

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEM:
17. CONSIDER DECLARING
MONTEREY COUNTY ZONING
ORDINANCE INAPPLICABLE TO THE
SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD
REARING FACILITY UPGRADE**

Meeting Date: July 16, 2018
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Project Status

- The District must make improvements at the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility to allow operations to continue
- Monterey County staff reviewed and commented on the project application; the project design was changed to address comments
- A hearing on the project is proposed for July 25, 2018

Action Description

- Under Government Code Section 53096, the MPWMD Board may exempt the project from local ordinances
 - The code applies to facilities related to storage or transmission of water
 - The Board must find that there is no feasible alternative
 - Four-fifths of the Board must vote to declare the ordinances inapplicable

Points to Consider


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- The Sleepy Hollow facility is required to be operated as a mitigation for impacts to steelhead from water production from the Carmel River (November 1990 Allocation EIR and Mitigation Program)
 - Operation of the facility with the existing infrastructure has been impacted by removal of the San Clemente Dam and may not be feasible without improvements
 - Replacement of the intake can be carried out only during periods of low flow (i.e., between July 1 and October 1)

Points to Consider

- Monterey County staff have indicated that County permits for the project may not be issued until September or October (or later)
- The project design meets all Monterey County requirements, including seismic design, floodplain regulations, building code, and inspections
- A delay of the project could impact the steelhead population



Recommendations

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- Recommendation 1:
 - Accept any written or oral comments and address any written or oral comments received at the Public Hearing;
 - Recommendation 2:
 - Adopt Resolution 2018-18 declaring Monterey County Zoning Ordinance inapplicable to the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Upgrade



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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