

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY MONTEREY 271 STONE ROAD MONTEREY CA 93943-5189

IN REPLY REFER TO: 11000 Ser N00/145 July 10, 2024

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District c/o Board of Directors
P.O. Box 85
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Dear Directors:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

As the Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Monterey (NSAM), I want to express my gratitude to General Manager David Stoldt and the hardworking team at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) for assisting the Navy with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment of a proposed Naval Innovation Center.

In August 2023, NSAM requested MPWMD act as a partnering agency for this assessment, and MPWMD staff was instrumental in providing feedback and substantive comments for the Navy's consideration of this large project's environmental impact. Your contributions regarding water and water policy were invaluable, and we appreciate the subject matter expertise provided in MPWMD's thoughtful feedback.

We look forward to working with Mr. Stoldt and staff again during the forthcoming water allocation process, and we appreciate your continued support and consideration of the Navy and its mission needs.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. SMITH Captain, U.S. Navy

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Commanding Officer