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Item 13

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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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RE: Agenda Item #13 Consider Adoption of Resolution 2018-05 Regarding State
Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2009-0060

Dear Board Members:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) partners with local jurisdictions, including the City of Monterey, to create a consistent permitting framework for water supply. This permit system is essential to the City conducting its day to day business. For example, a restaurant may close and the building may be re-purposed into ground floor retail and an apartment on the second story. The existing rules and permit system clearly establish how these changes occur. The City fully supports this current framework and the rules and regulations that establish it. Most importantly, the District rules have resulted in almost 3,000 acre feet reduction in water use since the Cease and Desist Order was issued. We are proud of what we have accomplished!

One complicating factor is the possible interpretation of the Cease and Desist Order Condition 2. I support the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's approach as outlined in the proposed resolution. The concept of relying on actual billed water use does not allow for the regular changes that occur to building uses overtime.

It is important that the region's water permitting rules and regulations continue to be followed in a consistent manner.

Sincerely,

Hans Uslar
Interim City Manager