

Public Hearings

Item 2:

Consider Certification of Final EIR for
Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water
System and District Boundary
Adjustment

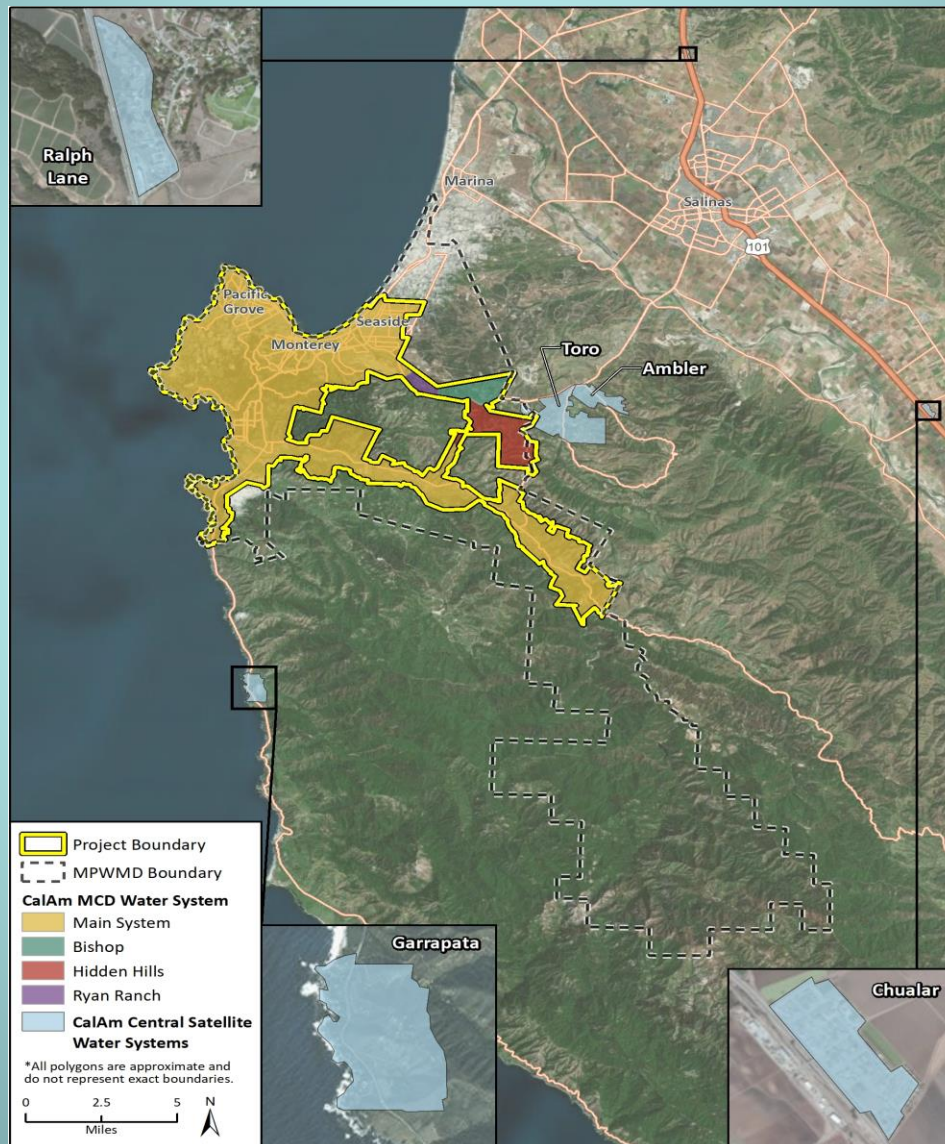
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Purpose of EIR

- Satisfy CEQA requirements for LAFCO
- Forestall potential litigation Later
- Simple change in ownership w/ no change in operations normally would not require an EIR, but the Cal-Am satellite systems create a wrinkle

Cal-Am Monterey Water Systems



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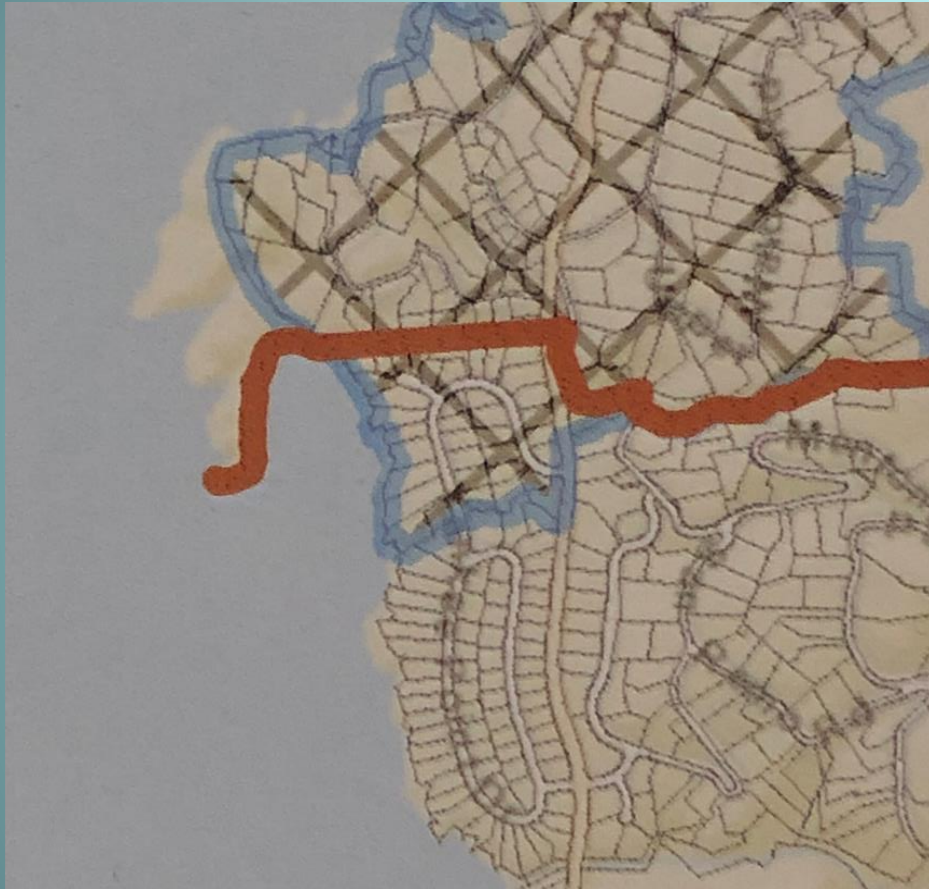
Fig. 2 Project Location

Key Findings Regarding Acquisition

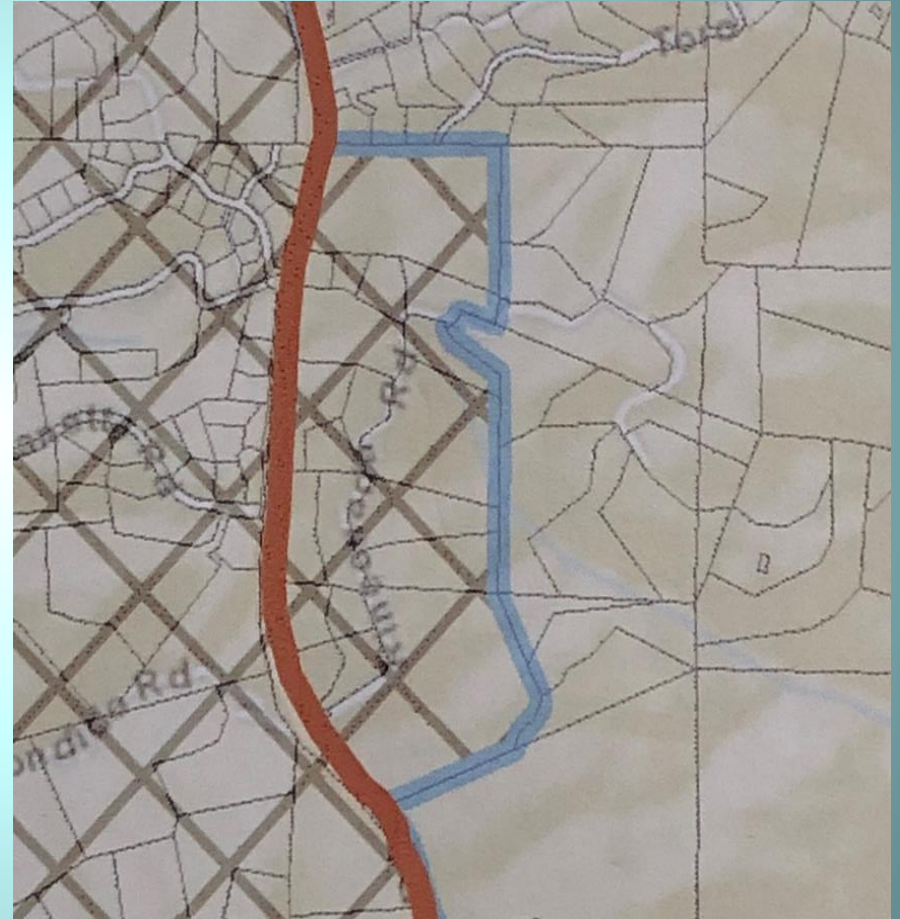
- The proposed project would generate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that may have a significant impact on the environment, and implementation of Mitigation Measure GHG-1 would be required.
- Mitigation is to commit to net zero (i.e., carbon neutral) over the operational life of the proposed project.
- Because the project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts, the findings do not include a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Annexation

Yankee Point Parcels



Hidden Hills Parcels



Key Findings Regarding Annexation

- No real environmental impacts

Alternatives Analysis

- The EIR evaluated a reasonable range of alternatives to the original project that was described in the Draft EIR. These alternatives include (1) a No Project Alternative; (2) No Boundary Adjustment Alternative; (3) Private Third-Party Operator Alternative; (4) No Boundary Adjustment and Third-Party Operator Alternative.
- None of the project alternatives are more desirable than the proposed project with consideration to environmental effects, project objectives, and other factors.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board:

- (i) Approve Resolution 2020-17 Certifying the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water System and District Boundary Adjustment Final Environmental Impact Report, including the Findings attached thereto
- (ii) approve the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program provided contained as an Exhibit to the Findings, and
- (iii) direct staff to file a Notice of Determination of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act at the State Office of Planning and Research..