1.29	9
Hacienda Carmel	1994		10
Red Rock	1997	1.12	11
All Saints	1999	2.91	12
Holly	2003	0.53	13
Red Rock Safeway	2003	0.01	14
Dow	2005	0.19	15
Rancho San Carlos	2018	0.5	16
Total Increased Cover (acres)		30.46	

Restoration projects typically involve initial survey work and analysis of conditions leading to bank erosion. This is followed by a basis of design involving some structural protection such as riprap or a log crib wall and significant restoration plantings (willows, cottonwoods, sycamores, and alders). In addition, if enough space exists in the reach, a functioning floodplain at a lower elevation is usually incorporated into the design (**Figures 6-11**).



Figure 6. Failing streambank with concrete rubble upstream of Schulte Road Bridge (1982).



Figure 7. District restoration plantings upstream of Schulte Road Bridge with a designed floodplain on the left and right (1988).



Figure 8. Mature Schulte Restoration Project looking upstream from Schulte Bridge (2024).

The most recent bank stabilization restoration project occurred just downstream of Rancho San Carlos Road Bridge in 2018 after several high winter flows damaged the streambank and caused erosion (**Figures 9-11**).



Figure 9. Rancho San Carlos bank erosion downstream of RSC Bridge (2017). Erosion in this area had the potential to propagate downstream and impact Hacienda Carmel Retirement Community.



Figure 10. Construction of crib wall at Rancho San Carlos to protect bank from erosion (2018).



Figure 11. Rancho San Carlos Bank Restoration and Stabilization Project with crib wall and planted willows (2024).

Irrigation of Riparian Vegetation:

During the 1970s and 1980s private property owners and environmental organizations started recognizing the impact of groundwater pumping on the riparian corridor (streamside vegetation). Many trees, especially during low rainfall years, experienced moisture stress that led to the

loss of riparian vegetation. Large capacity pumping wells create a cone of depression in the water table that can draw the water table below the root zone of riparian vegetation (**Figure 12 and 13**). The consequences of losing large areas of riparian vegetation included the loss of the root structure that held sand and gravel streambanks together exposing the streambanks to erosion. Irrigation of the riparian corridor was identified in the Water Allocation EIR as a mitigation measure. MPWMD irrigates native streamside vegetation along portions of the Carmel River that have recently been planted as part of a restoration project or have shown vegetation moisture stress associated with groundwater pumping next to Cal-Am municipal wells. Cal-Am sites include Cypress Well and Schulte Well. During the months of July through October, staff take monthly measurements of depth to groundwater and canopy vigor in areas where willow and cottonwood trees may be impacted by lowered water levels caused by groundwater extraction. The District's monitoring provides insight into the status of soil moisture through the riparian corridor by collecting and analyzing monthly readings from the District's array of monitoring wells and pumping records for large-capacity wells in the Cal-Am system.

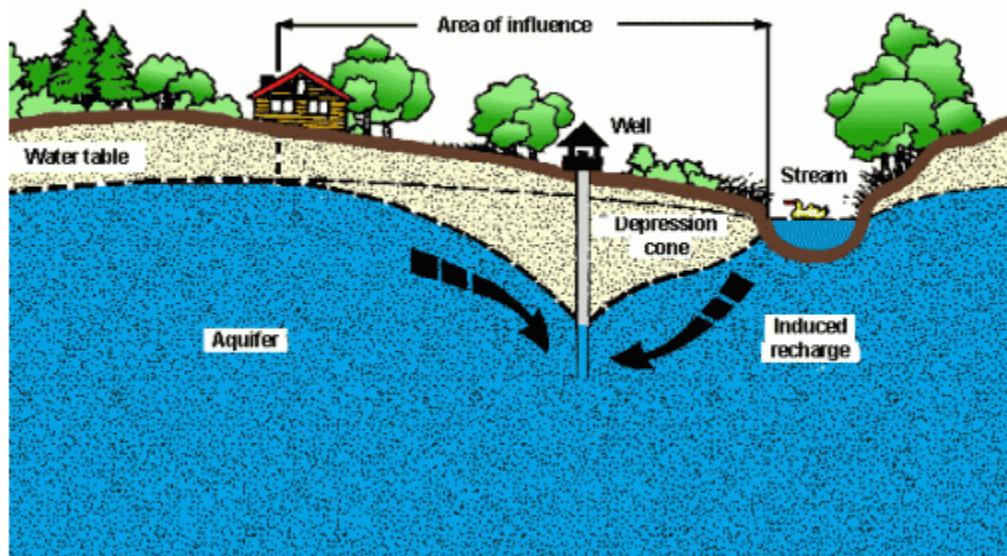


Figure 12. Diagram of cone of depression lowering water table and impacting streamflow



Figure 13. Desiccated riparian vegetation along the dry Carmel River at Dampierre Park (2014).

Lagoon and Wetland Monitoring:

The 1990 Allocation EIR identified potential impacts to the lagoon by groundwater extraction and the loss of fresh inflow to the lagoon. Impacts centered on the concern that continued freshwater reductions to the lagoon could reduce the wetland size and maybe force plant succession towards an upland or a salt marsh habitat type. The findings directed the District to participate in the 1991 Carmel River Lagoon Enhancement Plan. It also required the District to carry out long-term monitoring of wetland vegetation around the lagoon as outlined in the Biological Assessment of the Carmel River Lagoon 1995.

Appendix C: Additional Functions Related to the Mitigation Program

Education and Riparian Ordinances Enforcement:

The District through its work along the Carmel River often notices riparian ordinance violations including riparian vegetation clearing, dumping, deck construction, and placement of fill along the Carmel River (**Figure 14**). In the case of minor violations, the District often requests on-site meetings to discuss the importance of maintaining the streambank for protection against erosion during high flows and maintenance of water quality. However, in the case of more significant violations the District sometimes requires specific actions to restore streambanks. The District often helps property owners navigate these requirements concerning work along the Carmel River.



Figure 14. Example of a violation of District rule 124 (cutting riparian vegetation, dumping fill in the active channel, and pumping concrete onto the streambank without a valid permit).

Streambank Evaluation and Consultation:

As part of District Rule 123, District staff often inspect streambanks for stability at the request of private property owners after high flows. Property owners are often concerned about how susceptible their streambanks are to erosion. The District considers the composition of the streambank and whether it has been hardened (riprap) and whether it has an adequate riparian corridor to protect against high stream velocities. During these visits, it is not uncommon for the District to recommend additional plantings to hold the streambank together. The District often provides willows and black cottonwoods and directs them to other sources of native plants. The District also explains the emergency procedures during property loss and how the District can assist during high flow events.

Vegetation Management:

Although vegetation management was identified in the Carmel River Management Plan, it wasn't until 1990 that the District took an active role in identifying downed trees and constrictions along the Carmel River. This program was designed to complement the overall management and restoration of the Carmel River by trying to limit instability in stream reaches that had been impacted by water extraction. The vegetation management activities have evolved over time and take into account the listing of the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*) in 1996 and steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) in 1997 as threatened under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Wildlife depends on riparian vegetation, woody debris, shade, and cover. Therefore, care is taken to only cut, trim or modify vegetation in the most constrained reaches. Currently the vegetation management program focuses on problematic areas that experience blockages from vegetation development, encroachment, or downed trees (**Figure 15**). The District is not a flood control agency but recognizes the hazards that downed trees pose to houses, bridges, wells, roads, and redirection of river flows into vulnerable streambanks.

Vegetation management typically takes place in the months of September and October. The District compiles a list of work sites in late spring when flows allow for river inspections. This list is incorporated into an Annual Plan that is submitted to six different regulatory agencies for approval under the Regional General Permit (USACE) and the Routine Maintenance Agreement (CDFW).



Figure 15. District staff cutting several large cottonwoods into smaller sections and pulling them off Via Mallorca Bridge.

Contract with Monterey County- Lagoon Sandbar Management:

Monterey County contracts with the District to carry out monitoring of steelhead during lagoon breaching activities. Based on the District's experience with adult and juvenile steelhead we have been called in to monitor conditions during breaching to prevent stranding or take of

steelhead. In addition, the District has contributed technical information related to lagoon dynamics to help Monterey County acquire the necessary permissions for breaching the lagoon.

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ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM**11. RECEIVE DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD ON THE FORMATION OF A CITIZENS WATER PANEL**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager	Program/ Line-Item No.:	Public Outreach GM Outreach Budget
Prepared By:	Mike McCullough	Cost Estimate:	\$6,000

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Staff proposes establishing a Citizens Water Panel in 2026. The purpose of the Panel is to engage citizens, ratepayers, and stakeholders in understanding the District's policies, regulations, and strategies for managing local water resources efficiently. The District will work with its contracted outreach consultant, Wellman AD, to advertise the program and develop written and digital materials for selected panel members.

RECOMMENDATION: The Assistant General Manager recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to expend up to \$6,000 for costs associated with implementing the inaugural Citizens Water Panel.

BACKGROUND: At the Board's 2025 Strategic Planning Session, the Board identified Goal No. 4: Increase Public Engagement and Maintain a Leadership Role on Water Issues. One of the objectives under this goal is to consider forming a Citizens Panel. In response, District staff developed a conceptual framework outlining how the Citizens Water Panel would operate and participant eligibility.

EXHIBITS:**11-A Citizens Water Panel Overview**

EXHIBIT 11-A

Citizens Water Panel – Overview

Objective

Engage citizens, ratepayers, and stakeholders in understanding the District's policies, regulations, and strategies for the efficient management of local water resources.

Meetings

Meetings will be designed to be transparent and informational in nature and structured as non-advisory, and therefore not subject to the Brown Act.

Duration

One-year pilot program consisting of **three meetings per year**. A **field trip** may occur in lieu of, or in conjunction with, a scheduled meeting.

Maximum Number of Panel Members

12

Candidate Identification

Potential approaches for identifying Panel members include:

- **Board Member nominations:**
Board Members solicit and select one candidate from their respective divisions (7 total).
- **Stakeholder organization recommendations:**
Recommendations from local stakeholder organizations with Government Affairs Committees (up to 3 total).
- **At-Large applicants:**
Up to two individuals selected through an open application process, reviewed and interviewed by District staff.
- **Student participation (if space allows):**
Outreach to local colleges and universities to gauge student interest in local water resource management.

Topics

District staff will prepare agendas and presentations that may include:

- District departments: Water Demand, Water Supply, and Environmental Resources
- Advocacy and public outreach efforts
- Collaborative projects, including:
 - Seaside Groundwater Basin management
 - Pure Water Monterey
 - Local water projects
- Measure J

Meeting Format

Meetings will begin at the District's Administrative Office and focus on the selected topic. One field trip may be included to visit District water-related infrastructure, such as:

- Fish weir
- Riverbank stabilization mitigation projects
- Sleepy Hollow Fish Rearing Facility
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery sites
- Local stormwater diversion projects

Cost

Costs may include shuttle transportation for field trips and the development of outreach materials for program launch, meeting handouts, and related collateral. **Total costs shall not exceed \$6,000.**

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM**12. REPORT ON ACTIVITY/PROGRESS ON CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Attached for review as **Exhibit 12-A** is a monthly status report on contracts over \$25,000 for the period November 2025. Contracts associated with District grants are provided in a separate section for reference. This status report is provided for information only, no action is required.

EXHIBIT**12-A Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25k)**

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EXHIBIT 12-A

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period November 2025

	Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending*	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Acitivity	P.O. Number
1	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	LAFCO Litigation	3/17/2025	\$ 255,000.00	\$ 210,869.47	\$ 1,068.00	\$ 211,937.47	Current period billing	PO03882
2	Albert A. Webb Associates	Consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System (Cal-Am)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 116,675.00	\$ -	\$ 116,675.00		PO03880
3	Close and Associates	Utility consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System	11/18/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 55,657.50	\$ 25,223.53	\$ 80,881.03	Current period billing	PO03876
4	TM Process & Controls	ASR Well Turbidity Control	8/19/2024	\$ 57,749.00	\$ 54,390.49	\$ -	\$ 54,390.49		PO03852
5	TJC and Associates	Perform a review of our electrical system, capacity, and provide overall support for the ASR project	6/27/2024	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 8,682.00	\$ -	\$ 8,682.00		PO03829
8	Montgomery & Associates	Groundwater Modeling Montgomery Contract	6/27/2024	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03750
9	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	MTA Legal services for appeal to Water Supply Charge	9/15/2021	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 91,810.22	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 92,982.22	Current period billing	PO03715
10	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Eminent Domain Phase IV	2/24/2023	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 330,768.76	\$ -	\$ 330,768.76		PO03639
11	Raftelis Financial Consultants	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Appraisal/Rate Study Phase 4	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 33,415.00	\$ -	\$ 33,415.00		PO03491
12	Schaaf & Wheeler	Drawing Support Services	4/23/2023	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,425.00	\$ -	\$ 29,425.00		PO03474
13	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc	ASR Support from Maggiora Bros for Well Work	6/20/2023	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03407
14	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	ASR Operations Support	6/20/2023	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,997.50	\$ -	\$ 1,997.50		PO03406
15	Montgomery & Associates	Tularcitos ASR Feasibility Study	3/20/2023	\$ 119,200.00	\$ 94,552.00	\$ -	\$ 94,552.00		PO03368
16	Kevin Robert Knapp/ Tierra Plan LLC	Surface Water Data Portal	11/14/2022	\$ 27,730.00	\$ 27,400.81	\$ -	\$ 27,400.81		PO03302
17	Montgomery & Associates	Annual Groundwater Modeling Support	6/20/2022	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 37,929.00	\$ -	\$ 37,929.00		PO03193
19	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	Seaside Groundwater Basin Geochemical Study	1/24/2018	\$ 68,679.00	\$ 57,168.85	\$ -	\$ 57,168.85		PO01628
20	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	SSAP Water Quality Study	8/21/2017	\$ 94,437.70	\$ 47,282.61	\$ -	\$ 47,282.61		PO01510
21	CSC	Recording Fees	7/1/2025	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00		PO03957
22	The Ferguson Group LLC	Contract for Legislative Services for FY 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 75,600.00	\$ 25,200.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 31,500.00	Current period billing	PO03979
23	John K. Cohan dba Telemetrix	Consultant Services for Sleepy Hollow Facility 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 35,408.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03974
24	WellmanAD	Public Outreach Consultant 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 94,500.00	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 39,375.00	Current period billing	PO03965
25	Lynx Technologies, Inc	GIS Consultant Contract for 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 14,925.00	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 17,400.00	Current period billing	PO03938
26	JEA & Associates	Legislative and Administrative Services 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	Current period billing	PO03890
27	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc.	Urban Water Management Plan Services	7/1/2025	\$ 134,860.00	\$ 23,280.00	\$ -	\$ 23,280.00		PO04025
28	The Pun Group LLP	Financial Audit Services	7/1/2025	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 75,500.00	Current period billing	PO04014
29	Deveera Inc	IT Managed Services & Subscriptions	7/2/2025	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 31,839.92	\$ 7,959.98	\$ 39,799.90	Current period billing	PO03982

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period November 2025

Contract		Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending*	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Acitivity	P.O. Number
Contracts related to District Grants									
1	Monterey One Water	Urban Community Drought Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 11,935,206.00	\$ 10,422,465.86		\$ 10,422,465.86	Q1 FY 25-26 billing of \$3.7M rec'd in Jan 2026 and posted to Sep 2025	PO03726
2	Monterey One Water	PWM Expansion State Water Control Board Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 4,800,000.00	\$ 4,248,575.60	\$ 129,974.00	\$ 4,378,549.60	Q1 FY 25-26 billing	PO03753
3	DUDEK	Grant administration services for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation	12/14/2020	\$ 114,960.00	\$ 70,723.75	\$ -	\$ 70,723.75		PO02847
4	DUDEK	IRWM IR2 Grant Administration	10/1/2022	\$ 90,510.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 783.75	\$ 13,983.75		PO03718
5	City of Sand City	IRWM Round 1 Grant Reimbursement	3/28/2022	\$ 1,084,322.50	\$ 81,278.75	\$ -	\$ 81,278.75		PO03093
6	County of Monterey	IRWM Grant Round 2 Reimbursement	5/19/2023	\$ 898,451.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03879
7	City of Monterey	IRWM Grant Round 2 Reimbursement	5/19/2023	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 76,995.08	\$ -	\$ 76,995.08		PO03878

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**13. STATUS REPORT ON EXPENDITURES – PUBLIC'S OWNERSHIP OF MONTEREY WATER SYSTEM**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Attached for review as **Exhibit 13-A** is a monthly status report on spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System for the period November 2025. This status report is provided for information only, no action is required.

EXHIBIT**13-A Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**

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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase IV
Eminent Domain Proceedings through Bench Trial
Through November 2025

Contract		Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Phase IV - Authorization (unallocated)	11/13/2023	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (Rutan)	12/16/2024	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 319,024.16		\$ 319,024.16	\$ 130,975.84	PA00009-01
3	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (SMW)*	3/17/2025	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 200,880.99	\$ 1,068.00	\$ 201,948.99	\$ 23,051.01	PA00009-02
4	Financial Services (Raftelis)	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 32,012.50		\$ 32,012.50	\$ 167,987.50	PA00009-03
5	Utility Consultant (Close & Associates)	12/16/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 61,294.75	\$ 25,223.53	\$ 86,518.28	\$ 878,481.72	PA00009-07
6	Consulting Civil Engineer (Webb Associates)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 110,016.55		\$ 110,016.55	\$ 1,089,983.45	PA00009-07
Total			\$ 3,040,000.00	\$ 723,228.95	\$ 26,291.53	\$ 749,520.48	\$ 2,290,479.52	
	District Legal Counsel		\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 3,389.00	\$ 123,389.00	\$ (3,389.00)	PA00009-05

Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase III
Appraisal through Resolution of Necessity
Through October 2023

Contract		Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 98,283.28		\$ 98,283.28	\$ 101,716.72	PA00007-01
2	Appraisal Services	4/17/2023	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.75		\$ 220,000.75	\$ (0.75)	PA00007-03
3	District Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 63,065.50		\$ 63,065.50	\$ 36,934.50	PA00007-05
4	Real Estate Appraiser	8/15/2022	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 53,309.64		\$ 53,309.64	\$ 26,690.36	PA00007-06
6	Water Rights Appraisal	8/15/2022	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 45,490.46		\$ 45,490.46	\$ 29,509.54	PA00007-10
7	Contingency/Miscellaneous	12/16/2019	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	PA00007-20
Total			\$ 675,000.00	\$ 480,149.63	\$ -	\$ 480,149.63	\$ 194,850.37	

Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase II
EIR & LAFCO Application
Through September 2022

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	9/20/2021	\$ 345,000.00	\$ 168,265.94		\$ 168,265.94	\$ 176,734.06	PA00005-01
2	CEQA Work	12/16/2019	\$ 134,928.00	\$ 134,779.54		\$ 134,779.54	\$ 148.46	PA00005-02
3	Appraisal Services	9/20/2021	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 188,683.75		\$ 188,683.75	\$ 241,316.25	PA00005-03
4	Operations Plan	12/16/2019	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 94,860.00		\$ 94,860.00	\$ 50,140.00	PA00005-04
5	District Legal Counsel	12/16/2019	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 162,254.16		\$ 162,254.16	\$ (122,254.16)	PA00005-05
6	MAI Appraiser	6/15/2020	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 76,032.00		\$ 76,032.00	\$ 93,968.00	PA00005-06
7	Jacobs Engineering	12/16/2019	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 86,977.36		\$ 86,977.36	\$ 22.64	PA00005-07
8	LAFCO Process	11/15/2021	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 217,784.62		\$ 217,784.62	\$ 22,215.38	PA00005-08
9	PSOMAS	9/20/2021	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 25,900.00		\$ 25,900.00	\$ 2,100.00	PA00005-09
10	Contingency/Miscellaneous/Uncommitted	12/16/2019	\$ 289,072.00	\$ 38,707.08		\$ 38,707.08	\$ 250,364.92	PA00005-20
	Total		\$ 1,909,000.00	\$ 1,194,244.45	\$ -	\$ 1,194,244.45	\$ 714,755.55	
1	Measure J CEQA Litigation Legal Services*	12/23/2020	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 140,303.06		\$ 140,303.06	\$ 59,696.94	PA00005-15
1	Measure J LAFCO Litigation Legal Services*	1/1/2022	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 398,750.20		\$ 398,750.20	\$ 1,249.80	PA00005-16

Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase I

Financial Feasibility

Through November 2019

Contract		Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel	12/17/2018	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 160,998.16		\$ 160,998.16	\$ (60,998.16)	PA00002-01
2	Investment Banking Services	2/21/2019	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,000.00		\$ 27,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	PA00002-02
3	Valuation & Cost of Service Study Consultant	2/21/2019	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 286,965.17		\$ 286,965.17	\$ 68,034.83	PA00002-03
4	Investor Owned Utility Consultant	2/21/2019	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 84,221.69		\$ 84,221.69	\$ 15,778.31	PA00002-04
5	District Legal Counsel		\$ 35,000.00	\$ 41,897.59		\$ 41,897.59	\$ (6,897.59)	PA00002-05
6	Contingency/Miscellaneous		\$ 30,000.00	\$ 45,495.95		\$ 45,495.95	\$ (15,495.95)	PA00002-10
Total			\$ 650,000.00	\$ 646,578.56	\$ -	\$ 646,578.56	\$ 3,421.44	

* Includes prior period adjustment

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**14. LETTERS RECEIVED AND SENT****Meeting Date:** December 15, 2025**Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager**Program/
Line Item No.:** N/A**Prepared By:** Sara Reyes**Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

The District has not received any letters sent by or addressed to the Board Chair and/or General Manager since the December 15, 2025 Board meeting.

Although no new correspondence has been received, letters included in the meeting packet are provided to inform the Board and public. Copies are available for review at the District office; reproduction fees may apply. The letters can also be downloaded from the District's website at www.mpwmd.net.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
N/A			

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**15. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:

Prepared By: Sara Reyes **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

There are no final committee minutes to present this month.

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**16. MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program:	N/A
Prepared By:	Gabriela Bravo	Line Item No.:	
		Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 2025, the District released the first Allocation of water from Pure Water Monterey (“Pure Water”) via Ordinance No. 197. **Exhibit 16-A** shows the amount of water allocated to each Jurisdiction from Pure Water, the balance of water available by Jurisdiction from the Paralta Well Allocation and Pre-Paralta credits, the amount of “Public Water Credit” remaining, and the quantities of water permitted by Jurisdiction in December 2025 (“changes”), and the balances remaining. The table includes balances for Quail Meadows and Water West, which were specific amounts dedicated to properties located in specific areas of Monterey County.

Exhibit 16-B is the Monthly Entitlement Report which shows water available to Water Entitlement Holders. Entitlements were established by the following ordinances: The Pebble Beach Company (Ordinance Nos. 39 and 109), Hester Hyde Griffin Trust (Ordinance No. 39), J. Lohr Properties Inc. (Ordinance No. 39), the City of Sand City (Ordinance No. 132), Cypress Pacific Investors LLC (Water Distribution System Permit approved September 15, 2014), Malpaso Water Company LLC (Ordinance No. 165), D.B.O. Development No. 30, a California Limited Liability Company (Ordinance No. 166), and the City of Pacific Grove (Ordinance No. 168).

BACKGROUND: The District’s Water Allocation Program, associated resource system supply limits, and Jurisdictional Allocations have been modified by a number of key ordinances. These key ordinances are listed in **Exhibit 16-C**.

EXHIBITS

- 16-A** Monthly Allocation Report
- 16-B** Monthly Entitlement Report
- 16-C** District’s Water Allocation Program Ordinances

EXHIBIT 16-A
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of December 2025

Jurisdiction	Pure Water Monterey Allocation	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Paralta & Pre-Paralta Water	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Public Credits	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Total Available
Airport District	44.000	0.000	39.773	8.100	0.000	5.197	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.970
Carmel-by-the-Sea	14.000	0.053	13.929	20.491	0.000	2.479	0.910	0.000	0.182	16.590
Del Rey Oaks	6.000	0.000	5.901	8.540	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.931
Dept of Defense	27.000	0.000	27.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	27.000
Monterey	141.000	0.000	141.000	126.979	0.000	0.553	38.121	0.000	3.627	145.180
Monterey County	72.000	0.000	72.000	100.790	0.000	11.016	7.827	0.000	1.181	84.197
Pacific Grove	32.000	0.000	32.000	27.180	0.000	0.019	15.874	0.000	0.002	32.021
Sand City	14.000	0.000	13.857	52.698	0.000	0.029	24.717	0.000	23.163	37.049
Seaside	21.000	0.000	21.000	99.888	0.087	28.324	2.693	0.000	1.144	50.468
District Reserve	2086.000	0.000	2,086.000	9.000	0.000	3.496	0.000	0.000	0.000	443.406

Allocation Holder	Water Available	Changes During Period	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Water Available
Quail Meadows	33.000	0.000	32.320	0.680
Water West	12.760	0.000	10.291	2.469

EXHIBIT 16-B
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
ENTITLEMENTS
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of December 2025

Recycled Water Project Entitlements

Entitlement Holder	Entitlement	Changes this Month	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Entitlement/and Water Use Permits Available
Pebble Beach Co. *	187.980	0.320	32.782	155.198
Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties (Pursuant to Ord No. 109)	177.020	0.366	85.009	92.011
Macomber Estates	10.000	0.000	10.000	0.000
Griffin Trust	5.000	0.000	4.829	0.171
CAWD/PBCSD Project Totals	380.000	0.686	132.620	247.380

Entitlement Holder	Entitlement	Changes this Month	Total Demand from Water Permits Issued	Remaining Entitlement/and Water Use Permits Available
City of Sand City	206.000	1.060 CREDIT	21.831	184.169
Malpaso Water Company	80.000	0.000	25.488	54.512
D.B.O. Development No. 30	13.950	0.000	3.913	10.037
City of Pacific Grove	38.390	0.028 CREDIT	20.347	18.043
Cypress Pacific	3.170	0.000	3.170	0.000
City of Seaside	10.817	0.000	10.817	0.000

* Increases in the Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties Entitlement will result in reductions in the Pebble Beach Co. Entitlement.

EXHIBIT 16-C

District's Water Allocation Program Ordinances

Ordinance No. 1 was adopted in September 1980 to establish interim municipal water allocations based on existing water use by the jurisdictions. Resolution 81-7 was adopted in April 1981 to modify the interim allocations and incorporate projected water demands through the year 2000. Under the 1981 allocation, Cal-Am's annual production limit was set at 20,000 acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 52 was adopted in December 1990 to implement the District's water allocation program, modify the resource system supply limit, and to temporarily limit new uses of water. As a result of Ordinance No. 52, a moratorium on the issuance of most water permits within the District was established. Adoption of Ordinance No. 52 reduced Cal-Am's annual production limit to 16,744 acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 70 was adopted in June 1993 to modify the resource system supply limit, establish a water allocation for each of the jurisdictions within the District, and end the moratorium on the issuance of water permits. Adoption of Ordinance No. 70 was based on development of the Paralta Well in the Seaside Groundwater Basin and increased Cal-Am's annual production limit to **17,619** acre-feet. More specifically, Ordinance No. 70 allocated 308 acre-feet of water to the jurisdictions and 50 acre-feet to a District Reserve for regional projects with public benefit.

In addition to releasing water from the development of the Paralta Well, Ordinance No. 70 established a "special reserve" of 12.76 acre-feet of water saved by system improvements to the former Water West System when it was purchased and integrated into Cal-Am. This reserve was made available to properties in the former Water West System on a first-come, first-served basis. The ordinance also increased Cal-Am's production limit for savings related to the annexation of the Quail Meadows subdivision.

Ordinance No. 73 was adopted in February 1995 to eliminate the District Reserve and allocate the remaining water equally among the eight jurisdictions. Of the original 50 acre-feet that was allocated to the District Reserve, 34.72 acre-feet remained and was distributed equally (4.34 acre-feet) among the jurisdictions.

Ordinance No. 74 was adopted in March 1995 to allow the reinvestment of toilet retrofit water savings on single-family residential properties. The reinvested retrofit credits must be repaid by the jurisdiction from the next available water allocation and are limited to a maximum of 10 acre-feet. This ordinance sunset in July 1998.

Ordinance No. 75 was adopted in March 1995 to allow the reinvestment of water saved through toilet retrofits and other permanent water savings methods at publicly owned and operated facilities. Fifteen percent of the savings are set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal and the remainder of the savings are credited to the jurisdictions allocation. This ordinance sunset in July 1998.

Ordinance No. 83 was adopted in April 1996 and set Cal-Am's annual production limit at **17,621** acre-feet and the non-Cal-Am annual production limit at **3,046** acre-feet. The modifications to the production limit were made based on the agreement by non-Cal-Am water users to permanently reduce annual water production from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer in exchange for water service from Cal-Am. As part of the agreement, fifteen percent of the historical non-Cal-Am production was set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal.

Ordinance No. 87 was adopted in February 1997 as an urgency ordinance establishing a community benefit allocation for the planned expansion of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP). Specifically, a special reserve allocation of 19.60 acre-feet of production was created exclusively for the benefit of CHOMP. With this new allocation, Cal-Am's annual production limit was increased to **17,641** acre-feet and the non-Cal-Am annual production limit remained at **3,046** acre-feet.

Ordinance No. 90 was adopted in June 1998 to continue the program allowing the reinvestment of toilet retrofit water savings on single-family residential properties for 90-days following the expiration of Ordinance No. 74. This ordinance sunset in September 1998.

Ordinance No. 91 was adopted in June 1998 to continue the program allowing the reinvestment of water saved through toilet retrofits and other permanent water savings methods at publicly owned and operated facilities.

Ordinance No. 90 and No. 91 were challenged for compliance with CEQA and nullified by the Monterey Superior Court in December 1998.

Ordinance No. 109 was adopted on May 27, 2004, revised Rule 23.5 and adopted additional provisions to facilitate the financing and expansion of the CAWD/PBCSD Recycled Water Project.

Ordinance No. 132 was adopted on January 24, 2008, established a Water Entitlement for Sand City and amended the rules to reflect the process for issuing Water Use Permits.

Ordinance No. 165 was adopted on August 17, 2015, established a Water Entitlement for Malpaso Water Company and amended the rules to reflect the process for issuing Water Use Permits.

Ordinance No. 166 was adopted on December 15, 2015, established a Water Entitlement for D.B.O. Development No. 30.

Ordinance No. 168 was adopted on January 27, 2016, established a Water Entitlement for the City of Pacific Grove.

Resolution 2024-13 was adopted October 21, 2024, to authorize the use of the District Reserve Allocation to permit unpermitted water fixtures found on final inspection, to suspend specific rules through September 2025, and to not collect the Capacity Fee or administrative fees for staff and legal time needed to close certain open Water Permits.

Ordinance No. 197 was adopted January 27, 2025, to allocate water from Pure Water Monterey.

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**17. WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM REPORT**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.	N/A
Prepared By:	Kyle Smith	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.

The following information reflects activities undertaken by the Water Demand Division during the month of December 2025.

I. MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION RETROFIT PROGRAM

District Regulation XIV requires the retrofit of water fixtures upon Change of Ownership¹ or Use with High Efficiency Toilets (HET) (1.28 gallons-per-flush), 2.0 gallons-per-minute (gpm) Showerheads, 1.2 gpm Washbasin faucets, 1.8 gpm Kitchen Sink, Utility Sink, and Bar Sink faucets, and Rain Sensors on all automatic Irrigation Systems. Property owners must certify the Site meets the District's water efficiency standards by submitting a Water Conservation Certification Form (WCC) and a self-certification form. A Site inspection is occasionally conducted to verify compliance. Properties that do not require an inspection are issued a Conservation Certification.

A. Changes of Ownership

Information is obtained monthly from *Realquest.com* on properties transferring ownership within the District. The information is compared against the properties that have submitted WCCs. Details on **81** property transfers that occurred were added to the database.

B. Certification

The District received **43** Water Conservation Certification Forms. Data on ownership, transfer date, and status of water efficiency standard compliance were entered into the database.

C. Verification

20 properties were verified compliant with Rule 144 (Retrofit Upon Change of Ownership or Use). Of the **17** verifications, **three** properties verified compliance by submitting certification forms and/or receipts. District staff completed **30** Site inspections. Of the **30** properties visited, **17 (57%)** passed.

¹ Capitalized terms are defined in [MPWMD Rule 11, Definitions](#).

D. Non-Residential Compliance with Water Efficiency Standards

By January 1, 2014, all Non-Residential properties were required to meet Rule 143, Water Efficiency Standards for Existing Non-Residential Uses. District inspectors performed **10** verification inspections.

As part of the Non-Residential compliance effort, MPWMD notifies California American Water (Cal-Am) of properties with landscaping. Cal-Am staff then schedule an outdoor audit to verify compliance with the Rate Best Management Practices (BMPs). (Compliance with MPWMD's Rule 143 achieves Rate BMP compliance for indoor water uses.) Properties with landscaping must comply with Cal-Am's outdoor Rate BMPs to avoid rates in Division 4 (customers that are not in compliance with Rate BMPs). Rate BMPs are used to determine the appropriate Non-Residential rate division for each customer (there are four different rates based on the amount of irrigated area and compliance/noncompliance with the Rate BMPs).

MPWMD referred **no** properties to Cal-Am for verification of outdoor Rate BMPs.

E. Water Waste Enforcement

The District has a Water Waste Hotline 831-658-5653 or an online form to report Water Waste occurrences at www.mpwmd.net or www.montereywaterinfo.org. There was **one** Water Waste responses during the past month. There was **no** repeated incident that resulted in a fine.

II. WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT

A. Permit Processing

District Rule 23 requires a Water Permit application for all properties that propose to expand or modify water use on a Site, including New Construction and Remodels. District staff processed and issued **53** Water Permits. **Five** permits were issued using Water Entitlements (Pebble Beach Company, Malpaso Water, Sand City, etc.). **No** permits involved a debit to a Public Water Credit account. **Eight**, meter enlargement permits, and **four** hydrant meter permits were issued.

District Rule 24-3-A allows the addition of a second Bathroom in an existing Dwelling Unit that has only one Bathroom. Of the **53** Water Permits issued, **six** were issued under this provision.

B. Permit Compliance

Staff completed **48** site inspections for current permit compliance during December. **Thirty** properties passed the interior inspection, and **eleven** properties failed due to unpermitted fixtures. **Three** properties were inspected to complete a Landscape Water Permit and passed.

C. Notary Services

District staff provided Notary services for **39** customers.

D. Rebates

The District processes rebate applications to ensure that only voluntary replacement of higher efficiency devices receive rebates. The comprehensive list of available rebates can be found in [Rule 141](#). Monthly statistics are shown on the following page.

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17-A Rebate Report for December 2025

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REBATE PROGRAM SUMMARY		December-2025		2025 YTD		1997 - Present	
I. <u>Application Summary</u>		32		705		32,930	
A. Applications Received		32		705		32,930	
B. Applications Approved		28		577		25,919	
C. Single Family Applications		28		570		28,796	
D. Multi-Family Applications		0		7		1,636	
E. Non-Residential Applications		0		0		363	
II. <u>Type of Devices Rebated</u>	Number of Devices	Rebate Paid	Estimated AF	Gallons Saved	Year to Date Number	Year to Date Paid	Year to Date Estimated AF
A. High Efficiency Toilet (HET)	5	\$375.00	0.025000	8,146	65	\$5,025.00	0.32500
B. Ultra HET			0.000000	0	7	\$875.00	0.07000
C. Toilet Flapper			0.000000	0	8	\$106.99	0.00000
D. High Efficiency Dishwasher	3	\$375.00	0.009000	2,933	104	\$13,000.00	0.31200
E. High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Res	11	\$5,500.00	0.177100	57,708	246	\$122,796.56	3.96060
F. High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Com			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
G. Instant-Access Hot Water System	1	\$200.00	0.005000	1,629	10	\$2,000.00	0.05000
H. Zero Use Urinals			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
I. Pint Urinals			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
J. Cisterns			0.000000	0	4	\$245.00	0.00000
K. Smart Controllers	2	\$300.00	0.000000	0	13	\$1,740.00	0.00000
L. Rotating Sprinkler Nozzles			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
M. Moisture Sensors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
N. Lawn Removal & Replacement			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
O. Graywater			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
P. Other - Smart Flowmeters	7	\$1,300.00	0.000000	0	144	\$29,111.73	0.00000
Q. Smart Toilet Leak Detectors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
III. <u>TOTALS</u>	29	\$8,050.00	0.216100	70,416	601	\$174,900.28	4.71760
IV. <u>TOTALS Since 1997</u>							
						Paid Since 1997: \$ 6,533,655	253.3 Acre-Feet Saved Since 1997 (from quantifiable retrofits)

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**18. CARMEL RIVER FISHERY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2025**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Cory Hamilton	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

AQUATIC HABITAT AND FLOW CONDITIONS: During December, significant rain events at the end of the month created flows to the river that filled Los Padres Reservoir and provided enough flow to have attraction events and migration possibilities for adult steelhead. The lagoon mouth was mechanically opened by the Monterey County Public Works on December 16, 2025 for flood control and opened naturally for the steelhead migration season on December 25, 2025 (see attached graphic). The first attraction flows and the start of the adult steelhead migration season started on December 25, 2025. Los Padres Reservoir filled and spilled on December 25, 2025. The Los Padres Fish Ladder was put into operation on December 29, 2025.

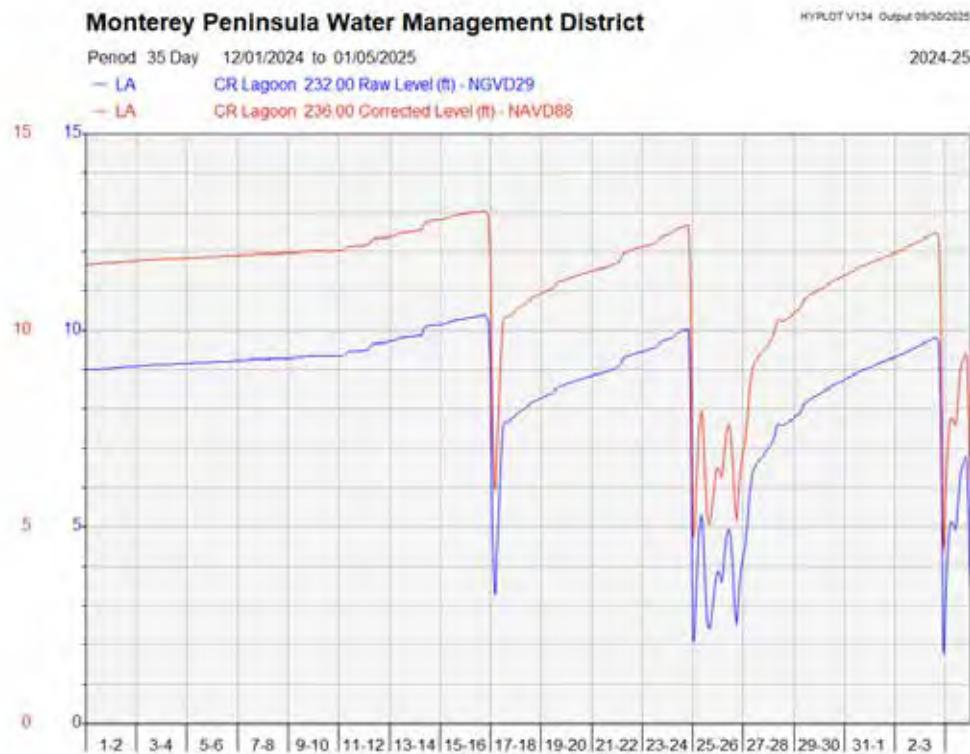
December's mean daily streamflow at the Sleepy Hollow Weir gaging station ranged from 12 to 811 cfs (mean 84.7 cfs), while flows at the Highway 1 gage ranged from 12 to 837 cfs (mean 85.8 cfs).

There was 5.26 inches of measurable rainfall in December as recorded at the San Clemente gauge. The total rainfall for Water Year (WY) 2026 (which started October 1, 2025) is 10.76 inches., which is 158% of normal to date.

FISH RESCUE: On May 16, 2025, District staff started fish rescues due to drying conditions in the tributaries, a total of 3,858 fish were rescued, encompassing a total of 1.5 river miles. On June 27, 2025, staff started conducting fish rescues in the mainstem Carmel River, rescues continued until September 16, 2025, a total of 4.5 river miles were rescued due to groundwater pumping impacts this season. A total of 3,610 fish were rescued from the mainstem. A season total of 7,468 fish were rescued (6,473 YOY, 968 1+ year olds, 3 adult kelt and 24 mortalities). Fish were being released and tagged this season in a variety of locations in order to track which produces the best return rates (part of the Rescue and Rearing Management Plan's release strategy). There were 1,077 (808 tagged) fish released into the lagoon, 1,558 (919 tagged) fish released into perineal waters of the mainstem and 969 released into the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility. Two Kelts were rescued this season and released into the Pacific Ocean at Stewarts Cove, both fish were tagged.

SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD REARING FACILITY: Conditions were met in late November to release fish from the facility, and the first fish were released on December 2 through December 4th. Of the 969 fish brought to the facility, 697 were of the size ($> 60\text{mm}$) to stock into the channel. There were 567 (81%) released from the channel and 554 were tagged. There were an additional 22 fish released into the river from the Rearing Trough, which houses the smallest fish (fry $< 60\text{mm}$) that are too small to stock into the channel. There was 65% mortality in the rearing troughs this season, these small fish or fry are susceptible to significant mortality due to post rescue stress from the rescue operation (electrofishing, seining, transport and handling). Total number of fish entering SHSRF and then released into the river was 589, which is an overall survival of 61%.

CARMEL RIVER LAGOON: In December, the lagoon's Water Surface Elevation (WSE) ranged from approximately 4.5 to 13 feet (NGVD 1988) (see graph below). Water quality depth-profiles were conducted at five sites on December 16, 2025, while the lagoon mouth was open, water surface elevation was 6.95 feet at the time of sampling, and river inflow was approximately 11 cfs. The north arm of the lagoon was disconnected to the main body of the lagoon. Lagoon stratification was observed at about 0.5 meters depth at all sites but the main body site, which is connected to the river. Salinity levels ranged from 0.5-25.8 parts per thousand (ppt), throughout the lagoon. Water temperatures ranged from 53.3-62.9 degrees Fahrenheit, and dissolved oxygen (DO) levels ranged from 0-5.53 mg/l.



ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS**19. QUARTERLY CARMEL RIVER RIPARIAN CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REPORT**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	Dave Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Thomas Christensen	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

IRRIGATION OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION: The supplemental watering of riparian restoration plantings was carried out for the summer and fall season at seven Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) riparian habitat restoration sites. The following irrigation systems were in use April through October: Sleepy Hollow, Dampierre, Trail and Saddle Club, Begonia, Schulte, Valley Hills, and San Carlos.

Water Use in Acre-Feet 2025 (AF)
(preliminary values subject to revision)

January - March	0.02 AF
April - June	0.31
July – September	0.89
October – December	<u>0.40</u> AF
Year-to-date	1.62 AF

MONITORING OF RIPARIAN VEGETATION: Starting in July 2025, staff recorded bimonthly observations of canopy vigor on target willow and cottonwood trees to provide an indication of plant water stress and corresponding soil moisture levels. Four locations (Rancho Cañada, San Carlos, Valley Hills, and Schulte) are monitored for canopy ratings based on a scale from one to ten. This scale evaluates characteristics such as yellowing leaves and percentages of defoliation (see scale on **Exhibit 19-A**). A total of 12 willows and 12 cottonwoods at these locations provide a data set of established and planted sample trees that are representative of trees in the Carmel River riparian corridor. Combined with monthly readings from the District's array of monitoring wells and pumping records for large-capacity Carmel Valley wells in the California American Water service area, the District's monitoring provides insight into the status of soil moisture through the riparian corridor.

Monitoring results for the 2025 season show that riparian vegetation experienced little to no moisture stress associated with groundwater extraction because of the favorable depth to

groundwater and soil moisture. The graph in **Exhibit 19-A** shows average canopy ratings for willows and cottonwoods in selected restoration sites in lower Carmel Valley. The graph in **Exhibit 19-B** shows impacts to water table elevations. The types of monitoring measurements made during July through mid-October are as follows:

Monitoring Measurement

Canopy ratings	(See Exhibit 19-A for trends.)
Groundwater levels (monitoring wells)	(See Exhibit 19-B for trends.)
Groundwater pumping (production wells)	

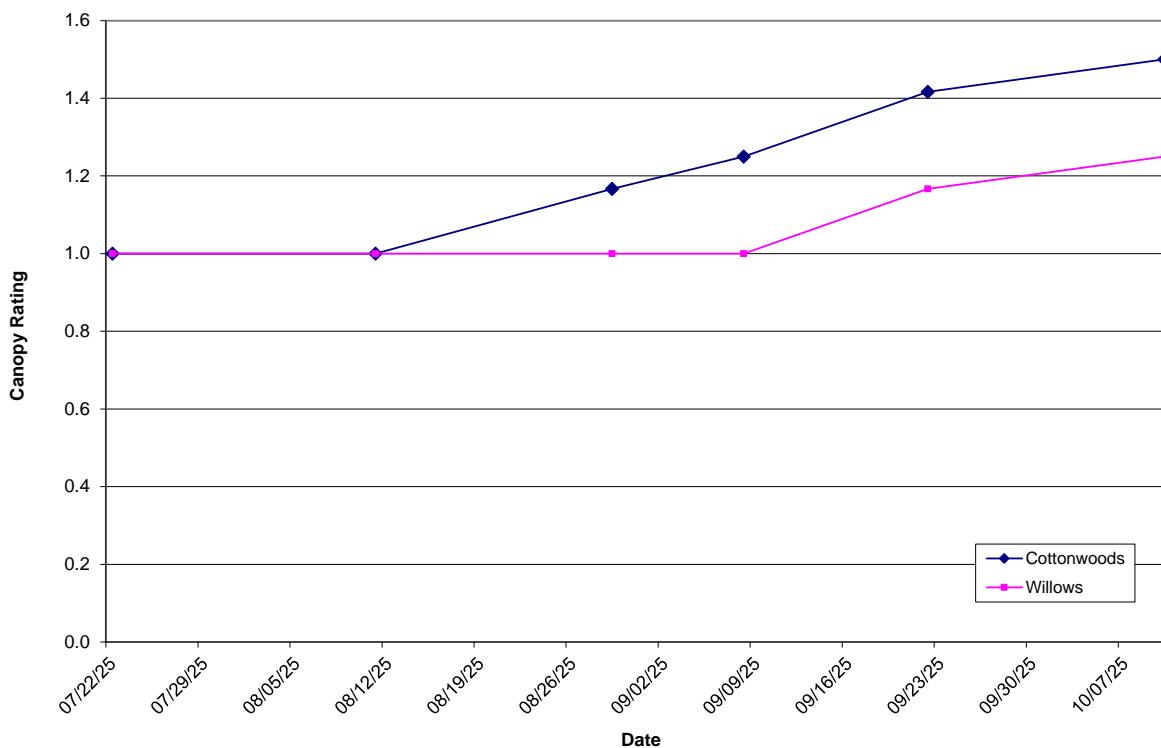
OTHER TASKS PERFORMED SINCE THE OCTOBER 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT:

1. District staff carried out vegetation management along thirteen reaches of the Carmel River to prevent debris dams or diversion of high winter flows into vulnerable streambanks. The majority of the work includes cutting downed trees into smaller sections so they can safely move through the system during high flows.

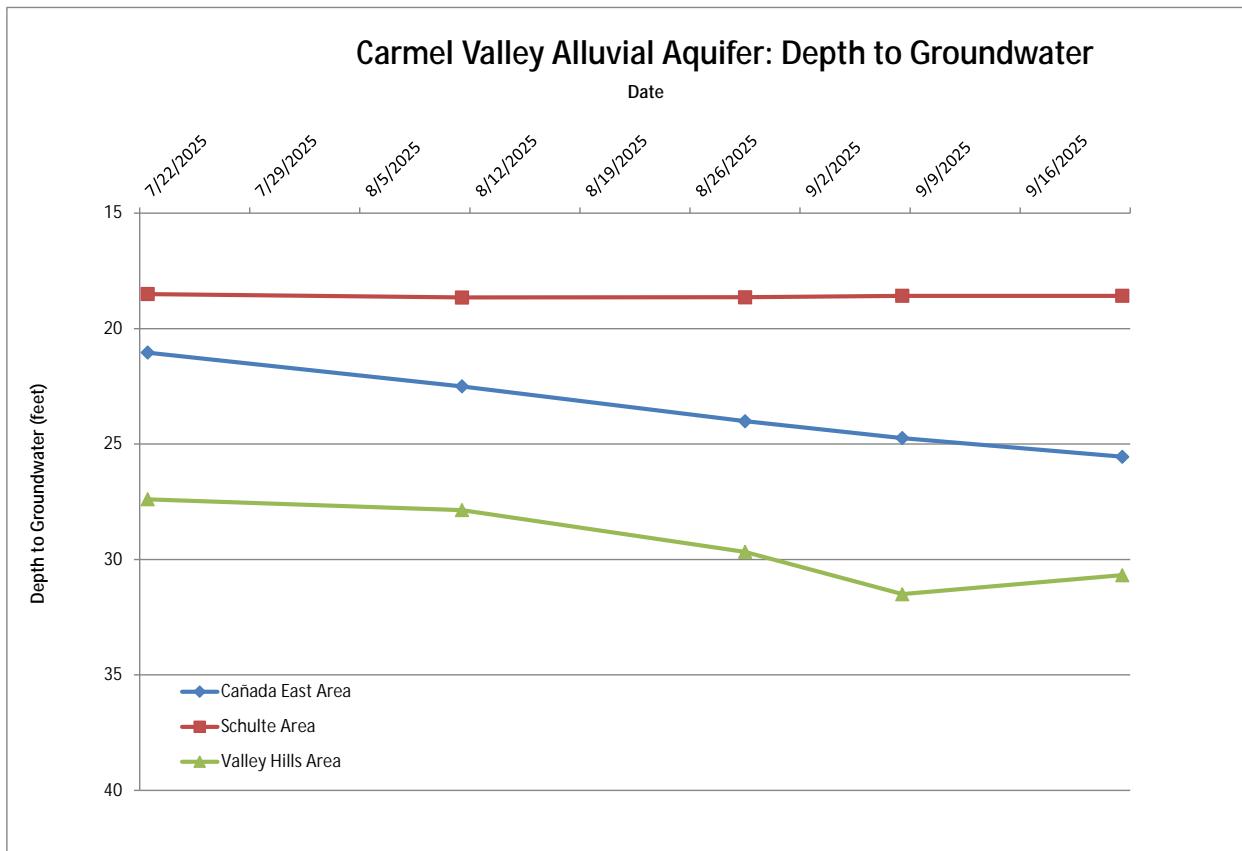
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19-A Average Willow and Cottonwood Canopy Rating

19-B Depth to Groundwater

EXHIBIT 19-A**Carmel River Riparian Vegetation:
Average Canopy Rating for Cottonwoods and Willows**

Canopy Rating Scale		Stress Level
1=	Green, obviously vigorous	none, no irrigation required
2=	Some visible yellowing	low, occasional irrigation required
3=	Leaves mostly yellowing	moderate, regular irrigation required
4=	< 10% Defoliated	moderate, regular irrigation required
5=	Defoliated 10% to 30%	moderate, regular irrigation required
6=	Defoliated 30% to 50%	moderate to high, additional measures required
7=	Defoliated 50% to 70%	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
8=	Defoliated 70% to 90%	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
9=	> 90% Defoliated	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
10=	Dead	consider replanting

EXHIBIT 19-B

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORT**20. MONTHLY WATER SUPPLY AND CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

Meeting Date:	January 26, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Jonathan Lear	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation:** N/A

CEQA Compliance: Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10 and 2016-0016, and the Seaside Basin Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.

Exhibit 20-A shows the water supply status for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) as of **January 1, 2026**. This system includes the surface water resources in the Carmel River Basin, the groundwater resources in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer and the Seaside Groundwater Basin. **Exhibit 20-A** is for Water Year (WY) 2026 and focuses on three factors: rainfall, runoff, and storage. The rainfall and Streamflow values are based on measurements in the upper Carmel River Basin at Sleepy Hollow Weir.

Water Supply Status: Rainfall through **December** 2025 totaled **5.26 inches** and brings the cumulative rainfall total for WY 2026 to **10.76 inches**, which is **158%** of the long-term average through **December**. Estimated unimpaired runoff through **December** totaled **811 acre-feet (AF)** and brings the cumulative runoff total for WY 2026 to **1,859 AF**, which is **27%** of the long-term average through **December**. Usable storage for the MRWPRS was **30,630 acre-feet**, which is **106%** of average through **December**, and equates to **92%** of system capacity.

Production Compliance: Under State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Cease and Desist Order No. 2016-0016 (CDO), California American Water (Cal-Am) is allowed to produce no more than 3,376 AF of water from the Carmel River in WY 2026. Through **December**, using the CDO accounting method, Cal-Am has produced **492 AF** from the Carmel River (excluding **0 AF** of Table 13 and **21 AF** of Mal Paso.) In addition, under the Seaside Basin Decision, Cal-Am is allowed to produce 1,474 AF of water from the Coastal Subareas and 0 AF from the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Basin in WY 2026. Through **December**, Cal-Am has produced **194 AF** from the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Through **December**, **62 AF** of Carmel River Basin groundwater have been diverted for Seaside Basin injection; **0 AF** have been recovered for customer use, **0 AF** have been diverted under Table 13 water rights, and **1,376 AF** of Pure Water Monterey recovered. Cal-Am has produced **2,111 AF** for customer use from all sources through **December**. **Exhibit 20-B** shows production by source. Some of the values in this report may be revised in the future as Cal-Am finalizes their production values and monitoring data.

EXHIBITS**20-A** Water Supply Status: **Jan 1, 2026****20-B** Monthly Cal-Am production by source: **WY 2026**

EXHIBIT 20-A

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Water Supply Status
January 1, 2026**

Factor	Oct – Dec 2025	Average To Date	Percent of Average	Oct – Dec 2024
Rainfall (Inches)	10.76	6.81	158%	5.33
Runoff (Acre-Feet)	1,859	6,895	27%	3,055
Storage⁵ (Acre-Feet)	30,630	28,890	106%	30,710

Notes:

1. Rainfall and runoff estimates are based on measurements at San Clemente Dam. Annual rainfall and runoff at Sleepy Hollow Weir average 21.22 inches and 67,246 acre-feet, respectively. Annual values are based on the water year that runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following calendar year. The rainfall and runoff averages at the Sleepy Hollow Weir site are based on records for the 1922-2024 and 1902-2024 periods respectively.
2. The rainfall and runoff totals are based on measurements through the dates referenced in the table.
3. Storage estimates refer to usable storage in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) that includes surface water in Los Padres and San Clemente Reservoirs and ground water in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer and in the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The storage averages are end-of-month values and are based on records for the 1989-2025 period. The storage estimates are end-of-month values for the dates referenced in the table.
4. The maximum storage capacity for the MPWRS is currently 33,130 acre-feet.

Production vs. CDO and Adjudication to Date: WY 2026

(All values in Acre-Feet)

Year-to-Date Values	MPWRS				Water Projects and Rights				Water Projects and Rights Total	
	Carmel River Basin ^{2, 6}	Seaside Groundwater Basin			MPWRS Total					
		Coastal	Laguna Seca	Ajudication Compliance		ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Table 13 ⁷		
Target	936	209	0	209	1,145	0	990	0	75	1,065
Actual ⁴	492	170	24	194	686	0	1,376	0	29	1,405
Difference	444	38	-24	15	459	0	-386	0	46	-340
WY 2025 Actual	996	300	32	332	1,329	0	833	0	59	891

1. This table is current through the date of this report.
2. For CDO compliance, ASR, Mal Paso, and Table 13 diversions are included in River production per State Board.
3. Sand City Desal, Table 13, and ASR recovery are also tracked as water resources projects.
4. To date, 62 AF and 0 AF have been produced from the River for ASR and Table 13 respectively.
5. All values are rounded to the nearest Acre-Foot.
6. For CDO Tracking Purposes, ASR production for injection is capped at 600 AFY.
7. Table 13 diversions are reported under water rights but counted as production from the River for CDO tracking.

Monthly Production from all Sources for Customer Service: WY 2026

(All values in Acre-Feet)

	Carmel River Basin	Table 13	Mal Paso	Seaside Basin	ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Sand City	Total
Oct-25	232	0	7	124	0	413	14	790
Nov-25	129	0	7	38	0	489	3	666
Dec-25	130	0	7	32	0	473	12	655
Jan-26								
Feb-26								
Mar-26								
Apr-26								
May-26								
Jun-26								
Jul-26								
Aug-26								
Sep-26								
Total	492	0	21	194	0	1,376	29	2,111
WY 2025	996	0	26	332	0	833	59	2,246

1. This table is produced as a proxy for customer demand.
2. Numbers are provisional and are subject to update.