



AGENDA
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. [PST]

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

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<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board of Directors</u> Ian Oglesby, Chair – Mayoral Representative Rebecca Lindor, Vice-Chair – Division 3 Alvin Edwards – Division 1 George Riley – Division 2 Karen Paull – Division 4 Marianne Gawain – Division 5 Kate Daniels – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>General Manager</u> David J. Stoldt</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assistant General Manager</u> Mike McCullough</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mission Statement</u> 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Vision Statement</u> Model ethical, responsible, and responsive governance in pursuit of our mission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Board’s Goals and Objectives</u> Are available online at: https://www.mpwmd.net/who-we-are/mission-vision-goals/</p>
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CLOSED SESSION AGENDA | 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION 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.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA - *Members of the public may address the Board on the item or items listed on the Closed Session agenda.*

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION - *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956.9 et seq., the Board may recess to closed session to consider specific matters dealing with pending or threatened litigation, certain personnel matters or certain property acquisition matters.*

Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9 (Two Cases):

- CPUC A.21-11-024 - Cal-Am Phase 2 Supply and Demand Proceeding; CA Public Utilities Commission
- Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending and Threatened Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9(b)) – One Case

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Any Closed Session Items not completed may be continued to after the end of all open session items.

REGULAR SESSION AGENDA | 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 Regular Board Meeting on April 20, 2026
2. Consider Approval of Funding for Outreach Event “Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway”
3. Consider Approval of Funding and Continuation of the “Mulch Madness” Conservation Promotion
4. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc. to Support Demand Management Programs
5. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with Corporation Service Company – Recording Fees

6. Consider Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Telemetry Inc., (TMX) for Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Monitoring and Control Systems
7. Consider Contract for Public Outreach Services with WellmanAd for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
8. Consider Renewal of Contract with JEA & Associates for Legislative and Administrative Services
9. Consider Renewal of Contract with Ferguson Group for Legislative and Administrative Services
10. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for March 2026
11. Receive and File Third Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
12. Consider Approval of the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Investment Report
13. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02 Establishing Article XIII (B) Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Appropriations Limit

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

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

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

15. Report from District Counsel – General Report of Pending Litigation

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

16. 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.*

17. Receive and Confirm Water Supply Forecast for Period of May 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027 and Consider Adopting Draft Resolution No. 2026-03 to Amend Water Supply Target Table XV-5

[CEQA Compliance: Notice of Exemption, CEQA, Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1) ESA Compliance: Consistent with the September 2001 and February 2009 Conservation Agreements between the National Marine Fisheries Service and California American Water to minimize take of listed steelhead in the Carmel River and Consistent with SWRCB WR Order Nos. 95-10, 98-04, 2002-0002, and 2016-0016.]

Recommended Action: The Board will receive a report on the available water supply and determine whether water-rationing triggers have been met and consider adoption of Resolution 2026 – 03.

18. Consider Adoption of the MPWMD's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan by Resolution No. 2026-04.

Recommended Action: The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 2026-04 to adopt the MPWMD's 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan.

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

19. Update on Citizens Water Panel

Recommended Action: The Board will receive an update on the formation of the Citizens Water Panel.

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.

20. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000
21. Status Report on Expenditures – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System
22. Letters Received and Sent Supplemental Letter Packet
23. Committee Reports
24. Monthly Allocation Report
25. Water Efficiency Program Report for April 2026
26. Carmel River Fishery Report for April 2026
27. 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, May 28, 2026	<i>Special (Budget Workshop)</i>	6:00 p.m.
Monday, June 15, 2026	<i>Regular</i>	6:00 p.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 REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 20, 2026****Meeting Date:** May 18, 2026 **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.**SUMMARY:** Attached for consideration are the draft minutes of the MPWMD Board of Directors' Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2026 (**Exhibit 1-A**).**RECOMMENDATION:** The Board will consider adopting the draft minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 2026.**EXHIBITS****1-A** Draft Minutes – MPWMD Board of Directors' Regular Board Meeting on April 20, 2026

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EXHIBIT 1-A

**Draft Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Oglesby called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Ian Oglesby, Chair
Alvin Edwards
George Riley
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain
Kate Daniels

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Lindor, Vice-Chair

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
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Oglesby opened the Oral Communications period; however, no comments were received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

Director Edwards requested that Item 3 be pulled for discussion.

Director Daniels requested Items 5 and 6 be pulled for discussion.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment; however, no comments were received.

Motion 1: Director Riley offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 4, and 7. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

Motion 2: Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Gawain, to approve Item 3. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

Motion 3: Director Daniels offered a motion, seconded by Director Edwards, to approve Item 5. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

Motion 4: Director Riley offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Item 6. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

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

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Special Meeting/Board Workshop on March 6, 2026, and the Regular Board Meeting on March 16, 2026**
- 2. Consider Entering into a Contract with GSI Environmental to Provide Groundwater Modeling Support to the District**
- 3. Consider Authorization of Various Software Subscription Agreements and a New Information Technology Services Contract with DeVeera, Inc.**
- 4. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Distribution System Production Summary Report for Water Year 2025**
- 5. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Production Summary Report for Water Year 2025**
- 6. Receive Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Mitigation Program Annual Report**
- 7. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for February 2026**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

8. General Manager’s Report

General Manager Dave Stoldt presented a mid-water-year update on water supply, demand, storage, and related legal and project developments. The Board engaged in discussion following the presentation. The presentation is available on the District’s website.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment; however, no comments were received.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

9. Report from District Counsel

District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 113 of the meeting packet and provided an update of ongoing legal matters.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment; however, no comments were received.

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

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

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

- Director Riley noted his attendance at the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster meeting on April 1, 2026.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

11. Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 201 – Amending Rules 10, 11, 23, 24, 25.5, 33, 141, 160, 163, 164, 165, and 167

Stephanie Locke reported that this item presents the first ordinance in a series intended to update and clarify District Rules and Regulations in support of Strategic Goal No. 6. The ordinance includes primarily administrative amendments, minor legal edits, rule clarifications and removals, and updates to tables and system designations. The Board engaged in discussion following the presentation. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment; however, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Riley, to recommend that the Board approve the second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 201 and file a CEQA Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

12. Hold a Public Hearing on Annual Status of Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.3.

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager, presented this item and referred to the staff report on page 269. Following the presentation, the Board discussed the item and acknowledged receipt of the report. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened the Public Comment period; however, no comments were received:

13. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2026-01 Authorizing an Exception to the CalPERS 180-Day Wait Period for Hiring a Retired Annuitant and Authorization to Execute an Employment Agreement with Stephanie Locke to Fill a Critical Need in the Water Demand Division

Nishil Bali presented this item and explained that staff are requesting a waiver of the 180-day post-retirement separation period and approval of a limited advisory contract to ensure continuity and knowledge transfer. Following the presentation, the Board discussed the item. The presentation is available on the District's website.

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

A motion was made by Director Gawain, seconded by Director Paull, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01 authorizing an exception to the CalPERS 180-day wait period to hire Stephanie Locke as a part-time, limited-term employee and authorize the General manager to execute an Employment Agreement with Stephanie Locke at a rate of \$91.00 per hour with a not to exceed term of June 30, 2027 to fill critical needs in the Water Demand Division and the District. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Riley, Oglesby, Paull and Gawain), and 0 Noes.

BOARD WORKSHOP

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

14. Receive Report and Review Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

Maureen Hamilton provided an overview of the Draft Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, including supply and demand projections and drought planning. She reported that the analysis indicates adequate water supplies, with no anticipated need to recover ASR water. Ms. Hamilton also outlined next steps for public outreach, hearings, and adoption prior to submittal to the State by July 1. Following the presentation, the Board discussed the item. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened the Public Comment period, and the following comments were made:

- 1) Tom Rowley commented on recent and upcoming residential and hotel development in Monterey, Seaside, and Marina, noting uncertainties in population growth, school district housing occupancy, and post-COVID water use trends. He expressed that ongoing changes and future projects, including

desalination, may warrant an updated study in the next few years and stated that the current analysis is a good starting point.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 15. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 16. Status Report on Expenditures – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 17. Letters Received and Sent**
- 18. Committee Reports**
- 19. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 20. Water Efficiency Program Report for March 2026**
- 21. Carmel River Fishery Report for March 2026**
- 22. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report**
- 23. 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 Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on _____.

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**2. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING FOR OUTREACH EVENT “SUMMER SPLASH WATER CHALLENGE GIVEAWAY”**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Conservation Program 4-2-1-A
Prepared By:	Stephanie Kister	Cost Estimate:	\$30,000 (Partially Reimbursable)

General Counsel Approval: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway started in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 shutdown. It is a virtual/print educational water conservation gameboard designed for children and families to complete together for a chance to win prizes. Participants watch videos online and/or visit educational websites through links on the event website to find the answers to the questions on the gameboard. Completed gameboards must be submitted to MPWMD for a chance at the prize drawing.

This popular water game had 80 prize-eligible participants in 2020, 64 in 2021, 90 in 2022, 469 in 2023, 430 in 2024, and 478 in 2025. In 2024, the game was lengthened by two weeks at the request of the Public Outreach Committee. The number of participants did not significantly change from the previous year, therefore 2026's game will run for 4-5 weeks starting July 1. It is important to note that the number of prize-eligible participants do not reflect the conservation message communicated through the advertising, the number of people who visited the page and did not submit a completed gameboard, or the family members that helped answer the questions. The Summer Splash game continues to be a successful conservation outreach initiative.

New in 2025 was a redesign of the gameboard with the help of Aldo Crusher, a professional illustrator. This same gameboard will be used again with small updates to match the theme of 'Global Water' for 2026. This year's prizes continue to be geared toward family fun, such as passes to the Monterey Zoo and the movie theater. A total of 25 prizes valued at \$6,819 will be awarded.

Summer Splash 7 is a joint program with California American Water (Cal-Am). Costs will be shared with Cal-Am. The new game will launch around July 1, 2026, and run for just over a month. The 2026 budget is \$25,083 with a reserve of about \$4,917. Marketing (\$15,264) will take place in the local papers, with promotions on social media sites and through Cal-Am's and the District's email lists. The website www.montereywaterinfo.org will be updated for the new gameboard and game entries.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the Board approve the expenditure of budgeted funds for up to \$30,000 for this outreach event. Cal-Am will reimburse the District for half of the expenses.

IMPACT TO STAFF/RESOURCES: Funds for this expenditure are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget

EXHIBIT

2-A Summer Splash 2026 Outreach Plan

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EXHIBIT 2-A

2026 Outreach: Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway 7

Summary: The Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway was started in 2020 in response to COVID lockdown. It is a virtual/print educational water conservation gameboard designed for kids and families. Participants watch videos online and/or visit educational websites as linked on the event website to find the answers to the questions on the gameboard. Completed gameboards are submitted to MPWMD for a chance to win a prize. Winners are featured on MPWMD's Facebook page. It will launch approximately July 1st and run through August 1st.

Design: The gameboard was redesigned by a professional illustrator to portray the Carmel River.

Content: The gameboard questions are under development and will focus on the following topics:

- Availability of water on earth
- Who and what uses the most water on earth
- AI/data centers as a new user of water supplies
- Local water supply education

Prizes: The 25 prizes offered will include High Efficiency Clothes Washers and a High Efficiency Dishwasher, iPads, Plant Nursery Gift Cards, Visa gift cards, Monterey Zoo tickets and Cinemark movie gift cards. Participants will be able to select which prize they want to have a chance to win. Value of all prizes: \$6,819.

Summer Splash Budget:

	QT	Cost	Total
Advertising		15,264	15,264
Email Blast (CAW)		1,500	1,500
Illustrator for Gameboard		1,500	1,500
HE CW	2	997	1,994
HE DW	1	775	775
iPad	4	520	2080
\$200 Nursery Gift Cards	2	200	400
\$100 Gift Card	10	105	1050
Monterey Zoo Family Tickets	2	160	320
Cinemark Movie Gift Card	4	50	200
Reserve			4,917
	25	Total	30,000

Media Plan: The Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway will have an “event page” at www.montereywaterinfo.org where the videos can be viewed and the answers recorded on a form for submission. It will be advertised for four weeks in the local weekly papers, on social media, and by Cal-Am and District email blasts. Cal-Am’s email blasts have a cost of approximately \$1,500. The Ad Placement plan has a cost estimate of \$15,264, including upgrades to the website. The illustrator update is \$1,500.

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FUNDING AND CONTINUATION OF THE “MULCH MADNESS” CONSERVATION PROMOTION**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Conservation Program 4-2-2-O
Prepared By:	Stephanie Kister	Cost Estimate:	\$12,000 (partially reimbursable)

General Counsel Approval: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee considered this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The District, in partnership with California American Water (Cal-Am), plans to continue the “Mulch Madness” event to promote water conservation in the landscape by providing mulch to District occupants. The total value of mulch given away last program year was near \$8,000, which was for nearly 370 properties.

Staff is requesting approval of funding not to exceed \$12,000 for the program during 2026-2027. Half of the cost of the program will be reimbursed by Cal-Am. “Mulch Madness” will provide two cubic yards of free mulch to MPWMD/Cal-Am customers, both commercial and residential properties. Two cubic yards will fit in a truck bed or in the back of most cars. In 2026, District staff added bagged mulch so that people without trucks can get 5 bags for free. The mulch is provided by Keith Day Landscape Supply at ReGen Monterey, at a rate of \$16/cubic yard (cu yd) for a total cost of \$32 per customer, plus tax.

The giveaway will be promoted by email using CAW’s email database, through MPWMD/CAW social media pages, and with print ads in local papers. Customers will be required to confirm eligibility, which will be reviewed by staff. The budget for the program is \$12,000.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$12,000 to partner with CAW for the Mulch Madness conservation program.

IMPACT TO STAFF/RESOURCES: Funds for this expenditure were included in item 4-2-2-O in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

BACKGROUND: Mulch is a layer of organic material, usually bark/wood chips, leaves, and grasses, but can include items such as newspaper, straw, and hay. It is applied in the landscape to the surface of the soil to conserve soil moisture, improve fertility, regulate soil temperature, and

reduce weed growth. Mulch can reduce water use by 20-25 percent. As an organic product, it decomposes into soil over time and needs to be topped off annually. The type of mulch for this event is recycled green waste from local tree trimming/removal vendors, primarily Monterey Pine and Monterey Cypress.

EXHIBITS

None

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**4. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH CORELOGIC INFORMATION SOLUTIONS, INC. TO SUPPORT DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Services & Supplies 26-05-761000
Prepared By:	Kyle Smith	Cost Estimate:	\$25,000

General Counsel Approval: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The District uses CoreLogic Information Solution's online RealQuest Professional system to support the demand management programs. The software provides property information needed for researching and noticing properties, documenting ownership and use information for deed restriction preparation, and enforcement of the District's water efficiency standards. The service is utilized daily by the Water Demand Division, and monthly by the Water Resources and Environmental Resources Divisions. There are no other reasonably accessible alternative sources for the information provided by RealQuest.

The RealQuest license includes:

- Property Profile/Reports
- Street Map Search
- Parcel Maps
- Street Maps Plus
- User sign-on and passwords for eight staff (seven in Water Demand; one in Water Resources and Environmental Resources)
- Access to recorded documents and associated document imaging

Staff is requesting authorization to spend \$25,000 to continue use of CoreLogic's RealQuest Professional services. Funding for this expenditure is included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize a contract with CoreLogic Information Solutions for \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 to access CoreLogic's RealQuest Professional.

IMPACT TO STAFF/RESOURCES: None.

EXHIBITS

None

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**5. CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH CORPORATION SERVICE COMPANY – RECORDING FEES**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Recording Fees 26-05-781900
Prepared By:	Kyle Smith	Cost Estimate:	\$60,000 (partially reimbursed)

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026 and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The District records approximately 150 documents each month with the County Recorder's office with average recording fees of \$35. The documents are electronically recorded through Corporation Service Company (CSC). Recorded documents include deed restrictions related to access to water records and limitations on use, Well Confirmation of Exemptions, Water Distribution System Permits, and notices of non-compliance/compliance and removal.

CSC requires immediate payment at the time a document is recorded. To facilitate this, the District maintains a deposit account that is regularly refilled to cover recording costs. Staff is seeking approval of \$60,000 of budgeted funds for document recording during Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize a contract with Corporation Service Company for \$60,000 for recording fees for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

IMPACT TO STAFF/RESOURCES: Funds for this expenditure are included in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

EXHIBIT

None

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH TELEMETRIX INC., (TMX) FOR SLEEPY HOLLOW STEELHEAD REARING FACILITY MONITORING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Protect Environmental Quality 24-04-785813
Prepared By:	Thomas Christensen	Cost Estimate:	\$ 35,408

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: Exempt under §15262.**

SUMMARY: This item is to authorize an agreement with Telemetrix (TMX) to provide up to 100 hours of consultant service to assist staff with plant operations and troubleshooting, maintain instruments, provide plant electrical equipment service, provide staff training, maintain a web service to provide remote access to on site controls, provide telecommunications, provide 24-hour alarm monitoring, archival operational monitoring data, and the District's enhance insurance requirements. It also includes costs associated with parts that need periodic replacement such as sensors.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with Telemetrix Inc. for consultant services in an amount not-to-exceed \$35,408.

DISCUSSION: The upgrade of the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility completed in 2021 includes a sophisticated Programmable Logic Controller (PLC), water and air measurement instrumentation and other equipment that monitors and controls most functions of the plant, facilitates remote monitoring and operations, and sends alarm calls out when the plant is not operating correctly. TMX wrote the software and installed the PLC, maintains instrumentation, provides staff training, and provides electrical equipment maintenance, maintains a website for staff access, and provides 24-hour operator staffed dedicated alarm call out service. The proposed agreement would cover support of the facility by TMX for a one-year period.

IMPACTS ON STAFF AND RESOURCES: \$35,408 in funds for this work are budgeted under Sleepy Hollow Operations Budget Program line item for Operations Consultant with Web Support. The work would be performed under the direction of District staff involved with Sleepy Hollow operations. During the Finance and Administrative Committee meeting on May 11, 2026, Director Paull asked about the enhanced insurance. After communicating with Telemetrix they stated it will be billed inline with the insurance invoices plus 15 percent overhead. They also get multiple quotes

to secure a fair rate.

EXHIBIT

6-A Telemetrix (TMX) proposal

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TO: Mr. Thomas Christensen, MPWMD
 FM: Kim Cohan, Telemetry
 DT: April 2, 2026

RE: SHSRF annual support

Dear Mr. Christensen,

We are pleased to furnish this proposal to MPWMD for SHSRF support services.

Scope	Cost	Annual
Consulting and onsite services	Monday thru Friday 8A-5P. Principal: \$180/hr Technician: \$165/hr After hours, weekends add 50% Travel to site: travel to site billable.	\$18,000/year (based on 100 hrs principal)
<p>Plant alarm 24hr live operator response via dedicated redundant alarm channel cellular connection. Supervised communication channel integrity.</p> <p>Real time plant data collection, data storage, and presentation via web site. Downloadable storage of up to 12 months plant data. Email notifications.</p> <p>Starlink. Real time plant remote control via low latency starlink satellite connection.</p>	\$299.00/mo	\$3,588/year

Enhanced Insurance * (estimate)		\$9,920.00
Estimated consumables	LDO oxygen sensors, Desiccant tubes, Wet bulb temp sensor.	\$3,900.00
Total annual (estimated)		\$35,408.00

*Enhanced Insurance includes Umbrella Liability for 3 million and Errors and Omissions which are billed at the end of the fiscal year based on insurance invoices with %15 overhead. The District required this additional coverage.

Terms: Net 30 on approved credit.

Sincerely,



Kim Cohan, Owner
Kim@telemetry.com

831-521-2360

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**7. CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC OUTREACH SERVICES WITH WELLMANAD FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Pending
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Outreach xx-01-781140
Prepared By:	Mike McCullough	Cost Estimate:	\$97,344

General Counsel Review: NA**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: WellmanAd was hired in October 2022 to perform outreach, advertising and design services for the District. Over the past year, WellmanAd has maintained a 20,000+ email address distribution list, prepared, printed, and distributed the District's Annual Report, prepared and delivered monthly (or more frequent) email newsletters and print advertisements, has prepared a monthly branding ad for print media, has maintained and enhanced the District's social media presence, and recently redesigned the District's website.

Staff is recommending continuing the contract with WellmanAd for fiscal year 2026-27 at the monthly retainer of \$8,112. WellmanAd's contract includes a provision that it will not engage in any campaign marketing for any candidate running for MPWMD Director. Staff recommend this delineation between professional and political ties remain in the current contract.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board authorize entry into a contract with WellmanAd for an amount not to exceed \$97,344 for FY 2026-2027.

EXHIBIT**7-A** Fiscal Year 2026-27 Draft Contract with WellmanAd

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AND
WELLMANAD

FOR
PUBLIC OUTREACH SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this ___ day of June 2026, by and between Phil Wellman, a sole proprietor d.b.a. WellmanAd, hereafter called "Agency," and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereafter called "District".

SECTION I - SCOPE OF SERVICES

DISTRICT hereby engages Agency for services as set forth in Exhibit A, Scope of Work.

SECTION II – COMPENSATION

A. FEE SCHEDULE

Fees payable to Agency for services specified herein shall be in accordance with the Fee Schedule in Exhibit B.

B. METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment of fees shall be documented in monthly billings submitted by Agency to District. Payments are due and payable within thirty (30) days after receipt of each invoice subject to a finding by District that work performed has been satisfactory and that payment is for the work specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Work. Where District finds the work to be unsatisfactory, District shall describe deficiencies in writing to Agency within ten (10) working days of receipt of invoice.

C. MAXIMUM PAYMENT

Payments to Agency for retained services rendered under this Agreement **shall not exceed \$8,112** per month without the prior written consent of the District. Out-of-pocket expenses incurred will be paid separately from retained services, but only upon presentation of documentation of the expense(s) and pre-approval of the District General Manager. The Agency agrees to perform the services provided for in Exhibit A, 'Scope of Work' attached hereto and incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, provided that the Agency shall not be obligated to perform any services not described in the Scope of Work. Changed or additional services shall be subject to negotiation of a new or amended Scope of Work, Budget, and Schedule and shall be authorized by amendment to this Agreement and approved as required by law.

SECTION III - INSPECTION OF WORK

The books, papers, records and accounts of Agency or any subconsultants retained by Agency insofar as they relate to charges for services or are in any way connected with the work herein contemplated, shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection and audit by the agents and authorized representatives of the District. Said records shall be retained for a minimum of five (5) years after completion of services.

SECTION IV - OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

All original documents, explanations of methods, maps, tables, computer programs, reports and other documents prepared under this Agreement and equipment purchased specifically for the project shall become the exclusive property of the District. Agency may retain copies for his/her own use. If, in the conduct of the work herein contemplated the Agency utilizes proprietary intellectual property, the Agency will provide to District a non-exclusive license to use such property in connection with this project.

SECTION V – TERM/TIME OF PERFORMANCE

Agency shall begin work upon the effective date of this Agreement and shall complete all tasks monthly as discussed and agreed to by the District and the Agency. Work Schedule and performance shall be consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by outreach professionals practicing in the State of California under the same or similar circumstances.

This Agreement will terminate June 30, 2027, and is subject to renewal by Agreement of the Agency and the District.

SECTION VI - RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Agency represents that he/she has or will secure at his/her own expense all personnel, materials, and related services required to perform the services under this Agreement. Agency shall act as an independent Agency and not as an agent or employee of the District. Agency shall have exclusive and complete control over his/her employees and subconsultants and shall determine the method of performing the services hereunder.
- B. District shall provide Agency with all relevant data and information in its possession without charge.
- C. District shall coordinate and arrange for all meetings required to be held with other agencies or persons hereunder, unless otherwise specified in **Exhibit A**, Scope of Services.
- D. Agency shall be responsible for the reproduction of work produced by Agency hereunder.
- E. The officers, agents, and employees of the District shall cooperate with Agency in the performance of services under this agreement without charge to Agency. Agency agrees to use such services insofar as feasible to effectively discharge his/her obligations hereunder and further agrees to cooperate with officers, agents, and employees of the District

- F. The Agency agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the officers, agents and employees of the District, from any and all claims and losses accruing or resulting to any and all consultants, subconsultants, material men, laborers and any other person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged to the extent caused by the negligent acts, errors, and/or omissions of the Agency, Agency's employees, or Agency's subconsultants or subconsultants in the performance of the services under this Agreement.
- G. **STANDARD OF CARE:** Consistent with the professional standard of care and except as otherwise expressly set forth herein, Agency shall be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of data and information provided by District or others without independent review or evaluation. This Agreement shall not create any rights or benefits to parties other than Agency and the District. No other third party shall have the right to rely on Agency opinions rendered in connection with the Services without the written consent of Agency and the third party's agreement to be bound to the same conditions and limitations as the District.

SECTION VII - INSURANCE

- A. Agency shall obtain and keep insurance policies in full force and effect for the following forms of coverage as shown in Exhibit C, Insurance Requirements.

SECTION VIII - CHANGES AND CHANGED CONDITIONS

- A. If, during the course of the work herein contemplated, the need to change the Scope of Work should arise, for whatever reasons, whichever party first identifies such need to change shall notify the other party in writing. The representatives of the parties shall meet within ten (10) working days of the date of such notice to discuss the need for change so identified and to set the proposed action to be taken by the parties. A change in the Scope of Work may also result in a change in the compensation amount. Compensation changes shall be based upon the Agency Fee Schedule in effect at the time a change is made to the Scope of Work. Any changes agreed to shall be documented by duly executed amendments to this Agreement.
- B. District reserves the right to specify individual employees, subconsultants or agents of Agency who shall be assigned to perform the tasks specified in Exhibit A, Scope of Services. If, during the course of the work herein contemplated, there is a change such that the specified individual employees, subconsultants or agents are no longer assigned to the work described in this contract and/or are no longer affiliated with Agency, Agency shall immediately notify District in writing. Agency shall assign the rights to this contract to another entity, if requested by the District, as part of termination proceedings pursuant to Section IX, Termination.

SECTION IX - TERMINATION

- A. District may terminate Agency's services at any time by written notice to Agency at least thirty (30) days prior to such termination. Upon receipt of written notice from District that this Agreement is terminated, Agency shall submit an invoice for an amount that represents the value of services actually performed to the date of said notice for which he/she has not previously been compensated.

- B. Upon receipt of written notice of termination, the Agency shall (1) promptly discontinue all services affected (unless the notice directs otherwise), and (2) deliver or otherwise make available to District, copies, including magnetic media, of data, design calculations, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and other such information and materials as may have been accumulated by the Agency in performing the services under this Agreement.

SECTION X - SUB-CONTRACTING AND ASSIGNABILITY

It is acknowledged that this contract will involve the Agency sub-contracting a portion of the work required by this Agreement. Agency shall pay subcontractors and bill District for expenses by submitting detailed subcontractor invoice(s).

SECTION XI - DISCRIMINATION AND FAIR EMPLOYMENT

Attention is directed to Section 1735 of the California Labor Code, which reads as follows:

“No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons upon public works because of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, or sex of such persons, except as provided in Section 12940 of the government code and every Agency for public works violating this section is subject to all penalties imposed by a violation of this chapter.”

During the performance of this Agreement, Agency and its consultants shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex, race, color, ancestry, religious creed, national origin, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer), age (over 40), marital status, and denial of family care leave. Agency and its consultants shall insure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Consultant and its consultants shall comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Government Code Section 12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder (California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Section 7285 et seq.). The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing Government Code Section 12990 (a-f), set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full.

SECTION XII - INTEREST OF AGENCY

Agency covenants that he/she presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of services required to be performed under this Agreement. Agency agrees not to manage a political campaign for any candidate running for Director of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

SECTION XIII - CONTINGENT FEES

Agency warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Agency to solicit or secure this Agreement, and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any company, or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Agency, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts, or other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For

breach of violation of this warranty, District shall have the right to annul this Agreement without liability or at its discretion to deduct from the contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage, gift or contingent fee.

SECTION XIV - DISPUTES

In the event of a dispute arising out of the performance of this Agreement either party shall, as soon as a conflict is identified, submit a written statement of the conflict to the other party. Within five (5) working days of receipt of such a statement of conflict, the second party will respond and a meeting will be arranged not more than five (5) working days thereafter to arrive at a negotiated settlement or procedure for settlement. If, within twenty (20) working days from the initial filing of a statement of conflict an agreement cannot be reached, it is agreed that the dispute may be resolved in a court of law competent to hear this matter. This Agreement shall be construed in accord with California law and it is agreed that venue shall be in the County of Monterey. The prevailing party shall be awarded costs of suit, and attorneys' fees.

SECTION XV - NOTICES

All communications to either party by the other shall be deemed given when made in writing and delivered or mailed to such party at its respective address, as follows:

DISTRICT: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
5 Harris Court, Bldg G
Monterey, CA 93940
Telephone: (831) 658-5651
Email: dstoldt@mpwmd.net

AGENCY: Phil Wellman
WellmanAd
31 Dorey Way
Monterey, CA 93940
Telephone: 831-626-0466 Email:
phil@wellmanad.com

SECTION XVI - AMENDMENTS

This Agreement together with **Exhibits A, B, and C** sets forth the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter herein. There are no other agreements expressed or implied, oral or written, except as set forth herein. This Agreement may not be amended except upon written amendment, executed by both parties hereto.

SECTION XVII - ATTACHMENTS

The following exhibits attached hereto and referred to in the preceding sections are, by reference, incorporated herein and made an integral part of this Agreement:

- Exhibit A.** Scope of Work
- Exhibit B.** Fee Schedule
- Exhibit C.** Insurance Requirements

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement effective as of the day and year first above written.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

BY: David J. Stoldt, General Manager

AGENCY

BY: Phil Wellman

FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 77-0233765

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF WORK

AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Outreach Strategy – Research, Branding, Communications
- Presentations – Provide review and editing of content and graphics for clarity
- Public Relations – Provide review and editing of content produced by the District for clarity – Write up to two releases per month based on talking points
- Advertising – Print, Digital, TV, Radio – Strategy, content, design, direction, project mgmt.
- Social Media – Strategy, messaging, graphics, project mgmt.
- Media Buys – Campaign schedule design, negotiation, orders, project mgmt.
- Video – Strategy, content, design, direction, production, project mgmt.
- Mailing list / eblasts – Build list, content, design, send, project mgmt.
- Collateral (brochures, flyers, annual report) – Strategy, content, design, project mgmt.
- Website – Strategy, content, design, project mgmt.

OTHER

Any and other services as needed and requested by the District, including but not limited to:

- Attend District Meetings
- Monthly Branding Ads
- Workshop Ads
- Newsletter
- Annual Report
- Drought/Flood Special Outreach
- Prop 218 Special Outreach
- Identify/Work-with 3rd Party Designer
- Update Brochures
- Order Collateral (Gifts, Stuff, Things)
- Develop Video Clips
- Event Coordination
- Update Costs of Media Buys and Direct Mail Annually
- Submit Annual Award Applications
- Submit Press Info to Publications (ACWA, CSDA, JournalAWWA, WaterWorld,Opflow (AWWA), Source)

OUTSIDE COSTS

- Agency will provide monthly budget for projects
- Approved costs paid directly to Agency for subcontractors. Other outside costs may be billed by Agency or paid directly by District as agreed.
- No agency markup – Project management time included in retainer
- Media and ads
- Printing
- Video production
- Web coding
- Social Media posting, boosting, metrics
- Eblast conversion and sending
- Illustration
- Photography
- Events
- Other

EXHIBIT B – FEE SCHEDULE

The scope of work shall be on a monthly retainer of \$8,112 per month and a minimum hourly commitment of 45 hours per month. Out-of-pocket and subconsultant expenses will be on a time-and-materials basis.

The scope of work, associated level of effort, fee estimate, and timeline may change, and Agency will have an opportunity, in discussion with the District, to modify aspects of the fees, if necessary, to ensure that they best meet the District's goals and objectives.

EXHIBIT C - INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- I. Agency shall provide evidence of valid and collectible insurance carried for those exposures indicated by an "X".
- A. Professional Liability Errors & Omissions
 - B. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability
 - C. Automobile Liability - "Any Auto - Symbol 1"
 - D. Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability, including Bodily Injury, Property Damage and Personal Injury
 - E. Owners & Consultants Protective
 - F. Protection & Indemnity (Marine/Aviation)
- II. The minimum limit of protection provided by insurance policies for each of the coverages listed above shall be not less than \$1,000,000, except for coverage "D", which shall not be less than \$2,000,000. The procurement and maintenance by the Agency of the policies required to be obtained and maintained by Agency under this Agreement shall not relieve or satisfy Agency's obligation to indemnify, defend and save harmless District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.
- III. Evidence of insurance carried shall be Certificates of Insurance for the current policies. District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District shall each be listed as a certificate holder on the Agency's Commercial or Comprehensive General Liability insurance policy and the policy must be endorsed to provide a 30-day prior written notice of cancellation, excluding cancellation due to nonpayment of premium.
- IV. Agency shall carry a commercial liability policy written on a general liability form.
- A. Such protection is to include coverage for the following hazards, indicated by an "X":
- 1. Premises and Operations
 - 2. Products and Completed Operations
 - 3. Explosion Collapse and Underground
 - 4. Broad Form Blanket Contractual
 - 5. Broad Form Property Damage
 - 6. Personal Injury, A, B & C
 - 7. Employees named as Persons Insured
 - 8. Protective and/or Contingent Liability (O&CP)

- B. The comprehensive general liability policy shall include as an additional insured District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District their officers, directors, agents and employees."
- C. This policy shall contain a severability of interest clause or similar language to the following:
- "The insurance afforded applies separately to each insured against whom claim is made or suit is brought including claims made or suits brought by any persons included within the persons insured provision of the insurance against any other such person or organization."
- D. All policies shall contain a provision that the insurance company shall give the District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District at least thirty (30) days prior written notice mailed to the address shown below prior to any cancellation or non-renewal. The 30-day written notice must be shown on all certificates of insurance.
- E. Certificates of Insurance for the current policies shall be delivered by the Agency to the Risk Manager for the District as verification that terms A, B, C and D have been met.
- V. All insurance correspondence, certificates, binders, etc., shall be mailed to:
- Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Attn: Administrative Services Manager
5 Harris Court, Building G
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942-0085
- VI. All policies carried by the Agency shall be primary coverage as to the interest of the additional insured to any and all other policies that may be in force. District and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District shall not be responsible for payment of premiums due as a result of compliance with the terms and conditions of the insurance requirements.
- VII. All such policies of insurance shall be issued by insurance companies with general policy holders' rating of not less than "B" and authorized or admitted to do business in the State of California. The policies of insurance so carried shall be carried and maintained throughout the term of this Agreement.

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**8. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH JEA & ASSOCIATES FOR LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Consultants XX-01-774000
Prepared By:	Mike McCullough	Cost Estimate:	\$72,000 Annually

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.**

SUMMARY: JEA and Associates (JEA) has worked with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) since 2009 to advance the District's interests in Sacramento on a wide variety of projects and issues.

DISCUSSION: Areas of experience provided by JEA in the past include:

- JEA has worked closely and developed strong relationships with our local delegation, including Senator Laird and Assemblymember Addis. Not only does JEA have good personal relationships with these legislators, but also with Speaker Rivas and Senator Caballero. JEA has consistently built relationships with Capitol and local District staff on behalf of the District.
- JEA has represented MPWMD in weekly ACWA advocacy meetings, and became a member of ACWA's Bond Working Group, which resulted in altering ACWA's requests for the recent water bond proposals.
- JEA maintains a productive and supportive relationship with several professional associations and works closely on coalition efforts to support or oppose various pieces of legislation and budget items. Having the District represented in this area only elevates the stature of the District with ACWA and other like-minded associations.
- JEA has been helpful in facilitating discussions about MPWMD's issue regarding Condition 2 of the Cease-and-Desist Order. They also helped with previous District inquiries on water for housing with Senate Housing Committee consultants and deputies from the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- JEA has worked closely with MPWMD on possible special legislation related to non-functional turf. This included numerous meetings and conversations with Senator Laird's

senior consultants, internal strategy discussions, and coordinating with Legislative Counsel on potential legislative language.

- The advocacy firm regularly forwards and investigates potential funding opportunities, including drafting detailed explanations on available grants/funding.
- Monitors and tracks over 100 bills a year and draft appropriate correspondence/letters and provide testimony on behalf of MPWMD.
- Coordinates the scheduling of meetings in Sacramento with state agencies on various issues the District staff and Board Members deem important, including Cal-Am, local measures (Measure J), etc.
- Educate and advise District staff on new programmatic state guidelines or regulations.

COST: JEA has proposed a retainer of \$6,000 a month for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-27. A copy of the proposed agreement is included as **Exhibit 8-A**.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the proposed agreement with JEA & Associates for FY 2026-27.

EXHIBIT

8-A Proposed Agreement for FY 2026-2027

Draft Agreement

This AGREEMENT is entered into as of the date hereinafter specified by and between JEA & Associates and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD). WHEREAS MPWMD wishes to engage JEA & Associates to provide legislative and administrative services to MPWMD as outlined in the scope of services below.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties hereto do mutually agree to the following terms and conditions:

Scope of Services

1. JEA & Associates would propose to undertake legislative and administrative activities as directed and/or requested by the MPWMD, using our political and general experience to accomplish established goals. Specifically, working with the MPWMD on the State Water Resources Regional Control Board's (SWRCB's) Cease and Desist Order (CDO) for the California American Water (CAW) unauthorized diversions from the Carmel River and also working with the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) on water for housing, and other entities on this issue.
2. JEA & Associates would schedule, coordinate and participate in meetings with the Governor's Administration, the California Legislature, the HCD, the SWRCB and others in addressing key issues and concerns regarding the CDO and attend public hearings of the CPUC, the SWRCB and of other agencies as requested and directed by the MPWMD.
3. Monitor Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) and SWRCB meetings/workshops and report to the MPWMD's staff on Commission policy and funding initiatives. Closely monitor the development of program criteria for Bond funds and assist the MPWMD staff with any project applications submitted for funding.
4. Recommend to MPWMD Board/staff program and project funding strategies and assist in the execution of the strategies with the DWR and SWRCB. Work with the MPWMD Board and appropriate staff in coordinating DWR and SWRCB tours of MPWMD projects and programs. Assist MPWMD in gaining legislative support for grant and funding applications before the DWR and SWRCB.
5. Monitor Legislature's policy and budget committee hearings on water, lobby/testify on behalf of the MPWMD on program allocation and budget earmarks as directed. Organize advocacy efforts with legislative leadership and political friends of the MPWMD to insure coordination of efforts on behalf of funding requests. Monitor and report on budget conference committee actions and advocate for budget "trailer" and/or "caboose" bill language for the MPWMD as may be required.
6. Recommend policy positions on specific pieces of legislation/budget items of importance/relevance to the MPWMD and advocate/lobby/testify on positions of the MPWMD before the Legislature, Governor's Office and any relevant state agency, board and commission. Provide copies of introduced or amended bills, committee analysis or reports and any relevant committee testimony on identified legislation/budget items. Obtain behind-the-scenes intelligence and vital information on legislative discussions/actions being contemplated by the Legislature, the Governor's Office or other interest groups.
7. Prepare and present written reports for the MPWMD as directed.

8. To enable JEA & Associates to carry out the prescribed scope of work, it is requested that the MPWMD provide our firm with technical assistance, expertise and information as may be necessary or required.
9. John Arriaga of JEA & Associates will be the principal contact from our firm and the responsible person in dealing with the MPWMD, its Board of Directors and staff as may be necessary. He will be assisted by Laurie Johnson and Erica Arriaga of the firm as may be required.

Fee Structure

JEA & Associates is prepared to provide the services as outlined in this proposal for a monthly retainer of \$6,000 a month, due & payable on the first day of each month plus chargeable expenses. This amount/retainer is based on our anticipation of the workload. We would like an understanding that should its level of activity exceed 25 hours per month on a regular basis, our firm and the MPWMD will mutually discuss any adjustments to this fee schedule as it determines the actual scope of activity and volume of work found to be required to carry out the goals of the MPWMD. Chargeable expenses include travel and work-related entertainment expenses, which shall be expressly authorized by the MPWMD prior to such expenses being incurred.

This contract will be in effect July 1, 2026. Either party may terminate this Agreement, for any reason, upon not less than 30 days of prior written notice to the other party.

Signature:

John E. Arriaga
President
JEA & Associates

Date

David Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Date

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**9. CONSIDER RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON GROUP FOR LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	Yes
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	Consultants XX-01-774000
Prepared By:	Mike McCullough	Cost Estimate:	\$79,380 annually

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines section 15378.**

SUMMARY: TFG has worked with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) since 2015 and directly represented the District at the federal level since January of 2017. During this time, TFG has worked with the District and Monterey One Water to build support for the Pure Water Monterey project as a multi-benefit, regional solution deserving of federal support that is serving as a model for California and the nation. TFG also worked with the District to advance the District's interests on a wide variety of other projects and issues. District staff believe the opportunities for federal assistance to advance the District's priorities is lower this year due to a change in Administration. However, TFG and District remain optimistic in positioning the District to maximize access to federal resources.

DISCUSSION: Areas of experience provided by TFG in the past include:

- Successfully secured an authorization for \$20 million in water, wastewater, and water supply infrastructure assistance on the Monterey Peninsula in HR 7776, the House version of the Water Resources Development Act for 2022 (Sec. 337(a)(290)).
- Assisted in advocating for an EPA WIFIA loan for the Pure Water Monterey project (approximately \$76 million in low-cost, long-term financing).
- Assisted the District and Monterey One Water in securing grant funds through Reclamation's Title XVI water reuse program. TFG organized and participated in meetings in DC and California to encourage Reclamation's support of the project. Approximately \$30 million in grant funds have been secured to date which has reduced the cost of the Pure Water Monterey project.
- Worked directly with the General Manager to attempt to secure Community Project funding for FY 2025-26 and to renew community projects for FY 26/27 appropriation.

- Successfully advocated for increasing the ceiling on Title XVI water reuse assistance from \$20 million to \$30 million. Over the last several years, the District has advocated for Congress to statutorily increase the ceiling on Title XVI assistance.
- On water conservation, the District has consistently advocated for passage of the Water Conservation Rebate Tax Parity Act that would amend federal tax law to clarify that homeowners do not need to pay income tax on rebates received from water utilities for water conservation and water runoff management improvements they have made.
- Relationship Building and Leadership – Maintaining strong relationships with Congress and federal agencies will boost the District’s efforts to influence legislation, regulations, and policy changes of interest. TFG has organized Washington meetings, both in-person and virtually, and recommends continuing these in-person DC meetings moving forward.
- Ongoing Tracking and Monitoring -- TFG provides the District with weekly updates on legislation, executive branch actions, and federal regulatory matters on water and natural resources, and developments about grant funding. TFG also provides special reports on policy developments and a monthly report on federal legislation.
- TFG has a pre-arranged monthly call with District staff and can provide competitive grant writing and support services on a discounted basis.

COST: TFG has proposed a monthly retainer of \$6,615 a month for the upcoming fiscal year 2026-27. A copy of the proposed agreement is included as **Exhibit 9-A**.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the proposed agreement with TFG for FY 2026-27.

EXHIBIT

9-A Proposed Agreement for FY 2026-27

EXHIBIT 9-A
The Ferguson Group
Advocacy. Consulting. Grants.



May 8, 2026

Mr. David J. Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Letter of Agreement – July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Dear Mr. Stoldt:

The Ferguson Group, LLC (TFG) is pleased to submit this letter of agreement to continue to provide Washington representation and consulting services to Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), as outlined in the TFG “Response to RFQ for Federal Legislative and Agency Lobbyist” services dated December 1, 2016, for the twelve-month period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. As described in the RFQ response, TFG will provide Washington representation services to MPWMD and perform such work as directed by MPWMD on a fixed fee basis, at the rate of \$6,615 per month. Among other things, TFG will continue to assist MPWMD in securing federal financial assistance, raising the visibility of the MPWMD projects, and securing congressional support for the activities of the MPWMD. Among other things, TFG will focus on securing federal assistance for the Carmel River Management Plan, including upgrading the monitoring program on the Carmel River to a full Life Cycle Monitoring Station. TFG will also assist MPWMD with scheduling and preparing for advocacy meetings with the MPWMD congressional delegation, key House and Senate Committee offices and administration officials, and, perform such other tasks as directed by MPWMD.

In addition to the monthly fixed fee, MPWMD will be responsible for reimbursable expenses associated with carrying out the requested work, including long distance telephone calls, faxes, document production, overnight delivery, in-Town courier services, meals and out-of-Town travel (both pre-approved by MPWMD), and in-Town travel (taxicabs). Reimbursable expenses for the twelve-month contract period shall not exceed \$3,500, as indicated in the aforementioned RFQ response.

Either party may terminate this agreement at any time by giving the other party at least thirty (30) days prior notice, in writing, of such termination.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue our work with MPWMD and look forward to a very productive year. If the terms of this letter of agreement are acceptable, please sign both originals, and return one to us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

W. Roger Gwinn
CEO

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED TO BY:

THE FERGUSON GROUP, LLC

MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



W. Roger Gwinn
CEO

David J. Stoldt
General Manager

05/8/2026
Date

Date

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**10. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2026**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Exhibit 10-A comprises the Treasurer's Report for March 2026. **Exhibit 10-B** includes listings of check disbursements for the period March 1-31, 2026. 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 \$7,029,539.9. These disbursements included Water Supply Fee (WSC) reimbursements of \$2,632,160.41 to more than 32,000 members of the Settlement Class. WSC reimbursements to international addresses were sent out in early April and are not included in these disbursements. Payment **Exhibit 10-C** reflects the unaudited version of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending March 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board adopt the March 2026 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursements made during the month.

EXHIBITS**10-A** Treasurer's Report**10-B** Listing of Cash Disbursements**10-C** Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2026**

<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>	<u>PB Reclamation Money Market</u>
Beginning Balance (A)	\$3,156,204.86	\$2,247,812.09	\$1,046,917.01	\$16,593,801.84	\$10,798,673.15	\$33,843,408.94	\$42,851.87
Fees/Deposits		6,269,747.00				6,269,747.00	301,850.40
MoCo Tax & WS Chg Installment Pymt						0.00	
Interest Received			3,285.61		43,966.80	47,252.41	
Transfer - Checking/CLASS						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/LAIF						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Checking	4,500,000.00	(4,500,000.00)				0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Multi-Bank						0.00	
Transfer to CAWD						0.00	(130,000.00)
Sub-total - Receipts/Transfers (B)	\$4,500,000.00	\$1,769,747.00	\$3,285.61	-	\$43,966.80	\$6,316,999.41	\$171,850.40
[1] AP Automation Payments	(293,654.58)					(293,654.58)	
[2] General Checks	(3,680,270.52)					(3,680,270.52)	
[3] Bank Draft Payments	(47,704.35)					(47,704.35)	
[3] Payroll Tax/Benefit Deposits	(182,923.74)					(182,923.74)	
[4] Rebate Payments	(1,250.00)					(1,250.00)	
* Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits	(189,212.74)					(189,212.74)	
** Bank Charges/Other	(2,363.56)				(289.97)	(2,653.53)	
*** Water Supply Fee Reimbursements	(2,632,160.41)					(2,632,160.41)	
Voided Checks	-					0.00	
Credit Card Fees						0.00	
Returned Deposits						0.00	
Sub-total - Disbursements (C)	(7,029,539.90)	-	-	-	(289.97)	(7,029,829.87)	-
Ending Balance (A+B+C)	\$626,664.96	\$4,017,559.09	\$1,050,202.62	\$16,593,801.84	\$10,842,349.98	\$33,130,578.48	\$214,702.27

Refer to Exhibit B for payments totaling [1], [2], [3], and [4]

* Total amount of District Employee and Board payroll

** Merchant account fees from Bank of America

*** Water Supply Fee reimbursements to ratepayers per appellate court settlement agreement

* Fixed Income investments are reported at face value

EXHIBIT 10-B

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Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026



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						
28514	Kearney Littlefield LLP	03/02/2026	Regular	0.00	558,445.47	41029
85579	Richards J. Heuer III	03/02/2026	Regular	0.00	5,000.00	41030
46571	California American Water	03/09/2026	Regular	0.00	7,500.00	41031
12595	Monterey County Assessor	03/09/2026	Regular	0.00	265.00	41032
00274	Monterey One Water	03/09/2026	Regular	0.00	205,303.00	41033
46571	California American Water	03/09/2026	Regular	0.00	11,512.01	41034
00274	Monterey One Water	03/09/2026	Regular	0.00	2,666,133.36	41035
00252	Cal-Am Water	03/16/2026	Regular	0.00	8,050.00	41039
01352	Dave Stoldt	03/16/2026	Regular	0.00	1,333.19	41040
01020	Sandra Alonso - Petty Cash Custodian	03/23/2026	Regular	0.00	537.74	41041
00274	Monterey One Water	03/30/2026	Regular	0.00	216,147.40	41042
06535	ROWLEY THOMAS J JR & ROSEMARY	03/16/2026	Regular	0.00	43.35	41038
Total Regular:					3,680,270.52	

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Date Range: 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Virtual Payment						
00225	AAA Workspace	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	292.57	APA021276
41145	Advance Cleaning 365, Inc.	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,700.00	APA021277
28519	Albert A. Webb Associates	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	197.50	APA021278
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	47.83	APA021279
00028	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,638.00	APA021280
11822	CSC	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	20,000.00	APA021281
18734	DeVeera Inc.	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,967.86	APA021282
05164	GardenSoft	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	5,000.00	APA021283
40997	Innovasea Systems	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	5,598.00	APA021284
00094	John Arriaga	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,500.00	APA021285
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	295.58	APA021286
05830	Larry Hampson	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,499.18	APA021287
13431	Lynx Technologies, Inc	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,625.00	APA021288
00222	M.J. Murphy	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	27.57	APA021289
00223	Martins Irrigation Supply	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	115.37	APA021290
16182	Monterey County Weekly	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	970.00	APA021291
00154	Peninsula Messenger Service	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	417.00	APA021292
00262	Pure H2O	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	65.54	APA021293
17968	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	43,740.10	APA021294
19700	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,770.59	APA021295
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	680.00	APA021296
09425	The Ferguson Group LLC	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	6,300.00	APA021297
17965	The Maynard Group	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,869.08	APA021298
00271	UPEC, Local 792	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,312.50	APA021299
06009	yourservicesolution.com	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,608.00	APA021300
20230	Zoom Video Communications Inc	03/13/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	537.62	APA021301
00767	AFLAC	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.94	APA021302
04732	AM Conservation Group, Inc.	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	21,799.15	APA021303
00760	Andy Bell	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	739.00	APA021304
00263	Arlene Tavani	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,235.56	APA021305
28518	Close & Associates, LLC	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	18,700.30	APA021306
00281	CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc.	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,495.34	APA021307
06001	Cypress Coast Ford	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,243.23	APA021308
00192	Extra Space Storage	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	510.00	APA021309
21053	Green Valley Industrial Supply	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	116.50	APA021310
00986	Henrietta Stern	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	915.80	APA021311
24162	James Tynan	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	195.00	APA021312
03857	Joe Oliver	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,223.80	APA021313
27302	Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc.	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	535.75	APA021314
01012	Mark Dudley	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA021315
00242	MBAS	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,608.00	APA021316
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	221.75	APA021317
19700	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	20,794.47	APA021318
21876	Timothy G. Scarpa	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	800.00	APA021319
04366	Tom Lindberg	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,419.23	APA021320
23550	WellmanAD	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	9,075.00	APA021321
08105	Yolanda Munoz	03/20/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA021322
00263	Arlene Tavani	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,235.56	APA021325
00983	Beverly Chaney	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,499.18	APA021326
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	51.09	APA021327
00224	City of Monterey	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	697.75	APA021328
24368	Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc.	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	50.90	APA021329
00046	De Lay & Laredo	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	33,247.50	APA021330
18734	DeVeera Inc.	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,183.89	APA021331
02833	Greg James	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,499.18	APA021332
00986	Henrietta Stern	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	915.80	APA021333
81513	Jackson Lewis P.C	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,567.50	APA021334
05371	June Silva	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,046.80	APA021335
31342	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	15,730.00	APA021336
00222	M.J. Murphy	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	11.89	APA021337

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
05829	Mark Bekker	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,191.24	APA021338
00242	MBAS	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	5,609.00	APA021339
07418	McMaster-Carr	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	37.70	APA021340
01002	Monterey County Clerk	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	50.00	APA021341
22201	Montgomery & Associates	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,622.50	APA021342
40998	RWG Law	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	15,906.68	APA021343
09989	Star Sanitation Services	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	164.21	APA021344
14680	Tope's Tree Service	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,000.00	APA021345
00271	UPEC, Local 792	03/27/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,312.50	APA021346
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	293,654.58	

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Bank Draft						
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	03/02/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	204.46	DFT0004134
00266	I.R.S.	03/06/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	18,980.41	DFT0004140
00266	I.R.S.	03/06/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	4,215.52	DFT0004141
00267	Employment Development Dept.	03/06/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	7,700.07	DFT0004142
00266	I.R.S.	03/06/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	41.66	DFT0004143
00266	I.R.S.	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	70.48	DFT0004144
00266	I.R.S.	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	301.32	DFT0004145
29035	BlueTriton Brands Inc	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	221.33	DFT0004146
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	222.77	DFT0004147
00769	Laborers Trust Fund of Northern CA	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	46,436.00	DFT0004148
00282	PG&E	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	57.48	DFT0004150
18163	Wex Bank	03/13/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,549.29	DFT0004151
00266	I.R.S.	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	18,192.63	DFT0004154
00266	I.R.S.	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	4,222.34	DFT0004155
00267	Employment Development Dept.	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	7,357.24	DFT0004156
00266	I.R.S.	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	72.92	DFT0004157
00259	Marina Coast Water District	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	3,584.07	DFT0004158
00282	PG&E	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	11,048.48	DFT0004159
06746	POSTMASTER	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	2,176.00	DFT0004160
00252	Cal-Am Water	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	405.82	DFT0004166
00993	Harris Court Business Park	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	793.39	DFT0004167
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	28.24	DFT0004168
00282	PG&E	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	10,778.33	DFT0004169
07627	Purchase Power	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	600.00	DFT0004170
00221	Verizon Wireless	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	963.71	DFT0004171
18163	Wex Bank	03/27/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	1,445.41	DFT0004172
00269	U.S. Bank	03/30/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	12,695.76	DFT0004173
00256	PERS Retirement	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	26,223.12	DFT0004178
00256	PERS Retirement	03/06/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	26,223.14	DFT0004179
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	03/20/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	13,110.11	DFT0004180
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	03/17/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	52.80	DFT0004182
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	03/09/2026	Bank Draft	0.00	9,776.78	DFT0004189
Total Bank Draft:				0.00	229,751.08	

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Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A)

Bank Draft Payments	\$ 47,704.35
Payroll Tax/Benefit Deposits	\$182,923.74
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$229,751.08</u>

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By Check Number

Date Range: 03/01/2026 - 03/31/2026



Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Bank Code: REBATES-02-Rebates: Use Only For Rebates						
Payment Type: Virtual Payment						
46573	Diane Wendt	03/24/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	625.00	APA021323
46575	Santosh Malik	03/24/2026	Virtual Payment	0.00	625.00	APA021324
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	1,250.00	

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MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE MONTH MARCH 31, 2026

	<u>Mitigation</u>	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>Water Supply</u>	<u>Current Period Activity</u>	<u>Current FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>	<u>Current FY Annual Budget</u>	<u>Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual</u>
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,616,134	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,572,150
Water supply charge			-	-	-	-	-
User fees	114,078	109,663	325,990	549,731	4,923,377	7,800,000	5,262,595
PWM Water Sales			869,675	869,675	16,368,454	19,284,012	11,575,762
Capacity fees			50,091	50,091	566,057	600,000	386,875
Permit fees	-	26,085		26,085	199,855	250,000	150,092
Investment income	15,744	15,744	16,221	47,710	642,317	750,000	544,687
Miscellaneous	128	124	135	387	5,398	15,000	7,151
Sub-total district revenues	129,950	151,616	1,262,112	1,543,678	24,321,593	31,699,012	19,499,311
Project reimbursements	-	10,025	-	10,025	230,932	1,024,693	967,423
Legal fee reimbursements		300		300	4,724	15,000	3,600
Grants	-	-	-	-	4,621,420	6,788,929	6,284,546
Recording fees		7,388		7,388	47,638	65,000	43,900
Sub-total reimbursements	-	17,713	-	17,713	4,904,715	7,893,622	7,299,469
From Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	2,645,259	-
Total revenues	129,950	169,329	1,262,112	1,561,392	29,226,307	42,237,892	26,798,780
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel:							
Salaries	92,510	79,268	122,409	294,188	2,691,436	4,042,800	2,368,913
Retirement	9,031	7,675	12,537	29,242	960,490	1,152,715	835,861
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	10,100	-
Auto Allowance	148	148	443	738	6,794	11,000	4,269
Deferred Compensation	187	187	561	935	8,601	21,614	7,854
Temporary Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-
Workers Comp. Ins.	3,694	438	3,314	7,446	70,726	107,950	62,415
Employee Insurance	19,241	17,567	21,774	58,581	502,525	732,922	463,218
Medicare & FICA Taxes	1,446	1,182	1,813	4,441	42,999	82,188	36,371
Personnel Recruitment	578	560	613	1,750	3,328	11,500	37,075
Other benefits	66	64	70	200	2,515	2,000	2,490
Staff Development	489	649	532	1,670	12,996	26,400	13,385
Sub-total personnel costs	127,389	107,738	164,065	399,192	4,302,411	6,211,189	3,831,851
Services & Supplies:							
Board Member Comp	713	713	734	2,160	19,710	37,000	20,520
Board Expenses	46	45	49	140	7,013	10,000	2,635
Rent	168	163	179	510	11,900	30,000	11,219
Utilities	1,218	1,181	1,292	3,692	36,922	45,200	33,187
Telephone	1,016	917	924	2,857	26,431	40,800	26,721
Facility Maintenance	1,311	1,272	1,391	3,974	50,089	95,100	35,698
Bank Charges	780	756	827	2,364	13,835	68,000	11,244
Office Supplies	452	489	480	1,421	16,474	46,700	9,833
Courier Expense	174	168	184	526	5,707	7,600	5,161
Postage & Shipping	828	803	879	2,511	28,401	30,500	2,639
Equipment Lease	13	8	10	32	907	13,200	7,472
Equip. Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	-	-	628	5,100	1,891
Printing/Duplicating/Binding	-	-	-	-	2,428	2,600	1,494
IT Supplies/Services	4,232	4,132	4,461	12,824	215,964	299,100	210,112
Operating Supplies	400	1,587	109	2,097	22,107	26,100	22,045
Legal Services	11,689	11,335	13,237	36,261	294,069	400,000	409,320
Professional Fees	6,988	6,776	7,411	21,175	280,905	411,200	305,961
Transportation	1,054	156	806	2,016	26,391	58,700	35,060



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
 FOR THE MONTH MARCH 31, 2026

	Mitigation	Conservation	Water Supply	Current Period Activity	Current FY Year-to-Date Actual	Current FY Annual Budget	Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual
Travel	626	1,354	1,337	3,317	20,391	32,600	5,685
Meeting Expenses	860	826	904	2,591	15,588	17,200	21,799
Insurance	8,649	8,387	9,174	26,210	235,988	342,000	214,281
Legal Notices	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	2,145
Membership Dues	578	560	613	1,750	41,240	54,900	40,524
Public Outreach	-	-	-	-	6,702	5,500	9,505
Assessors Administration Fee	-	-	-	-	499	25,100	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	420
Sub-total services & supplies costs	41,797	41,629	45,001	128,427	1,380,290	2,113,400	1,446,570
Project expenditures	10,925	48,442	26,791	86,158	21,259,748	33,030,104	16,998,051
Fixed assets	-	-	81	81	2,529	37,200	12,119
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	-
Election costs	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-
Capital equipment reserve	-	-	-	-	-	326,000	-
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
OPEB reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Sub-total other	10,925	48,442	26,872	86,239	21,262,277	33,913,304	17,010,372
Total expenditures	180,111	197,809	235,938	613,857	26,944,977	42,237,892	22,288,793
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (50,161)	\$ (28,480)	\$ 1,026,175	\$ 947,534	\$ 2,281,330	\$ (0)	\$ 4,509,988

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**11. RECEIVE AND FILE THE THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Nishil Bali	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026.****CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: The third quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 concluded on March 31, 2026. Tables comparing budgeted and actual year-to-date revenues and expenditures for the period are included in **Exhibit 11-A**. **Exhibits 11-B** and **11-C** present the same information in bar graph format. The following comments summarize District staff's observations:

REVENUES

The revenue table compares amounts received through the third quarter of FY 2025-2026 to the amounts budgeted for that same time period. Total revenues collected were \$29,226,307, or 92.3% of the year-to-date (YTD) budgeted amount of \$31,678,419. Variances within the individual revenue categories compared to the YTD budget are described below.

- Property tax revenues were \$1,616,134, or 71.8% of the budget for the period. The first installment of this revenue was received in December 2025. The second installment of \$1,305,553.7 was received in April 2026 and will be recorded in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year.
- User fee revenues were \$4,923,377, or about 84.2% of the amount budgeted. This is lower than the budgeted amount, as collections for March are received after the close of the fiscal quarter. After March collections are booked, user fees are expected to be \$5,417,749, or 92.6% of the YTD budget.
- Pure Water Monterey Water Sales revenue was \$16,368,454, or 113.2% of the budget for the period. This is water sales revenue for water purchased from Monterey One Water and sold to California American Water and is a pass-through to the District. The FY 2025-26 PWM budget includes revenue from the PWM Expansion project, which began operations in November 2025.
- Capacity Charge revenues were \$566,057, or 125.8% of the budget for the period. The higher revenue is related to a few large construction projects, such as a new airport terminal at Monterey, the conversion of an office building to an apartment complex on Garden Road, and other commercial projects.

- Permit Fees revenues were \$199,855, or 106.6% of the budget for the period. Actual collection was slightly higher than budgeted, as the forecasted figures are based on the estimated number of customers pulling permits.
- Interest revenues were \$642,317, or 114.2% of the budget for the period. Actual interest was higher than budgeted as interest rates continue to remain high.
- Reimbursements were \$230,932 or 29.6% of the budget. These are for reimbursable project funds tied to the Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Watermaster, and District rebates. These billings are finalized at the end of every quarter after actual spending is finalized, and the reimbursements are received the following quarter.
- Grant revenue from the PWM Expansion project and Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) projects was \$4,621,420, or 90.8% of the budget.
- The Other revenue category totaled \$57,760 or about 96.3% of the budgeted amount. This category includes refunds, recording fees, and miscellaneous reimbursements.
- The Reserves category totaled \$0, or about 0.00% of the budgeted amount. This category includes potential use of reserves during the fiscal year for which adjustments will be made at the end of the fiscal year.

EXPENDITURES

Expenditure activity, as depicted in the expenditure table, is similar to patterns observed in past fiscal years, except for increased water sales from the PWM Expansion. Total expenditures of \$26,944,977 were about 85.1% of the original budgeted amount of \$31,678,419 for the period. Variances within the individual expenditure categories are described below:

- Personnel costs of \$4,302,411 were about 92.4% of the budget. The Personnel budget was increased as part of mid-year adjustments to account for expected vacation buyouts at the end of the fiscal year.
- Expenditure for supplies and services were \$1,380,290, or about 87.1% of the budgeted amount. This is lower than the anticipated budget due to lower expenditures on legal services, bank charges, and supplies.
- Fixed assets purchases of \$2,529 represent around 9.1% of the budgeted amount. Orders have been placed for new District vehicles, although delivery and associated payments are expected to take place next fiscal year.
- Funds spent for project expenditures were \$21,259,748, or approximately 85.8% of the amount budgeted for the period. This is lower as PWM water reserves will be booked in the fourth quarter.
- There are no Contingencies/Other expenditures in the first three quarters of the fiscal year.
- There are no Reserve expenditures in the first three quarters of the fiscal year. Adjustments to reserves are made at the end of the fiscal year.

EXHIBITS

11-A Revenue and Expenditure Table

11-B Revenue Graph

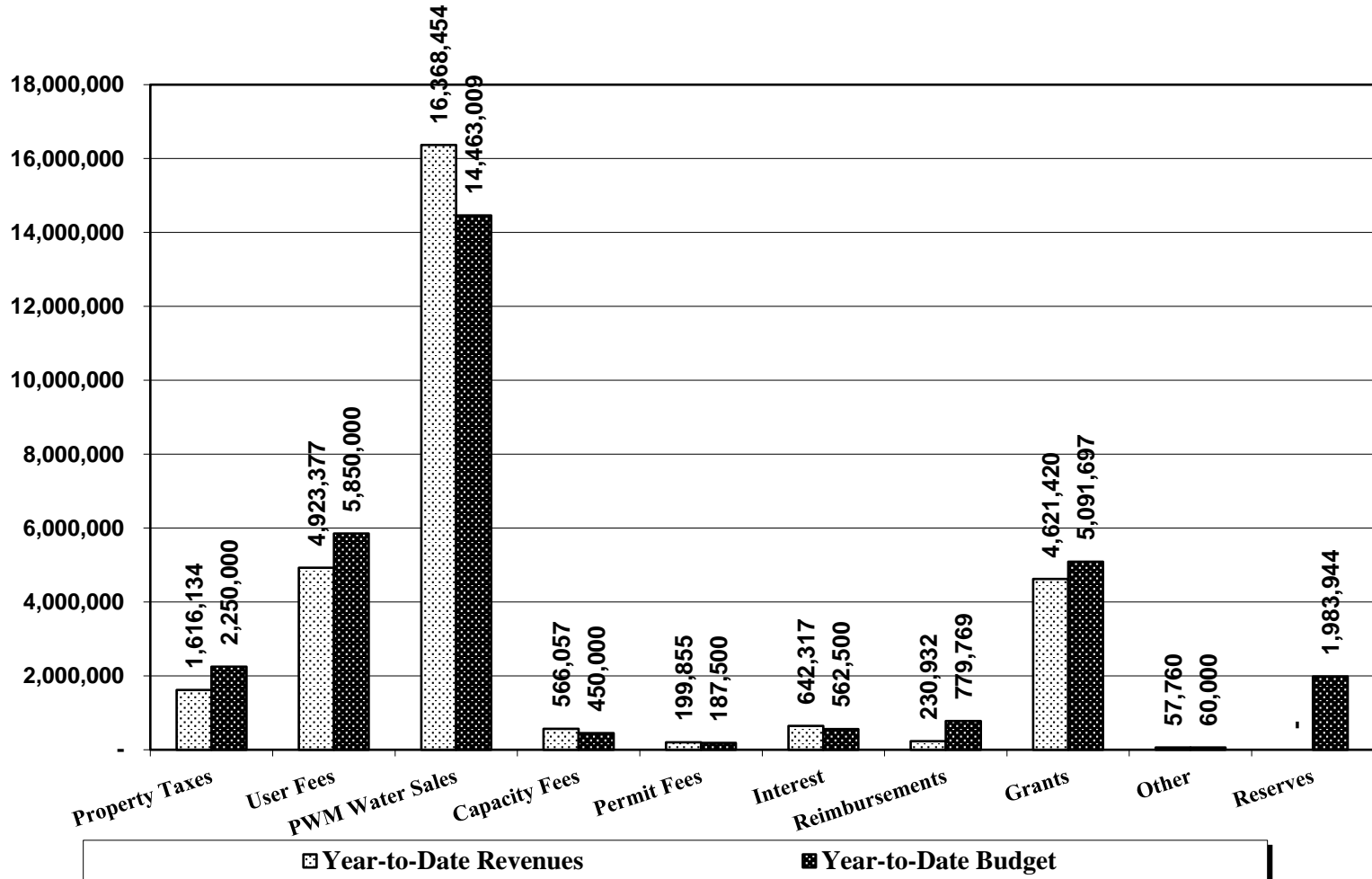
11-C Expenditure Graph

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Financial Activity as of March 31, 2026
Fiscal Year 2025-2026

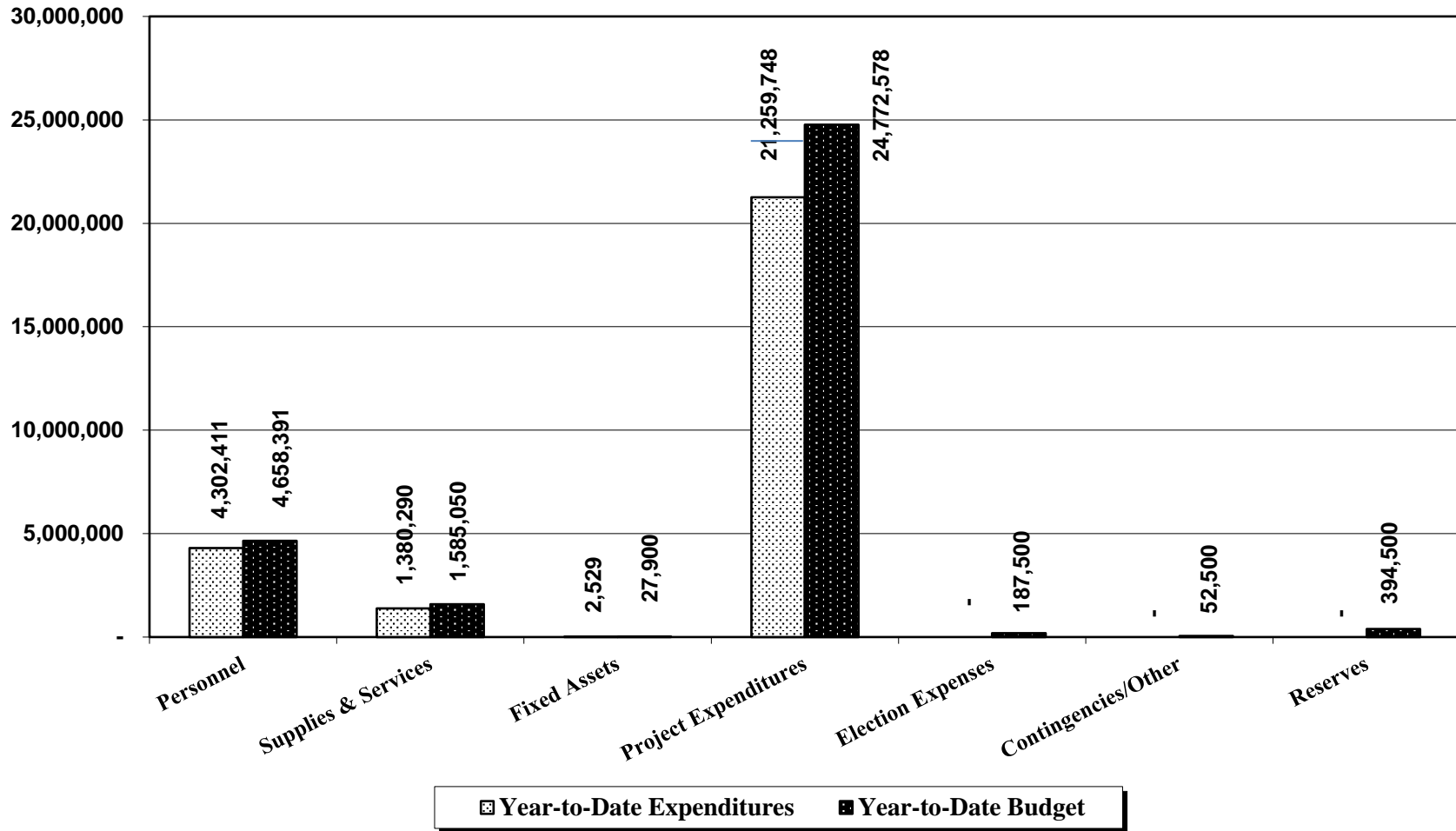
	Year-to-Date <u>Revenues</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	Percent of <u>Budget</u>
Property Taxes	1,616,134	2,250,000	633,866	71.8%
User Fees	4,923,377	5,850,000	926,623	84.2%
PWM Water Sales	16,368,454	14,463,009	(1,905,445)	113.2%
Capacity Fees	566,057	450,000	(116,057)	125.8%
Permit Fees	199,855	187,500	(12,355)	106.6%
Interest	642,317	562,500	(79,817)	114.2%
Reimbursements	230,932	779,769	548,837	29.6%
Grants	4,621,420	5,091,697	470,277	90.8%
Other	57,760	60,000	2,240	96.3%
Reserves	-	1,983,944	1,983,944	0.0%
Total Revenues	29,226,307	31,678,419	2,452,113	92.3%

	Year-to-Date <u>Expenditures</u>	Year-to-Date <u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	Percent of <u>Budget</u>
Personnel	4,302,411	4,658,391	355,981	92.4%
Supplies & Services	1,380,290	1,585,050	204,760	87.1%
Fixed Assets	2,529	27,900	25,371	9.1%
Project Expenditures	21,259,748	24,772,578	3,512,830	85.8%
Election Expenses	-	187,500	187,500	0.0%
Contingencies/Other	-	52,500	52,500	0.0%
Reserves	-	394,500	394,500	0.0%
Total Expenditures	\$26,944,977	\$31,678,419	\$4,733,442	85.1%

REVENUES
Q3 of FY2026 - March 31, 2026
 Year-to-Date Budgeted Revenues \$31.68 M
 Year-to-Date Actual Revenues \$29.23 M



EXPENDITURES
Q3 of FY2026 - March 31, 2026
 Year-to-Date Budgeted Expenditures \$31.68 M
 Year-to-Date Actual Expenditures \$26.94 M



ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE THIRD QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 INVESTMENT REPORT****Meeting Date:** May 18, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/
Line Item No.:** N/A**Prepared By:** Nishil Bali **Cost Estimate:** N/A**General Counsel Review:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: The District's investment policy requires the Board of Directors to receive and approve a quarterly report on investments held by the District. **Exhibit 12-A** is the report for the quarter ending March 31, 2026. District staff has determined that the portfolio includes sufficient liquid funds to meet anticipated expenditures for the next six months and is in compliance with the District's current investment policy. This portfolio is also in compliance with the California Government Code and the permitted investments of Monterey County.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the Board approve the Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Investment Report.

EXHIBIT**12-A** Investment Report as of March 31, 2026.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
INVESTMENT REPORT AS OF MARCH 31, 2026**

MPWMD

Issuing Institution Security Description	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Cost Basis	Par Value	Market Value	Rate of Return	Portfolio Distribution
Local Agency Investment Fund[1]			\$16,593,802	\$16,593,802	\$16,593,802	3.83% *	50.09%
Bank of America:							
Money Market			4,017,559	4,017,559	4,017,559	0.00%	
Checking			626,665	626,665	626,665	0.00%	
			<u>\$4,644,224</u>	<u>\$4,644,224</u>	<u>\$4,644,224</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	14.02%
California CLASS Fund			\$1,050,203	\$1,050,203	\$1,050,203	3.69% *	3.17%
Multi-Bank Securities Cash Account			75,350	75,350	75,350	0.00%	0.23%
Multi-Securities Bank Securities:							
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	6/16/2021	6/16/2026	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$247,845	0.90%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	7/15/2021	7/14/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$248,303	1.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	7/22/2021	7/22/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$248,113	0.95%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	10/27/2021	10/27/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$246,343	1.05%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	1/11/2022	1/7/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$245,740	1.50%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	5/11/2022	5/11/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$247,705	3.05%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	5/12/2022	5/12/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$248,085	3.20%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	7/12/2022	7/12/2027	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$243,231	3.35%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/15/2022	9/15/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$248,675	3.60%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/30/2022	9/30/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$250,108	4.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	2/10/2023	2/10/2028	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$251,223	4.25%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	3/23/2023	3/23/2028	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$254,028	4.90%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	5/30/2023	5/29/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$250,320	5.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	7/26/2023	7/26/2028	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$255,375	5.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	7/26/2023	7/26/2028	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$255,375	5.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	8/22/2023	8/22/2028	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$254,983	4.90%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	10/27/2023	10/27/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$252,023	5.50%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	11/29/2023	5/29/2026	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$250,263	5.05%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	12/8/2023	12/8/2027	\$ 250,000	\$250,000	\$253,968	5.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	1/29/2024	1/29/2029	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$249,625	4.10%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	3/28/2024	3/29/2027	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$250,907	4.75%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	4/12/2024	4/12/2028	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$250,897	4.40%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	4/29/2024	4/30/2029	\$ 244,000	\$244,000	\$247,426	4.50%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	8/15/2024	8/15/2029	\$ 223,000	\$223,000	\$224,628	4.25%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/30/2024	3/27/2028	\$ 248,000	\$248,000	\$247,762	3.95%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/30/2024	9/25/2029	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$241,609	3.60%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	12/11/2024	12/11/2029	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$248,729	4.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	12/17/2024	12/17/2029	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$245,074	4.05%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	3/21/2025	3/22/2027	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$249,401	4.10%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	3/27/2025	3/25/2027	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$249,132	4.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	3/31/2025	3/29/2027	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$249,082	4.00%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	4/16/2025	4/16/2030	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$249,002	4.05%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	5/21/2025	5/21/2030	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$247,568	3.90%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/12/2025	9/12/2028	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$248,432	3.90%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	9/22/2025	9/10/2030	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$240,494	3.60%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	11/21/2025	11/21/2028	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$243,180	3.70%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	11/28/2025	11/29/2027	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$244,030	3.70%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	11/28/2025	11/29/2027	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$247,944	3.70%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	11/28/2025	11/28/2028	\$ 245,000	\$245,000	\$243,165	3.70%	
Interest Bearing Certificate of Deposit	12/4/2025	12/4/2028	\$ 249,000	\$249,000	\$246,525	3.60%	
			<u>\$ 9,917,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,917,000</u>	<u>\$ 9,916,313</u>	<u>3.767%</u>	29.93%
Multi-Securities Bank Securities:							
U.S. Government Bonds	02/26/26	2/25/2026	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$592,518	4.12%	
U.S. Government Bonds	3/10/2022	3/10/2027	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$247,295	2.52%	
			<u>\$850,000</u>	<u>\$850,000</u>	<u>\$839,813</u>	<u>3.65%</u>	2.57%
TOTAL MPWMD			<u>\$33,130,578</u>	<u>\$33,130,578</u>	<u>\$33,119,705</u>	<u>3.35%</u>	100.00%

CAWD/PBCSD WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT

Issuing Institution Security Description	Purchase Date	Maturity Date	Cost Basis	Par Value	Market Value	Annual Rate of Return	Portfolio Distribution
Bank of America:							
Money Market Fund			214,702	214,702	\$214,702	0.000%	100.00%
TOTAL WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT			<u>\$214,702</u>	<u>\$214,702</u>	<u>\$214,702</u>	<u>0.000%</u>	

These investments do include sufficient liquid funds to meet anticipated expenditures for the next six months as reflected in the FY 2025-2026 annual budget adopted on June 16, 2025.

[1] Includes Pooled Money Investment Account Average Monthly Effective Yield

* Includes thirty day average yields

ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**13. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02 ESTABLISHING ARTICLE XIII (B) FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT****Meeting Date:** May 18, 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:** May 12, 2026**Committee Recommendation:** The Finance and Administrative Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026, and recommended approval.**CEQA Compliance:** This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Article XIII (B) of the California Constitution requires that an appropriations limit be calculated on an annual basis. Attached as **Exhibit 13-A** is Resolution No. 2026-02 - A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Establishing an Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The resolution establishes an appropriations limit of \$2,497,245 for fiscal year 2026-2027 as calculated on the Property Tax Appropriations Limit worksheet, which is **Attachment 1** to the resolution. The worksheet also shows that District estimates that it will receive \$3,081,000 in property tax revenues during the fiscal year. After subtracting exempt appropriations of \$1,707,800 from the estimated property tax revenues, the appropriations subject to the limit are \$1,373,200, which is under the appropriations limit calculated under the provisions of Article XIII (B), resulting in no estimated excess tax revenue.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-02, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Establishing an Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 in the amount of \$2,497,245.

EXHIBITS**13-A** Resolution No. 2026-02 with Attachment



EXHIBIT 13-A

**DRAFT
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027**

WHEREAS, Article XIII (B) of the California Constitution requires that each local government agency annually establish an appropriations limit; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District desires to establish its appropriations limit for the purpose of setting its budget.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District hereby determines that the 2026-2027 appropriations limit for the District is \$2,497,245 based on a 2026-2027 multiplier of 1.04932, as shown on **Attachment 1**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____ on motion by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

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

Dated:

David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board

**PROPERTY TAX APPROPRIATION LIMIT
2026-2027 BUDGET**

Appropriations Limit for 2025-2026	\$2,379,866	
Multiplier	<u>1.04932</u>	note 1
Appropriations Limit for 2026-2027	\$2,497,245	
Appropriations Subject to Limit:		
Estimated Property Tax	\$3,081,000	note 2
Exempt Appropriations	<u>(\$1,707,800)</u>	note 3
Total	<u>\$1,373,200</u>	(A)
Appropriations Limit for 2026-2027	<u>\$2,497,245</u>	(B)
Estimated Excess Tax Revenue (A-B)	<u>\$0</u>	

NOTES:

1. Source: Price and Population Data for Local Jurisdictions
Department of Finance, May 2025

$$\text{Price } 1.0495 \times \text{Population } 0.99983 = 1.04932$$

Price	1.04950
Population	<u>0.99983</u>
Ratio of change	<u>1.04932</u>

2. Property tax revenue estimate \$3,081,000

3. Exemptions include qualified capital outlays and contributions to eligible reserves per Sections 9 and 5 of Article XIII B. For FY2026-27, these include Santa Margarita Site Work (\$300,000), redrilling of seaside basin monitoring wells (\$800,000), and contribution to Asset Replacement Reserve (\$407,800).

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May 15, 2026

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

FROM: David C. Laredo, Counsel

RE: General Report of Pending Litigation effective May 15, 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 both motions and ruled a trial is necessary to resolve the several factual disputes

At the February 24, 2026 Case Management Conference (CMC) Judge Rivamonte set a bench trial in Department 14 to begin October 19, 2026. This trial shall focus solely on LAFCO issues. The trial is estimated to take two to four days. A Management Conference for the trial is set for October 16, 2026 in Department 14, at 10:00 a.m.

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.

MPWMD's brief was filed in November 2025. LAFCO and Cal-Am filed their respective briefs on April 7th. **The next step is for MPWMD to file its final brief which is due on June 26.**

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.

Respondents have not yet filed their reply briefs.

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 participated as a full party to this proceeding. Evidentiary Hearings were held in San Francisco from April 20 to April 24, 2026. Cal-Am sent an email the evening before trial stating “California American Water and the Public Advocates have reached a high-level settlement on all issues, except for Public Advocate’s request to exclude Construction Work In Progress (“CWIP”) balances from rate base.” This email also stated “Public Advocates and California American Water “agreed to waive all cross-examination of their respective witnesses.”

Unfortunately, no information in advance of the hearing was provided as to the nature and scope of the proposed settlement terms. The District accordingly conducted cross examination of witnesses to provide a basis to comment on the proposed settlement and to request modification of the proposed Decision of the Commission.

A further settlement conference is now set to be held among all parties on May 27, 2026. The purpose of the conference is to discuss pending settlement proposals between California American Water and Cal Advocates prior to its planned filing date on June 8, 2026.

Contented issues will be identified by comments submitted on the proposed settlement, and in briefs pertaining to the evidentiary hearing.

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, 2026. R.22-04-003. The matter was reassigned from John Reynolds to Darcie Houck on March 26, 2026.

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.

After the action was dismissed by the July 2025 motion of the Sierra Club and Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA), the Sierra Club filed a Motion Award of Attorney's Fees against Cal-Am and MPWMD, requesting payment of approximately \$450,000 in total fees, costs and interest thereon. De Lay & Laredo defended MPWMD's interests before the trial court.

Following briefing and a hearing on the merits, Santa Clara County Superior Court, Judge Beth McGowen denied Sierra Club's request in its entirety, finding Sierra Club's request (1) was flawed due to procedural deficiencies, (2) Sierra Club failed to make "a clear showing of some unique contribution to the litigation" and also (3) Sierra Club had "not met its burden to establish that "an action involving a successful party 'has resulted in the enforcement of an important right affecting the public interest....'"

Sierra Club has now filed a Notice of Appeal and has designated the Record for Appeal. The 6th District Court of Appeal assigned Case # H054345 to this case.

Appellant's opening brief and appendix is required to be served and filed within 70 days from the date of filing the notice of election under Rule 8.212(a)(1)(B) of the California Rules of Court). De Lay & Laredo will continue to represent District interests as lead appellate counsel in this appeal.

ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**17. RECEIVE AND CONFIRM WATER SUPPLY FORECAST FOR PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2026 -- SEPTEMBER 30, 2027 AND CONSIDER ADOPTING DRAFT RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03 TO AMEND WATER SUPPLY TARGET TABLE XV-5****Meeting Date:** May 18, 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:** N/A**Committee Recommendation:** The Water Supply Planning Committee reviewed this item on May 4, 2026 and recommended approval.**CEQA Compliance:** Notice of Exemption, CEQA, Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1) ESA Compliance: Consistent with the September 2001 and February 2009 Conservation Agreements between the National Marine Fisheries Service and California American Water to minimize take of listed steelhead in the Carmel River and Consistent with SWRCB WR Order Nos. 95-10, 98-04, 2002-0002, and 2016-0016.

SUMMARY: Regulation XV of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) Rules and Regulations was changed to a new approach in the adoption of amendments to Rule 160 in Ordinance 201 at the April 2026 Board meeting. The revised regulation requires that a water supply summary forecast report be compiled annually to analyze the status of water supply and demand within the District. This is reflected in **Exhibit 17-A** and **Exhibit 17-B**. This report quantifies available water supply conditions within the District as of May 1, 2026, and forecasts the amount of water that will be available for use during the upcoming water year. The supplies included are those to meet Cal-Am demand on the Peninsula. As Cal-Am incorporates new water projects to comply with the Cease and Desist order, the company will rely less on water from the Carmel River to meet customer demand and more on the water produced from water projects. Regulation XV tests the drought resilience of the available supplies to supply the legal component of water to Cal-Am users on the Peninsula for the next 17 months.

Previously, the District evaluated physical storage available in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System to determine potential need for rationing triggers. For example, last year as of May 1, 2025, usable water storage within MPWRS totaled 29,650 acre-feet (AF) or 89% of maximum storage capacity. A breakdown of total storage by reservoir and aquifer was shown. As shown, usable reservoir storage totals 1,670 AF and usable aquifer storage totals 27,980 AF. For the Seaside Groundwater Basin, the annual Natural Safe Yield is 3,000 Acre Feet and 1,540 Acre Feet remained for WY 2025. In addition, a summary of other water-supply related conditions within the MPWRS – rainfall and runoff recorded at San Clemente Dam and California American Water (Cal-Am) monthly diversions from the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basins relative to limits set by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Court – were analyzed. Then the amount of carryover storage that was needed to meet the projected water needs

within the District for the remainder of Water Year (WY) 2025 and all of WY 2026 was shown in the previously used Table XV-4, included here as **Exhibit 17-C**. This methodology is being replaced by the new Water Supply Target Table XV-5.

Community Water Demand: For WY 2026, as of May 1, 2026, Cal-Am had produced 4,152 AF of water from its sources. This amount of production leaves 5,095 AF for the remainder of the Water Year based on the 5-year average annual production target that the District forecasts as “current” demand. For WY 2026-27 demand is based on the District’s 2025 Urban Water Management Plan for one year out.

RECOMMENDATION: The Water Supply Planning Committee recommends that the Board receive the water supply forecast for May 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027, and adopt Resolution No. 2026-03 to amend the Water Supply Target Table (XV-5).

EXHIBITS

17-A MPWMD Water Supply Status -- May 1, 2026

17-B Derivation of Water Supply Targets for the Remainder of 2026 Water Year and all of 2027 Water Year

17-C Previously Utilized Table XV-4

17-D Draft Resolution No. 2026-03

EXHIBIT 17-A

MPWMD Water Supply Status – May 1, 2026

Supply Available May-September	Supply Available Next Year	Total Supply Available on May 1	Source of Supply
2,106	3,376	5,482	Carmel River
1,156	1,466	2,622	Seaside Basin
1,550	5,286	6,836	Pure Water Monterey
143	200	343	Sand City Desal
34	86	120	Malpaso
9	22	31	Other Seaside Basin
5,308	0	5,308	ASR Stored
2,753	0	2,753	PWM Reserves Stored
<u>83</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>Cal-Am PWM Reserves</u>
13,142	10,436	23,578	TOTAL

**Table XV-5
Physical Supply Target
for the Cal-Am Main System
for the May-September 2026 and all WY 2027**

May-September Demand Remaining	Supply Needs for Next Year Customer Demand	Total Supply Required on May 1
4,332	9,301	13,633
Supply Available May-September	Supply Available Next Year	Total Supply Available on May 1
13,142	10,436	23,578
Surplus/(Deficit) as of May 1:		9,945

1. The May-September period refers to the remainder of the current Water Year.
2. Supply needs for the following Water Year equals the customer demand in the most recent District adopted Water Supply and Demand Forecast, as amended.
3. Total Supply refers to the combination of unused supplies remaining from May 1 to the end of the current Water Year and supply available for the next Water Year. The value in **bold type** represents the supply trigger that would be used for the system in the next Water Year. The value is based on the production limits for California American Water (Cal-Am) from Carmel River sources (3,376 Acre-Feet) set by State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2016-0016, the production limit for Cal-Am from the Seaside Groundwater Basin (1,466 Acre-Feet) set by the Court in its March 27, 2006 Adjudication Decision, as adjusted, the available supplies from the Pure Water Monterey project, the Sand City desalination project, entitlement water from Malpasco Water Co LLC, and transfers from small water producers in the Seaside Basin, plus available stored water.

Table XV-5 added by Resolution 2014-07 (5/19/2014); amended by Resolution 2014-15 (9/15/2014); Resolution 2015-08 (5/18/2015); Ordinance No. 169 (2/17/2016); Resolution 2016-09 (5/16/2016); Resolution 2017-08 (5/15/2017); Resolution 2018-09 (5/21/2018); Resolution 2019-04 (5/20/2019); Resolution 2020-05 (5/18/2020); Resolution 2021-04 (5/17/2021); Ordinance 201 (3/16/2026);

EXHIBIT 17-C

**Table XV-4
Physical Storage Target
for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System
for the May-September 2020 and all WY 2022**

Producer	May-September Demand	Carryover Storage Needs for Next Year Demand From MPWRS	Total Storage Required on May 1
California American Water (Cal-Am)	3,688	4,850	8,538
<u>Non Cal-Am</u>	<u>1,946</u>	<u>3,046</u>	<u>4,992</u>
Total	5,634	7,896	13,530
			Total Storage Available on May 1
			28,380⁵

Notes:

1. The May-September period refers to the remainder of the current Water Year.
2. Carryover Storage refers to the volume of usable surface and Groundwater that is in storage at the end of the current Water Year and is projected to be available for use at the beginning of the following Water Year.
3. Total Storage refers to the combination of demand remaining from May 1 to the end of the current Water Year and Carryover Storage for the next Water Year that is required to avoid imposing various levels of water Rationing. The value in **bold type** represents the storage trigger that would be used for the system in Water Year 2021. The value is based on the production limits for California American Water (Cal-Am) from Carmel River sources (7,310 Acre-Feet in WY 2021 and 3,376 Acre-Feet WY 2022) set by State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2016-0016, the production limit for Cal-Am from the Seaside Groundwater Basin (1,474 Acre-Feet in WY 2021 and 1,474 Acre-Feet in WY 2022) set by the Court in its March 27, 2006 Adjudication Decision, and the production limit specified for non-Cal-Am users from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System set in the District's Water Allocation Program (Ordinance No. 87).
4. The rationing trigger is based on physical water availability and does not account for legal or environmental constraints on diversions from the Carmel River system.
5. May 1, 2019 System Storage = 28,380 Acre-Feet (25,340 Acre-Feet Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer; 1,390 Acre-Feet Seaside Groundwater Basin; 1,650 Acre-Feet Los Padres Reservoir); this is 90% of average and 86% of System Capacity (33,130 AF).

Table XV-4 added by Resolution 2014-07 (5/19/2014); amended by Resolution 2014-15 (9/15/2014); Resolution 2015-08 (5/18/2015); Ordinance No. 169 (2/17/2016); Resolution 2016-09 (5/16/2016); Resolution 2017-08 (5/15/2017); Resolution 2018-09 (5/21/2018); Resolution 2019-04 (5/20/2019); Resolution 2020-05 (5/18/2020); Resolution 2021-04 (5/17/2021)



EXHIBIT 17-D

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MODIFYING RULE 160 – PHYSICAL SUPPLY TARGET FOR REMAINING WATER
YEAR 2025 AND ALL OF WATER YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) has developed a set of rules to facilitate compliance by California American Water systems with the regulatory and legal water production limits set by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Seaside Basin Adjudication as administered by the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster;

WHEREAS, District Rule 160 specifies the regulatory water supply targets that are used to trigger higher stages of water conservation to ensure compliance with legal and regulatory water production limits;

WHEREAS, these limits are subject to change by action of the State Water Resources Control Board and Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster;

WHEREAS, the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Order WR 2016-0016, which requires California American Water to divert from the Carmel River no more than 3,376 acre-feet in Water Year 2026, and no more than 3,376 acre-feet in Water Year 2027;

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Superior Court adopted an Amended Decision in the Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication on February 9, 2007 (*California American Water v. City of Seaside, et al.*, Case No. M66343), which as modified by the Watermaster requires California American Water to divert no more than 1,466 acre-feet of its native allocation from the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin in Water Year 2026, and no more than 1,466 acre-feet from the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin in Water Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, Regulation XV of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) Rules and Regulations requires that a water supply summary forecast report be compiled annually to analyze the status of water supply and demand within the District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Specifically, District staff shall add Table XV-5 (**EXHIBIT 17-B**) to District Rule 160.

*MPWMD Resolution No. 2026-03 -- Modifying Rule 160 – Physical Supply Target For Remaining Water Year 2025
And All Of Water Year 2026*

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____th day of ____, 2026 on a motion by Director _____, and second by Director _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution duly adopted on the ____th day of ____ 2026.

Dated: _____

David J. Stoldt,
Secretary to the Board

The Carmel Area Wastewater District and the Pebble Beach Community Services District Reclamation Project (Reclamation Project) is included in MPWMD's UWMP non-potable supplies and demands. All suppliers are required to discuss existing and future uses of recycled water. The Reclamation Project can provide over 1,000 AFA, a significant volume in the service area but below the threshold of retail urban water supplier. As the Reclamation Project's only urban water supplier, MPWMD included the Reclamation Project annual volumes in the analysis of non-potable supplies and demands.

The ASR project is also included in the UWMP to ensure stored water is considered a component of the region's water management planning. MPWMD co-owns and manages ASR water rights, owns and operates facilities, and tracks stored ASR water. The annual volume of ASR water handled by MPWMD is less than 3,000 AFY; the UWMP includes ASR as a wholesale potable water supply transferred to the retailer.

BOARD HISTORY: At the February 6, 2025, Water Demand Committee meeting, Staff discussed the requirement for MPWMD to prepare, adopt, and submit an UWMP.

At the May 19, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized Staff to enter into a contract with Kennedy Jenks to prepare the MPWMD UWMP.

At the March 2, 2026 Water Supply Planning Committee meeting, Staff discussed the UWMP requirements and next steps.

At the April 2, 2026 Water Demand Committee meeting, Staff discussed the UWMP and WSCP.

At the April 20, 2026 Board of Directors meeting, Staff held a workshop to discuss the UWMP and WSCP.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC: DWR publishes a guidebook describing the latest required UWMP sections approximately one year in advance of the due date. The draft guidebook was issued in November 2025, and the final guidebook was issued in January 2026. Kennedy Jenks prepared a Draft UWMP and WSCP for discussion at the April 20, 2026 Board Meeting. On April 13, 2026, the Draft UWMP and WSCP were made available for review at the link provided as **Exhibit 18-A**; the WSCP is included in the UWMP as an attachment.

The UWMP and WSCP must be considered at a public hearing prior to adoption. The Water Code states that every Supplier must notify any city or county within which the Supplier provides water supplies at least 60 days before the public hearing. On February 10, 2026, Staff notified cities, county departments, neighboring water suppliers, and other land use jurisdictions that a public hearing for the UWMP adoption would be held as early as May 2026. On April 13, 2026, Staff notified cities, county departments, neighboring water suppliers, and other land use jurisdictions that a draft UWMP and WSCP are available for review. Additionally, in advance of the public hearing, the plans were made available for public inspection and general notices published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066.

As of the writing of this staff note, no comments have been received.

The adopted UWMP and WSCP must be submitted to DWR, the California State Library, and any city or county within which water is provided within 30 days of adoption. The final approved plans must be made available for public review no later than 30 days after filing a copy with DWR. The public can view other UWMPs at <https://wuedata.water.ca.gov>.

EXHIBITS

18-A [Draft 2025 Urban Water Management Plan,](#)

https://www.mpwmd.net/wp-content/uploads/MPWMD_2025_UWMP_DRAFT_4-24-26.pdf

18-B Draft Resolution No. 2026-04



EXHIBIT 18-B

**DRAFT
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY
PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING MPWMD'S 2025
URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND WATER SHORTAGE CONTINGENCY
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the State of California classifies Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) as an urban water supplier because it serves more than 3,000 customers and it supplies more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually to its customers for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) provides urban water suppliers with a reliable management action plan for long-term resources planning to ensure adequate water supplies are available to meet existing and future water supply needs under a variety of hydrologic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the UWMP and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) shall be periodically reviewed at least once every five years, and MPWMD shall make any amendments or changes to its plans; and

WHEREAS, urban water suppliers are to complete and submit their 2025 UWMPs and WSCPs to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the current requirements for preparing an UWMP and WSCP are included in California Water codes Sections 10609 through 10657; and

WHEREAS, MPWMD's 2025 UWMP and 2025 WSCP have been prepared consistent with the California Water Code; and

WHEREAS, MPWMD is required to notify any city or county within which it delivers water that the MPWMD UWMP and WSCP are being prepared and to encourage active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population within the service area during the preparation of the UWMP and WSCP; and,

WHEREAS, On February 10, 2026 MPWMD provided notices to the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Marina, City of Monterey, City of Pacific Grove, City of Seaside, and County of Monterey ; and

MPWMD Resolution No. 2026-04 – Adopting MPWMD’s 2025 Urban Water Management Plan And Water Shortage Contingency Plan

WHEREAS, MPWMD has communicated with neighboring cities and local water agencies concerning MPWMD’s progress in preparing its UWMP and WSCP; and

WHEREAS, the UWMP and WSCP must be adopted by July 1, 2026, after public review and hearing, and filed with the California Department of Water Resources within thirty days of adoption; and

WHEREAS, MPWMD prepared and made available for public review a draft 2025 UWMP and 2025 WSCP; and

WHEREAS, a properly noticed hearing regarding said UWMP and WSCP, was held by the Board of Directors on May 18, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of Monterey Peninsula Water Management District does hereby by this resolution, adopt its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and orders the filing of the plan with the California Department of Water Resources.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____th day of ____ 2026 on motion by Director _____, seconded by Director _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSENT:

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

Dated: _____, 2026

David J. Stoldt
Secretary to the Board

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**20. REPORT ON ACTIVITY/PROGRESS ON CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000****Meeting Date: May 18, 2026 Budgeted: N/A****From: David J. Stoldt, General Manager Program/Line Item No.: N/A****Prepared By: Nishil Bali Cost Estimate: N/A****General Counsel Review: N/A****Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026.****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 20-A** is a monthly status report on contracts over \$25,000 for the period March 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**20-A Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25k)**

EXHIBIT 20-A

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period March 2026**

Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending*	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Activity	P.O. Number	
1	Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP	LAFCO Litigation	3/17/2025	\$ 355,000.00	\$ 294,370.28	\$ -	\$ 294,370.28		PO03882
2	Albert A. Webb Associates	Consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System (Cal-Am)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 117,070.00	\$ -	\$ 117,070.00		PO03880
3	Close and Associates	Utility consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System	11/18/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 106,653.83	\$ -	\$ 106,653.83		PO03876
4	TM Process & Controls	ASR Well Turbidity Control	8/19/2024	\$ 57,749.00	\$ 54,390.49	\$ -	\$ 54,390.49		PO03852
5	TIC 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	\$ 96,088.22	\$ 840.00	\$ 96,928.22	Current period billing	PO03715
10	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Eminent Domain Phase IV	2/24/2023	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 376,089.06	\$ -	\$ 376,089.06		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	\$ 110,673.50	\$ 1,622.50	\$ 112,296.00	Current period billing	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	\$ 40,000.00	Current period billing	PO03957
22	The Ferguson Group LLC	Contract for Legislative Services for FY 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 75,600.00	\$ 50,400.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 56,700.00	Current period billing	PO03979
23	John K. Cohan dba Telemetry	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	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 70,875.00	Current period billing	PO03965
25	Lynx Technologies, Inc	GIS Consultant Contract for 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 25,425.00	\$ -	\$ 25,425.00	Current period billing	PO03938
26	JEA & Associates	Legislative and Administrative Services 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 40,500.00	Current period billing	PO03890
27	Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, Inc.	Urban Water Management Plan Services	7/1/2025	\$ 134,860.00	\$ 54,587.77	\$ -	\$ 54,587.77		PO04025
28	The Pun Group LLP	Financial Audit Services	7/1/2025	\$ 78,000.00	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 78,000.00	Current period billing	PO04014
29	Deveera Inc	IT Managed Services & Subscriptions	7/2/2025	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 63,697.54	\$ 7,967.86	\$ 71,665.40	Current period billing	PO03982

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period March 2026

Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending*	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Activity	P.O. Number	
Contracts related to District Grants									
1	Monterey One Water	PWM Expansion Urban Community Drought Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 11,935,206.00	\$ 10,422,465.86	\$ 319,219.42	\$ 10,741,685.28	Q2 Billing Paid	PO03726
2	Monterey One Water	PWM Expansion State Water Control Board Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 4,800,000.00	\$ 4,583,852.60	\$ 216,147.40	\$ 4,800,000.00	Retention Paid	PO03753
3	DUDEK	Grant administration services for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation	12/14/2020	\$ 114,960.00	\$ 73,668.75	\$ 387.50	\$ 74,056.25	Q3 Billing	PO02847
4	DUDEK	IRWM IR2 Grant Administration	10/1/2022	\$ 90,510.00	\$ 16,087.50	\$ -	\$ 16,087.50		PO03718
5	City of Sand City	IRWM Round 1 Grant Reimbursement	3/28/2022	\$ 1,084,322.50	\$ 81,547.50	\$ -	\$ 81,547.50		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	\$ 81,505.59	\$ 4,510.51	\$ 86,016.10	Q2 Billing Paid	PO03878

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT

21. STATUS REPORT ON EXPENDITURES – PUBLIC’S OWNERSHIP OF MONTEREY WATER SYSTEM

Meeting Date: May 18, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

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

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

General Counsel Review: N/A

Committee Recommendation: The Finance and Administration Committee reviewed this item on May 11, 2026.

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 21-A** is a monthly status report on spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System for the period March 2025. This status report is provided for information only; no action is required.

EXHIBIT

21-A Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
 Status on Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System - Phase IV
 Eminent Domain Proceedings through Bench Trial
 Through March 2026**

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (Rutan)	12/16/2024	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 362,764.26		\$ 362,764.26	\$ 87,235.74	PA00009-01
2	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (SMW)	3/17/2025	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 214,770.27		\$ 214,770.27	\$ 10,229.73	PA00009-02
3	Financial Services (Raftelis)	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 33,415.00		\$ 33,415.00	\$ 166,585.00	PA00009-03
5	Utility Consultant (Close & Associates)	12/16/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 106,653.83		\$ 106,653.83	\$ 858,346.17	PA00009-07
6	Consulting Civil Engineer (Webb Associates)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 117,070.00		\$ 117,070.00	\$ 1,082,930.00	PA00009-07
	Total		\$ 3,040,000.00	\$ 834,673.36	\$ -	\$ 834,673.36	\$ 2,205,326.64	

	District Legal Counsel		\$ 120,000.00	\$ 126,274.51		\$ 126,274.51	\$ (6,274.51)	PA00009-05
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**No Phase IV spending for March 2026*

**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**22. LETTERS RECEIVED AND SENT****Meeting Date:** May 18, 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.

The letters listed below were sent to and/or received by the Board Chair and/or General Manager from April 14 through May 12, 2026. These letters are included in the Board meeting packet to provide transparency for the Board and the public.

Copies are available for review at the District office; reproduction fees may apply.

Digital versions are also available on the District's website at www.mpwmd.net.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Charly Liscomb	Dave Stoldt	4/14/26	Marina Coast Water District Notice of Public Hearing for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan
Susan Schiavone	MPWMD Board	4/28/26	Letter to the Editor – Water District Rebates
Duncan Joseph Moore	MPWMD Board	5/12/26	Comments on MPWMD Draft Urban Water Management Plan



EXHIBIT 23-A

**Final Minutes
Public Outreach Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Lindor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Rebecca Lindor, Chair
Alvin Edwards
Marianne Gawain

Committee Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

Dave Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

None; no members of the public were present.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from November 24, 2025

On a motion by Edwards and seconded by Lindor, the minutes of the November 24, 2025, committee meeting were approved on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Edwards, Gawain and Lindor), and 0 Noes.

2. Adopt 2026 Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Gawain and seconded by Edwards, the 2026 Public Outreach Committee meeting schedule was adopted on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Gawain, Edwards and Lindor), and 0 Noes.

Discussion Items

3. Status of Public Outreach Projects

Phil Wellman, Public Outreach Consultant with WellmanAd, presented a slide-deck titled, "MPWMD Public Outreach Report/November 25 to February 24." A copy of the presentation is available at the

District office and can be found on the District website. Mr. Wellman highlighted the following:

Dec

- Newsletter and Brand Ad highlighting the Pure Water Monterey project and water saving rebates

Jan

- Brand Ad, Newsletter and social media highlighting: 2025 in review, CalAm rate increase public hearings, CalAm opposing modification of the Cease & Desist Order, and healthy steelhead in the Carmel River

4. Status of Annual Report

General Manager Dave Stoldt reported that draft Annual Report language was provided to the Public Outreach Consultant in mid-February and that staff discussed the production schedule. A draft may be ready for Board consideration at the March Board meeting, with approval possibly deferred to April to ensure the best final product.

Staff plans to continue distributing the report through the *Monterey County Weekly* rather than inserting it in *The Pine Cone*, citing cost effectiveness, readership overlap, and electronic availability. The proposed distribution approach will be brought to the full Board for consideration. The report will highlight key District accomplishments from the prior year, including the water amnesty program, jurisdictional water allocations, and the petition to modify the Cease & Desist Order.

5. Update on Formation of Citizens' Water Panel

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough reported on the proposed formation of a Citizens' Water Panel, developed following staff discussion and Board direction. He explained that the proposal is intended as a pilot project to evaluate its effectiveness before considering modifications or expansion.

The pilot would consist of a small, low-key group of up to 10 participants to avoid Brown Act requirements, with members solicited from Board nominations and selected stakeholder or government affairs groups. Planned topics include an overview of District projects and operations, with the potential for site visits to enhance participant understanding. Staff incorporated Board feedback into the proposal and intends to begin with this limited pilot before considering broader participation in the future.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

Director Edwards suggested the Cease & Desist Order be added as a regular agenda item to allow for updates and discussion.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Lindor adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Public Outreach Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Public Outreach Committee on April 27, 2026.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on May 18, 2026.



EXHIBIT 23-B

**Final Minutes
Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Director Lindor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and served as Chair.

Committee Members Present

Rebecca Lindor, Chair
Alvin Edwards
Marianne Gawain, Alternate (arrived at 2:03 p.m.)

Committee Members Absent

Karen Paull

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

Chair Lindor opened the public comment period; however, no members of the public were present.

Action Items

Chair Lindor introduced this item.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2025

On a motion by Edwards and seconded by Lindor, the minutes of the September 2, 2025, committee meeting were approved on a roll call vote of 2 Ayes (Edwards and Lindor) 1 Absent (Gawain) and 0 Noes.

2. Adopt 2026 Meeting Schedule

On a motion by Edwards and seconded by Lindor, the 2026 Water Supply Planning Committee meeting schedule was adopted on a roll call vote of 2 Ayes (Lindor and Edwards), 0 Noes, and 1 Absent (Gawain).

3. Consider Partnering with the Seaside Watermaster to Install a New Seawater Intrusion Monitoring Well on the Fort Ord Dunes State Park

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, provided an overview of monitoring activities associated with the Seaside Watermaster's coastal Sentinel Wells. He reported that recent monitoring data from Sentinel Well No. 4 indicate possible increased conductivity in the 150- to 200-foot depth range.

On a motion by Lindor and seconded by Edwards, the committee voted to recommend that the Board write a letter to State Parks seeking permission to install a monitoring well near Sentinel Well No. 4 and to partner with the Seaside Watermaster to cost-share this work.

Discussion Items

Chair Lindor introduced this item.

4. Discuss MPWMD's Urban Water Management Plan

Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer provided an overview of the Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), a long-term planning document required by State law for qualifying water suppliers and updated every five years. She noted that the current UWMP is due to the Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026.

Ms. Hamilton explained the District's applicability as a wholesaler and summarized the required plan components, including long-term supply and demand analyses, water shortage and drought risk assessments, demand management measures, and a Water Shortage Contingency Plan. She reported that these elements build upon existing District planning, monitoring, and conservation activities.

5. Discuss Federal Earmark Request for Seaside Basin Monitoring Wells

General Manager David Stoldt reported that the District is preparing a request for federal community project funding to support repair and replacement of aging Seaside Basin monitoring wells. He explained that the proposed project would replace at least two wells, with the potential for additional upgrades if funded, and noted that appropriated funds would be available in fiscal year 2027.

6. Discuss Proposed Revisions to District Rules 160 – 167

General Manager David Stoldt stated that the proposed rule revisions relate to the Urban Water Management Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. He explained that staff is proposing to revise drought response triggers to reflect the District's expanded water supply portfolio and to base those triggers on overall supply availability rather than groundwater storage alone.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

Director Edwards suggested adding a discussion item regarding potential future water supply source could be.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Lindor adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee on May 4, 2026.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on May 18, 2026.

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EXHIBIT 23-C

**FINAL MINUTES
Finance and Administration Committee
April 13, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Building G., Monterey, CA 93940
(Hybrid: Meeting Held In-Person and via Zoom – Teleconferencing means)

Call to Order

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

Committee Members Present

George Riley, Chair
Karen Paull (*arrived at 2:08*)

Committee Members Absent

Rebecca Lindor

District Staff Members Present

Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk
Sandra Alonso, Office Specialist 1

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Additions / Corrections to Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

None

Action Items

Chair Riley introduced the item.

1. Consider Adoption of February 17, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Paull, seconded by Riley, the minutes of February 17, 2026, committee meeting were approved 2-0.

2. Consider Entering Into a Contract with GSI Environmental to Provide Groundwater Modeling Support to the District

On a motion by Riley, seconded by Paull, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board authorize District Staff to enter into a contract amendment with GSI Environmental to perform a groundwater model update to the CRBHM and provide technical support to the District.

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, noted that the term “amendment” should be removed from the Staff report, as there is no current contract in place.

3. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-01 Authorizing an Exception to the CalPERS 180-Day Wait Period for Hiring a Retired Annuitant and Authorization to Execute an Employment Agreement with Stephanie Locke to Fill a Critical Need in the Water Demand Division and the District

On a motion by Paull, seconded by Riley, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2026-01 authorizing an exception to the CalPERS 180-day wait period to hire Stephanie Locke as a part-time, limited-term employee and authorize the General Manager to execute an Employment Agreement with Stephanie Locke to fill critical needs in the Water Demand Division and the District. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

4. Consider Adoption of Treasure’s Report for February 2026

On a motion by Riley, seconded by Paull, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt the February 2026 Treasurer’s Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursement made during the month. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

5. Consider Authorization of Various Software Subscriptions Agreements and a New Information Technology Services Contract with DeVeera, Inc.

On a motion by Riley, seconded by Paull, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve software subscriptions agreements with a new managed services agreement with DeVeera Inc. The motion passed unanimously, 2-0.

Informational Items

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

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

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

Discussion Items

Chair Riley introduced the item.

8. Update on the Water Supply Charge Reimbursement Project (Verbal Report)

This item was presented as discussion to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

9. Review Draft April 20, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Agenda

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for April 20, Board meeting and made no changes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Committee Clerk to the
MPWMD Finance and Administration Committee

Reviewed and Approved by the MPWMD Finance and Administration Committee on May 11, 2026_____

Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on May 18, 2026

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**24. MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT****Meeting Date:** May 18, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program:** N/A
Line Item No.:**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.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 2025, the District released the first Allocation of water from Pure Water Monterey (“Pure Water”) via Ordinance No. 197. **Exhibit 24-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 April 2026 (“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 24-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), the City of Pacific Grove (Ordinance No. 168), and the City of Seaside (Ordinance No. 194).

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 24-C**.

EXHIBITS**24-A** Monthly Allocation Report**24-B** Monthly Entitlement Report**24-C** District’s Water Allocation Program Ordinances

EXHIBIT 24-A
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
 Reported in Acre-Feet
 For the month of April 2026

Jurisdiction	Pure Water Monterey Allocation Available 3/1/2025	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Paralta & Pre-Paralta Water Balance 3/1/2025	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Public Credits Balance 3/1/2025	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Total Available
Airport District	44.000	0.000	39.773	5.197	0.000	5.197	0.000	0.000	0.000	44.970
Carmel-by-the-Sea	14.000	0.308	13.124	2.479	0.000	2.479	0.182	0.000	0.182	15.785
Del Rey Oaks	6.000	0.033	5.696	0.000	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.726
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	0.533	0.000	0.533	3.627	0.000	3.627	145.160
Monterey County	72.000	0.000	72.000	10.930	0.000	11.016	1.181	0.000	1.181	84.197
Pacific Grove	32.000	0.000	31.949	0.024	0.000	0.019	0.002	0.000	0.002	31.970
Sand City	14.000	0.000	13.857	0.000	0.000	0.029	23.163	0.000	23.163	37.049
Seaside	21.000	0.000	20.837	29.213	0.056	28.184	1.144	0.000	1.144	50.165
District Reserve	2086.000	0.000	2090.169 ¹							2090.169

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	0.033	10.324	2.436

¹ Includes remaining District Reserve following 2024-25 “Amnesty” program.

EXHIBIT 24-B
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
ENTITLEMENTS
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of April 2026
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. *	186.110	1.838	34.160	151.950
Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties (Pursuant to Ord No. 109)	178.890	0.380	86.541	92.349
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	2.218	135.530	244.470

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	0.000	21.831	184.169
Malpaso Water Company	80.000	0.206	26.351	53.649
D.B.O. Development No. 30	13.950	0.000	3.913	10.037
City of Pacific Grove	38.390	0.260	20.901	17.489
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 24 -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 established an entitlement of 18.6 acre-feet of water to the Quail Meadows subdivision in Carmel Valley for permanently reducing annual water production from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer at the Quail Lodge golf course.

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 Malpas 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.

Ordinance No. 194 was adopted on February 12, 2024, established a Water Entitlement for the City of Seaside.

Resolution 2024-13 was adopted October 21, 2024, to authorize use of the District Reserve Allocation to permit unpermitted water fixtures found on final inspections during a one-year "amnesty" period used to close certain older "open" Water Permits.

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

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 **6** 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 **1** property 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 response during the past month. There were **no** repeated incidents that resulted in a fine.

F. Multi-Family Dwelling Water Efficiency Compliance

By January 1, 2019, all Multi-Family Dwellings of four or more units were required to meet Rule 142 retro fit requirements. Property owners had the opportunity certify that their property complied by that deadline. This year District staff began the process of inspecting all Multi-Family Dwellings of four or more units to ensure compliance. Property owners and agents acquired conservation devices from the District to assist with meeting compliance with Rule 142.

In April, **60** inspections were conducted. **33** of those inspections passed; **14** failed because the common laundry room clothes washer was not a High Efficiency Clothes Washer.

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 **74** Water Permits. **Twelve** permits were issued using Water Entitlements (Pebble Beach Company, Malpas Water, Sand City, etc.). **No** permits involved a debit to a Public Water Credit account. **Three**, meter enlargement permits, and **three** 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 **74** Water Permits issued, **six** were issued under this provision.

B. Permit Compliance

Staff completed **66** site inspections for current permit compliance during April. **Thirty** properties passed the interior inspection, and **ten** properties failed due to unpermitted fixtures. **Five** properties were inspected to complete a Landscape Water Permit and passed.

C. Notary Services

District staff provided Notary services for **57** customers.

D. Outreach Events

In the month of April, the District participated in two Earth Day events where District staff distributed free conservation devices. In April, District staff also held a free Mulch Event in a collaboration with California American Water.

E. 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 for April 2026 are included.

EXHIBIT

25-A April 2026 Rebate Report

April 2026 Rebate Report

REBATE PROGRAM SUMMARY		April-2026			2026		1997 - Present	
I. Application Summary								
A.	Applications Received	45			191		33,089	
B.	Applications Approved	32			149		26,040	
C.	Single Family Applications	32			146		28,925	
D.	Multi-Family Applications	0			3		1,639	
E.	Non-Residential Applications	0			0		363	
II. Type of Devices Rebated		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)			0.000000	0	18	\$1,425.00	0.09000
B.	Ultra HET	5	\$375.00	0.050000	16,293	12	\$950.00	0.12000
C.	Toilet Flapper			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
D.	High Efficiency Dishwasher	5	\$625.00	0.015000	4,888	20	\$2,500.00	0.06000
E.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Res	17	\$8,500.00	0.273700	89,185	65	\$32,500.00	1.04650
F.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Com			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
G.	Instant-Access Hot Water System			0.000000	0	1	\$200.00	0.00500
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	1	\$304.97	0.00000
K.	Smart Controllers			0.000000	0	3	\$338.00	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	6	\$1,200.00	0.000000	0	34	\$6,800.00	0.00000
Q.	Smart Toilet Leak Detectors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000
III. TOTALS		33	\$10,700.00	0.338700	110,366	154	\$45,017.97	1.32150
IV. TOTALS Since 1997						Paid Since 1997:	\$ 6,403,773	249.95 Year Saved Since 1997 (from quantifiable retrofits)

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS**26. CARMEL RIVER FISHERY REPORT FOR APRIL 2026****Meeting Date:** May 18, 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 April, rain returned to the watershed with an above average total for the month. This helped increase river flows and sustain current flows above the median flow observations in the long-term record, by the end of the month. These flows created optimal conditions for fish migration and spawning. The lagoon mouth remained open naturally for most of the month (see attached graphic). Los Padres Reservoir remains at capacity and spilling for the entire month.

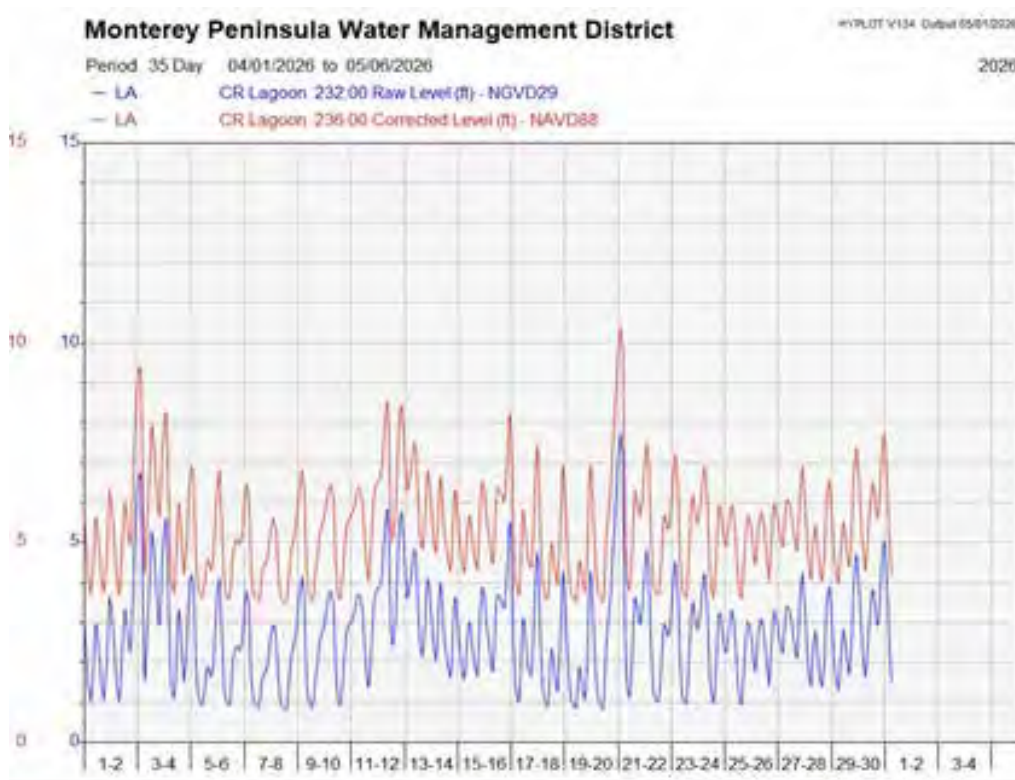
April's mean daily streamflow at the Sleepy Hollow Weir gaging station ranged from 49 to 157 cfs (mean 69.2 cfs), while flows at the Highway 1 gage ranged from 56 to 136 cfs (mean 79.2 cfs).

There was 2.09 inches of measurable rainfall in April as recorded at the San Clemente gauge. The total rainfall for Water Year (WY) 2026 (which started October 1, 2025) is 23.76 inches, which is 116% of normal to date.

ADULT STEELHEAD MONITORING: Staff installed the resistance board weir on January 21 and removed it for the season on April 21. Removal of the weir and trap was done because of observed stacking outmigrant adults (kelts), staff did not want to disrupt outmigration. At the end of April, a total of 48 adult steelhead had been counted and tagged at the weir trap. Cal-am staff started the Los Padres fish ladder on December 29, 2025, the first fish to enter the trap was on January 12, 2026. As of the end of April, there have been 94 fish moved from the trap into Los Padres Reservoir. Staff continue to conduct its annual survey of redds or steelhead nests, from Los Padres Reservoir down to Highway One bridge. As of the end of April, there have been 126 steelhead redds observed during the survey.

CARMEL RIVER LAGOON: In April, the lagoon's Water Surface Elevation (WSE) ranged from approximately 3.56 to 10.41 feet (NGVD 1988) (see graph below). Water quality depth-profiles were conducted at five sites on April 22, 2026, while the lagoon mouth was open, water surface elevation was 3.77 feet at the time of sampling, and river inflow was approximately 110 cfs. The north arm of the lagoon was disconnected to the main body of the lagoon. The lagoon was well mixed and no stratification was observed, except for the south arms salinity, which was stratified at 0.5 meters. Salinity levels ranged from 0.7-18.2 parts per thousand (ppt), throughout

the lagoon. Water temperatures ranged from 57.7-64.9 degrees Fahrenheit, and dissolved oxygen (DO) levels ranged from 3.7-10.7 mg/l.



ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**27. MONTHLY WATER SUPPLY AND CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

Meeting Date:	May 18, 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 27-A shows the water supply status for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) as of **May 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 27-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 **April 2026** totaled **2.09 inches** and brings the cumulative rainfall total for WY 2026 to **23.76 inches**, which is **116%** of the long-term average through **April**. Estimated unimpaired runoff through **April** totaled **4,120 acre-feet (AF)** and brings the cumulative runoff total for WY 2026 to **62,577 AF**, which is **83%** of the long-term average through **April**. Usable storage for the MRWPRS was **29,810 acre-feet**, which is **94%** of average through **April**, and equates to **90%** 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 **April**, using the CDO accounting method, Cal-Am has produced **1,270 AF** from the Carmel River (excluding **241 AF** of Table 13 and **52 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 **April**, Cal-Am has produced **310 AF** from the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Through **April**, **916 AF** of Carmel River Basin groundwater have been diverted for Seaside Basin injection; **0 AF** have been recovered for customer use, **241 AF** have been diverted under Table 13 water rights, and **2,986 AF** of Pure Water Monterey recovered. Cal-Am has produced **4,915 AF** for customer use from all sources through **April**. **Exhibit 27-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.

EXHIBITS**27-A** Water Supply Status: **May 1, 2026****27-B** Monthly Cal-Am production by source: WY 2026

EXHIBIT 27-A

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

Factor	Oct – Apr 2026	Average To Date	Percent of Average	Oct – Apr 2025
Rainfall (Inches)	23.76	20.48	116%	16.56
Runoff (Acre-Feet)	51,809	62,577	83%	30,485
Storage ⁵ (Acre-Feet)	29,810	31,3800	94%	29,650

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	ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Table 13 ⁷	Sand City ³	
		Coastal	Laguna Seca	Ajudication Compliance						
Target	2,001	454	0	454	2,455	0	2,215	138	175	2,528
Actual ⁴	1,270	257	54	310	1,580	0	2,986	241	57	3,283
Difference	731	197	-54	143	875	0	-771	-103	118	-755
WY 2025 Actual	1,583	801	64	866	2,449	0	2,034	182	96	2,312

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 project
4. To date, 916 AF and 241 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	132	0	7	32	0	473	12	657
Jan-26	60	101	8	32	0	428	20	648
Feb-26	116	55	7	26	0	389	8	602
Mar-26	259	59	9	29	0	435	0	790
Apr-26	340	26	8	29	0	358	0	762
May-26								
Jun-26								
Jul-26								
Aug-26								
Sep-26								
Total	1,270	241	52	310	0	2,986	57	4,915
WY 2025	1,583	182	55	866	0	2,034	96	4,815

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



Supplement to May 18, 2026 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are letters sent and/or received between **April 14** and **May 12, 2026**. These letters are referenced in the May 18 Board Packet under Letters Received and Sent.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Charly Liscomb	Dave Stoldt	4/14/26	Marina Coast Water District Notice of Public Hearing for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan
Susan Schiavone	MPWMD Board	4/28/26	Letter to the Editor – Water District Rebates
Duncan Joseph Moore	MPWMD Board	5/12/26	Comments on MPWMD Draft Urban Water Management Plan



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Marina Coast Water District – Notice of Public Hearing for the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

April 14, 2026
Mr. David J. Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Dear Mr. Stoldt,

The Marina Coast Water District (District) is preparing its 2025 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) pursuant to the California Water Code (CWC). All urban water suppliers serving more than 3,000 service connections are required to prepare an UWMP every five years. The District's updated UWMP must be adopted and submitted to the California Department of Water Resources by July 1, 2026.

The UWMP is the District's long-term planning document for ensuring water supply reliability. It evaluates projected water demands, supply availability, and water conservation measures, and includes the District's Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP).

In accordance with CWC §10620(d)(3), the District is coordinating the preparation of its plan with other appropriate agencies in the area. In addition, CWC §10642 encourages the active involvement of diverse social, cultural, and economic elements of the population during preparation of both the UWMP and the WSCP.

A draft UWMP will be made available for review in advance of the District's public hearing on June 15, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding this notification or the District's 2025 UWMP process, please contact Charly Liscomb, Interim Water Resources Manager, at (831) 883-5937 or by email at bliscomb@mcwd.org.

Sincerely,

Charly Liscomb, EIT
Interim Water Resources Manager

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*Water district rebates***Dear Editor,**

I read your recent article regarding the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's ordinance 152 lawsuit and rebate checks. I served on the ordinance 152 citizen oversight panel from 2017 to 2024. The sunset clause did allow the board discretion as to the appropriate timing of this action; at the time of litigation, it was under consideration. The ordinance states: "The district shall require the annual water supply charge to sunset in full or in part unless the board determines that the purpose of the charge is still required, and the amount of the charge is still appropriate and less than the proportionate cost of the service attributable to each parcel on which the charge is imposed." The courts decided it should have ended.

When the Cal Am collected water fee was suspended, it created a district deficit of \$3.4 million a year. The district delayed the sunset partially because the restored fee was insufficient for several years to cover the deficit and costs for ongoing projects. I want to share some positive impacts of the water supply charge so the public does not see the issue only through a lens of "holding the district accountable."

Specifically, the water supply charge partially funded the Pure Water Monterey recycling project, now providing 60 percent of our drinking water, ending overpumping of the Carmel River. It was also used to expand capacity for aquifer storage and recovery, a program that collects excess runoff in rainy periods to store underground for drought or dry years, and pay back loans for this project. It also funded engineering, hydrological, legal, and environmental studies for future water supply projects, including expansion of Pure Water Monterey. The charge also covered staff costs and maintaining financial reserves for water supply infrastructure improvements, including at the Monterey Regional Airport, Pacific Grove, and Del Monte Golf Course, and direct expenses for providing water services. Some funds were used for legal costs for the voter

directive to acquire Cal Am's water system. The public deserves to know both the positives and the negatives regarding this issue.

Susan Schiavone,
Seaside

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May 12, 2026

VIA EMAIL

Board of Directors
 Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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 Monterey, CA 93940
comments@mpwmd.net

Re: Comments on Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Draft Urban Water Management Plan

Dear Honorable Board of Directors:

On behalf of California-American Water Company (“CalAm”), we submit this letter identifying significant concerns with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District’s (“MPWMD”) draft Urban Water Management Plan (“Draft UWMP”), dated May 2026. As you know, CalAm provides water service directly to approximately 40,000 service connections in its Monterey Main water service area and, as a result, must prepare the UWMP for this service area pursuant to the California Water Code. CalAm is in the process of preparing its 2025 UWMP for its Monterey Main service area, which will accurately account for all of its supply sources and reasonably anticipated demands under the Water Code. This includes supplies that MPWMD provides to CalAm as an indirect supplier of water from the Pure Water Monterey project, as defined by Water Code Section 10617.

CalAm understands that the Draft UWMP is MPWMD’s first UWMP given that MPWMD only recently became an indirect water supplier after the Pure Water Monterey project became operational and water supplies from that project became available for CalAm’s use.¹ Unfortunately, CalAm has serious concerns with the Draft UWMP’s scope and content for two primary reasons:

(1) the Draft UWMP exceeds its allowable scope by impermissibly characterizing water supplies and demands within CalAm’s Monterey Main service area that are properly covered in CalAm’s UWMP. ***The Water Code expressly prohibits MPWMD, as an indirect water supplier, from including planning elements in its UWMP that apply to CalAm’s direct provision of water without CalAm’s consent.*** CalAm has not given MPWMD consent to comment on CalAm’s

¹ The Water Code provides that “[e]very person that becomes an urban water supplier shall adopt an urban water management plan within one year after it has become an urban water supplier.” (Water Code, § 10620(b).)

projected water uses and supplies, and objects to MPWMD's inclusion of those issues in the Draft UWMP.

(2) MPWMD has also failed to adequately describe its own sources of supply for the Pure Water Monterey project in the Draft UWMP. As MPWMD is aware, the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC") identified substantial uncertainty with supplies for the Pure Water Monterey expansion, which have direct implications for the amount of water MPWMD is able to deliver to CalAm to serve its customer demands. By not adequately evaluating the certainty of its supply sources, the Draft UWMP's reliability analysis required by Water Code Section 10635 is deficient.

Therefore, and for the reasons summarized above and addressed in further detail below, CalAm requests that the Board decline to approve the UWMP as currently drafted for submittal to the California Department of Water Resources ("DWR").

A. MPWMD's Limited Authority Under the Water Code Precludes It from Characterizing Supplies Related to Aquifer Storage and Recovery ("ASR")

Nothing in the Water Code authorizes MPWMD to address ASR supplies in the Draft UWMP based on MPWMD's co-ownership or operation of a limited number of ASR facilities in conjunction with CalAm.² MPWMD's obligation to prepare a UWMP arises solely from its wholesale supply of Pure Water Monterey project water to CalAm. (See Water Code, § 10617.) Indeed, CalAm began using water diverted under permanent ASR water rights in 2008, and MPWMD has never prepared an UWMP to address ASR supplies during the intervening almost 20 years. Accordingly, and for the reasons provided in greater detail below, all discussion of ASR supplies and use of ASR water in the Monterey Main service area³ exceeds the scope of MPWMD's planning authority under the Water Code. Instead, such information is properly included in **CalAm's UWMP**, given that CalAm is the supplier directly serving or supplying more than 3,000 customers with water, including water from ASR (see Water Code, § 10617).

The Water Code requires that "[e]very urban water supplier [] prepare and adopt an [UWMP]." (See Water Code, § 10620(a).) An "urban water supplier" means "a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually." (Water Code, § 10617.) Urban water suppliers can be either "urban retail water suppliers" or "urban wholesale water suppliers." (See Water Code, § 10608.12(af), (aj); see also DWR, Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook (Jan. 2026), p. 2-2 (the "UWMP Guidebook").) An "urban retail water supplier" means a "water supplier, either publicly or privately owned, that directly provides potable municipal

² Pursuant to the 2006 ASR Management and Operations Agreement, CalAm and MPWMD operate and maintain ASR and ASR-related support facilities for the recharge, storage, and recovery of excess Carmel River flows in the Seaside Groundwater Basin for later extraction. CalAm extracts ASR water as needed to serve its customers throughout the Monterey Main service area.

³ See, e.g., Draft UWMP, pp. 4-3 to 4-5, 4-7 to 4-9, 6-3, 6-5 to 6-8, 6-10 to 6-11, 7-1 to 7-3, 7-4 to 7-6.

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water to more than 3,000 end users or that supplies more than 3,000 acre-feet of potable water annually at retail for municipal purposes.” (Water Code, § 10608.12(af).) An “urban wholesale water supplier” means a water supplier that provides more than 3,000 acre-feet of water per year (“afy”) at wholesale for potable municipal purposes. (Water Code, § 10608.12(aj).) MPWMD does not provide potable water to end users at retail for municipal purposes. Thus, under the Water Code MPWMD’s obligation to prepare the Draft UWMP is based solely on the wholesale water supplies it provides to CalAm through the Pure Water Monterey project.

Importantly, the Water Code does not define “urban water supplier” based on co-ownership or operation of water-related facilities. MPWMD’s role vis-à-vis ASR is limited to injecting water. MPWMD does not deliver any ASR water as a retailer, nor does it supply any ASR water as a wholesaler like it does for the Pure Water Monterey project. Because MPWMD does not provide over 3,000 afy of water from ASR or supply over 3,000 customers with ASR water, MPWMD lacks authority to include ASR in its UWMP. This is fully consistent with MPWMD’s historic practice—where it has not previously prepared a UWMP even though it has owned or operated certain limited ASR facilities for years.

Furthermore, even if MPWMD could be considered a supplier of ASR water based on its co-ownership or operation of ASR facilities, at best, it would be considered an “indirect” supplier of that water. The Water Code places an important limitation on UWMPs prepared by indirect water suppliers. “An urban water **supplier indirectly providing water shall not include planning elements in its water management plan . . . that would be applicable to urban water suppliers . . . directly providing water, or to their customers, without the consent of those suppliers or public agencies.**” (Water Code, § 10620(c) [emphasis added].) Despite this limitation in the Water Code, MPWMD devotes approximately 20 pages of its 67-page Draft UWMP (excluding appendices) to analyzing and characterizing ASR without the consent of CalAm—the direct retail supplier of ASR water to service connections within the Monterey Main service area. By including planning elements concerning ASR, the Draft UWMP directly contravenes the Water Code’s explicit limitations.

As the water provider for more than 3,000 customers that utilizes ASR water as one of the supply sources for those customers, CalAm is the sole entity authorized under the Water Code to characterize and project ASR’s available supplies as part of its long-term planning in its UWMP. CalAm has spent significant resources evaluating ASR supplies and will be providing that analysis in its 2025 UWMP—just as it has in prior UWMPs for the Monterey Main service area. Further, and as detailed below, MPWMD’s analysis of ASR is flawed and is not supported by the evidence. Therefore, CalAm officially objects to MPWMD’s inclusion of ASR in the Draft UWMP and requests that the discussion of ASR be removed. Indeed, because the Water Code prohibits MPWMD from including ASR in the Draft UWMP and because CalAm has not consented to it, the Draft UWMP is fundamentally flawed.

B. The Draft UWMP Mischaracterizes ASR Supplies

Putting to the side the fact that MPWMD is not authorized by either the Water Code or CalAm to address ASR in the Draft UWMP, the Draft UWMP also misrepresents the availability of ASR supplies. (See, e.g., Draft UWMP, pp. 6-5 to 6-8.) As CalAm has maintained through water supply and demand proceedings before the CPUC, recovery from the ASR program has been highly variable historically, and projected reliable supply from ASR is extremely unpredictable. Although the CPUC determined that 1,210 afy is a reasonable water supply estimate for ASR during normal-year conditions,⁴ the average ASR extraction volume between 2018 and 2022 was 559 afy and projected supply from ASR is estimated to be closer to 470 afy.⁵ In addition, supply from ASR is projected to decrease dramatically during a single dry year and is assumed to be unavailable during a consecutive five-year drought.⁶

The Draft UWMP also disputes the need for ASR water, claiming it “has calculated that recovery of stored ASR supply is not required over the next few decades” because water supplies will exceed demand “for at least the next decade.” (Draft UWMP, pp. 6-5 to 6-6.)⁷ The Draft UWMP does not include these “calculations” or any other analysis to support its conclusions. In fact, it is unclear how the Draft UWMP can reach such a conclusion without evaluating all of CalAm’s other supplies and its projected demands for the Monterey Main service area (an exercise that would plainly exceed the proper scope of the Draft UWMP under the Water Code).

In sum, MPWMD’s conclusions about the availability of and need for ASR supplies not only exceed the scope of its UWMP planning authority but are also based on unsupported “calculations” not discussed in the Draft UWMP.

C. The Draft UWMP Fails to Comply with the Water Code’s Requirements for Discussion of Water Supplies from the Pure Water Monterey Project

Critically, the Draft UWMP is missing statutorily mandated discussions regarding the reliability and availability of supplies for the Pure Water Monterey project (“PWM”) and its expansion (“Expansion”), which is the actual and sole basis requiring MPWMD to prepare a UWMP in the first place. Instead of engaging in a thoughtful reliability assessment of supplies for the PWM and Expansion, the Draft UWMP inappropriately assumes that MPWMD can and will provide the full contracted amount of PWM and Expansion water to CalAm, even during drought conditions. The Water Code requires

⁴ See CPUC Decision, D.25-10-001.

⁵ See CalAm Supplemental Direct Testimony of Christopher Cook, A.21-11-024 (Dec. 21, 2023), at p. 6.

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ The Draft UWMP further claims that “ASR recovery was not ‘required’ [by CalAm] in 2023” because CalAm did not divert 960 acre-feet of its Carmel River allocation. (See Draft UWMP, p. 6-5.) This is misleading. In 2023, the Carmel River flooded, requiring wells along the river to be shut down.

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the Draft UWMP to discuss known limitations on PWM and Expansion water deliveries, which the Draft UWMP simply fails to do.

All urban water suppliers must identify existing and planned sources of water; quantify those supplies over five-year increments; describe, in detail, the anticipated availability under normal, single-dry, and five-year drought conditions; and analyze information pertinent to the reliability of those supplies. (See Water Code, §§ 10631, 10634, 10635; see also DWR, Urban Water Management Plan Guidebook (Jan. 2026), pp. 7-4 to 7-6 (the “UWMP Guidebook”).) Despite the Water Code’s clear direction, the Draft UWMP simply assumes that the full contracted amount of PWM and Expansion water (5,750 afy) would be available to CalAm across all water year scenarios and that CalAm would use the full 5,750 each year. (See Draft UWMP, p. 4-7 [“Cal-Am’s annual use of PWM is contractually fixed at 5,750 AF each year.”]; *id.*, p. 6-5 [depicting 5,750 afy of PWM and Expansion water available across all water year scenarios]; see also *id.*, pp. 4-9, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-5, 6-11, 7-1 to 7-5.) This conclusory assessment does not satisfy the Water Code’s requirements.

Although the CPUC determined that the full allocation of PWM and Expansion water would be available during normal water year conditions, it did so on the basis of M1W’s contractual obligation. Nevertheless, the CPUC “share[d] the concerns that the identified source water for the PWM Expansion may prove insufficient . . .”⁸ In drafting a UWMP, MPWMD is not free to rely on a contractual allocation and turn a blind eye to known limitations on PWM and Expansion source waters. There remain significant uncertainties concerning the availability of source water for PWM and the Expansion. The Draft UWMP wholly ignores those uncertainties and does nothing to support or justify its conclusion that the full allocation from PWM and the Expansion will be available, including during a multi-year drought. As MPWMD is aware, PWM and the Expansion rely on consistent wastewater and stormwater flows, which can decrease substantially during drier years due to increased conservation efforts and limited rainfall. As a result, CalAm maintains that the amount of water it can realistically receive from the Expansion during a normal year would be between 2,001 and 2,234 afy, and may be further limited to between 0 and 1,100 afy during dry years.⁹ Instead of exploring these uncertainties as the Water Code requires, the Draft UWMP omits any discussion concerning limitations on supplies for PWM water altogether. For example, Sections 7.2 (Normal Year), 7.3 (Single-Dry Year) and 7.4 (Multiple-Dry Year) all neglect to analyze the reliability of the source waters for PWM and its Expansion. (See Draft UWMP, pp. 7-1 to 7-3.) Thus, MPWMD’s citation to Cal-Am’s contractual obligation to purchase up to 5,750 afy is misleading, because it assumes that full supply will be available. It is neither realistic nor prudent to assume full deliveries of PWM and Expansion water, particularly under drought conditions.

In sum, the Draft UWMP improperly projects that MPWMD will always be able to deliver the amount of water from PWM and the Expansion that MPWMD is contractually

⁸ See CPUC Decision D.25-08-006, at pp. 49-50.

⁹ CalAm Supplemental Direct Testimony of Christopher Cook, A.21-11-024 (Dec. 21, 2023), at pp. 6-7.

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obligated to provide CalAm, instead of the more rigorous analysis concerning the availability and reliability of that water as required by the Water Code. Until the Draft UWMP is revised to provide that analysis, the Draft UWMP will fail to comply with the Water Code.

D. MPWMD Improperly Uses the Draft UWMP Process to Dispute CalAm's Water Supply and Demand Projections

The purpose of a UWMP is to gather, characterize, and analyze information regarding water supplies and uses for thoughtful urban water management planning. (See Water Code, § 10610.2.) MPWMD cannot use the UWMP process to rehash any disputes it may have with CalAm's water demand and supply forecasts from CalAm's prior UWMPs or other proceedings before the CPUC. (See Draft UWMP, p. 4-7 ["MPWMD continues to dispute Cal-Am's water demand forecasts."]; see also *id.* at p. 4-6.) This is not the appropriate forum. As the Draft UWMP acknowledges (*id.* at pp. 4-6 to 4-7), ***the CPUC has already considered and ruled on updated water supply and demand projections for the Monterey Peninsula—a process in which MPWMD actively participated.***

As a wholesale water supplier, MPWMD's obligations and authority under the Water Code are limited. For example, the Water Code requires direct urban water suppliers, such as CalAm, to quantify past, current, and projected water use for different sectors. (See Water Code, § 10631(d)(1); see also UWMP Guidebook pp. 4-7 to 4-8.) No such requirement exists for wholesale water suppliers like MPWMD. Although the Water Code requires wholesale suppliers to report overall projected water use as part of their water service reliability analysis (§ 10635), that information comes from the direct water supplier—here, CalAm. (See Water Code, § 10631(h) ["An urban water supplier that relies upon a wholesale agency for a source of water shall provide the wholesale agency with water use projections from that agency for that source of water in five-year increments to 20 years or as far as data is available"]; see also UWMP Guidebook, p. 7-7.) By using its own demand projections, the Draft UWMP violates the Water Code and creates inconsistencies across UWMPs for the same service area.

For example, the Draft UWMP devotes significant discussion to historical total potable water use on the Peninsula (pp. 4-3 to 4-5). But such discussion is irrelevant to MPWMD's obligation to provide PWM and Expansion water to CalAm. Similarly, the Draft UWMP calculates overall potable water demand for CalAm's Monterey Main service area based on MPWMD's review of Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments ("AMBAG") growth rates. (See *id.* at pp. 4-7 to 4-8.) Again, it is unclear how AMBAG's growth rates and potable water demand are relevant to MPWMD's obligation to provide PWM water to CalAm or what authority MPWMD has to recalculate CalAm's demand estimates – which have nothing to do with MPWMD's PWM supplies. Finally, Section 6 of the Draft UWMP inappropriately characterizes CalAm's water supply portfolio. (See Draft UWMP, pp. 6-1 to 6-2.) As a wholesaler of PWM water, MPWMD's water supply characterization should be limited to characterizing the sources

comprising PWM water, which, as discussed above, MPWMD has failed to do. (Water Code, § 10631.)

The Draft UWMP cannot be used by MPWMD to characterize planning elements properly included in CalAm's UWMP, including supply and demand projections for CalAm's Monterey Main service area. (See Water Code, §§ 10620, 10631.) Nevertheless, MPWMD has used its Draft UWMP to reargue its positions on CalAm's supply and demand estimates from the CPUC's proceedings, and to characterize water supplies and demands that are beyond MPWMD's authority under the Water Code. MPWMD must therefore revise the UWMP to remove characterizations of CalAm's water supplies that are irrelevant to MPWMD's wholesale of PWM water.

E. The Draft UWMP Is Flawed for Additional Reasons

Finally, the Draft UWMP contains additional flaws that undermine its analysis and call into question the UWMP's accuracy.

Retention Time for PWM Water. The Draft UWMP's discussion of the PWM system infrastructure does not address constraints related to the required retention time for water injected into the Seaside Groundwater Basin as part of PWM. (See Draft UWMP, p. 6-4.) In a letter dated September 14, 2021, the State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Drinking Water ordered CalAm to discontinue use of certain Seaside Groundwater Basin wells as a drinking water source. Following review of the intrinsic tracer study conducted for the PWM project, the Division of Drinking Water determined that the underground retention time to ASR Wells 01 and 02 was insufficient and would not meet the requirements of the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Article 5.2, Sections 60320.224(a) and (b). Those wells remain unavailable to extract water from the Seaside Basin.

Reclamation Project Water. The Draft UWMP purports to characterize water use for supplies from the Carmel Area Wastewater District and Pebble Beach Community Services District Reclamation Project, yet neglects to mention that the project is not entirely self-sufficient and has in the past required supplementation. (See Draft UWMP, p. 4-9.) The Draft UWMP should account for uncertainties in the Reclamation Project's source waters.

Available Table 13 Water. The Draft UWMP claims that CalAm's water right permit # 021330 (commonly referred to as "Table 13") allows Carmel River diversions that have historically averaged over 250 afy since 2015. (See Draft UWMP, p. 4-8.) While the historic average of Table 13 water is approximately 241 afy, the Draft UWMP's statement is misleading because of the significant variability of Table 13 water. For example, only 18 acre-feet of Table 13 water was delivered in water year 2020-2021. Because diversions are subject to specified stream flows in the Carmel River before Table 13 water may be diverted, and such water has historically been unavailable, consistent future water supply from Table 13 should not be assumed. Moreover, Table 13 water is not a wholesale water supply provided by MPWMD and, thus, should not be

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included in MPWMD's Draft UWMP in the first place. (See Water Code, §§ 10617, 10620.)

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Given CalAm's commitment and responsibility to provide safe and reliable water to customers throughout its Monterey Main service area, CalAm engages in prudent long-term planning to ensure it adequately accounts for available supplies and projected water demands. CalAm is deeply concerned about MPWMD's inclusion and characterization of CalAm's water sources and demands in its draft UWMP, which are wholly beyond the scope of MPWMD's authority under the Water Code. Accordingly, for the reasons summarized above, CalAm respectfully requests that the Board decline to approve the draft UWMP as written for submittal to DWR until it has been revised to comply with the Water Code.

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