

**Submitted by staff at 3/18/19 Board meeting
per request of M Chrislock
Oral Communications**

From: [MWChrislock](#)
To: [Arlene Tavani](#)
Subject: NEW for tonight
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Arlene,

Would you distribute this copy instead. I was asked for more numbers.

Melodie

March 18, 2019

MPWMD Chair, Directors and Staff:

How much water does the Peninsula actually need? The public is confused on this issue. Cal Am claims we need 14,000 AFY, but what's the truth?

Public Water Now would like to see a public discussion of the District's demand numbers. While the Board may be familiar with these numbers, the public is not.

It's truly baffling to hear that we need 4000 AFY beyond the 10,000 AFY we use currently, but this is what Cal Am and their supporters tell us again and again.

According to the District's demand numbers, the Peninsula only used a total of 126 AF for all new development in the 10 years before 2006. That demand was before the moratorium and before the recession. Are we to believe that this number has escalated significantly? If so, we would like to understand why?

Cal Am's claim that we need 14,000 AFY is not supported by history or current demand. But this claim is both the justification for Cal Am's desal plant and the basis of claiming the PWM expansion cannot meet the Peninsula's needs.

These are the District's production numbers, 3,500 AF Carmel River, 1,300 AF ASR, 774 AF Seaside Basin, 190 AF Sand City Desal, 3,500 AF Pure Water Monterey, making a total of 9,264 AF. Adding 2,250 AF from the PWM expansion would give us approximately 11,500 AF, leaving 1,500 AF for growth. How many decades of growth would the District expect 1,500 AF to support?

Would Chair Evans please consider scheduling a discussion on this issue at the April Board meeting? We would appreciate your leadership on this. Our community needs the facts.

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On 3/18/19, 11:20 AM, "MWChrislock" <mwchrislock@redshift.com> wrote:

Thanks Arlene,

Melodie

On 3/18/19, 10:22 AM, "Arlene Tavani" <Arlene@mpwmd.net> wrote:

Melodie: Thank you for the communication. Copies will be provided to the Board at the meeting this evening.

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