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A coalition of the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Pebble Beach Co., and Associated General Contractors – Monterey District to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

> Submitted by R. Boskoff at 11/19/18 Board Meeting Item 13

November 16, 2018

Andrew Clarke, Chair, and Members of the Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District P.O. Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Re: Item 13, Agenda of November 19, 2018

Dear Chair Clarke and Members of the Board:

You have an important decision to make tonight. You must appoint someone to replace former Director Bob Brower, who worked tirelessly for many years to find solutions to our water supply problem. Bob was a balanced voice on the board, who always promoted water solutions that were in the best interest of the community; both for the residents and businesses.

While a number of capable people have indicated their interest, you should keep in mind that arguably the most critical task facing your Board right now is implementation of Measure J. That implementation is critical to the future well-being of all district residents, businesses and commercial operations, not to mention local governments.

Measure J begins with commissioning a thorough and exhaustive water system purchase feasibility study followed by careful analysis of that study. It is vital that the feasibility study be impartial and fair. In order to ensure this and have the confidence of those you serve, you must have a diversity of viewpoints represented on your Board so all community interests are represented.

You should pick a new Board member who can contribute to the commissioning of the feasibility study and has experience in the water topic and knowledge that can be of value based on the critical tasks that lie ahead. It is important that the candidate you select has the same similar preceptive and values that Bob Brower held during his years of service,

who served our diversified community well since 2007. He was one who supported a long-term sustainable water supply solution.

In short, you should pick someone who is fair, balanced and unbiased, and who can demonstrate an understanding of the various issues facing our community and can demonstrate a commitment to solving our dire need for a sustainable, safe, secure and stable water supply. All have worked hard the last eight years to secure that solution which is the water supply project. Anything short of supporting and assisting in the project becoming a reality would be a tremendous disservice to our community. The project supports equality for all, affordable and workforce housing, downtown redevelopments to occur, lots of record by private owners to finally have the water they legally have the right to. Most important, the CDO will be satisfied and our community will no longer be living in water poverty. The deadline is near, 2021, yes this appointment is critical and the right person, given our comments above, must get your vote.

Very truly yours,

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