



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

Monday, September 15, 2025 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><u>Board of Directors</u> George Riley, Chair – Division 2 Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair – Mayoral Representative Amy Anderson, Chair – Division 5 Alvin Edwards – Division 1 Rebecca Lindor – Division 3 Karen Paull – Division 4 Kate Daniels – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative</p> <p><u>General Manager</u> David J. Stoldt</p> <p><u>Assistant General Manager</u> Mike McCullough</p>	<p><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><u>Vision Statement</u> Model ethical, responsible, and responsive governance in pursuit of our mission.</p> <p><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 (Three Cases):

- **MPWMD v. SWRCB** - Case No. 1-10-CV-163328 (Santa Clara County Superior Court)
- **MPWMD v. Cal-Am** - 23CV004102 (Monterey County Superior Court)
- **CPUC A.21-11-024** - Cal-Am Phase 2 Supply and Demand Proceeding; CA Public Utilities Commission

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 AND 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 the Board Minutes from the August 15, 2025 Regular Meeting
2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for July 2025

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

3. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision (*Verbal Report*)

4. Update on Water Supply Projects (*Verbal Report*)

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

5. Closed Session Report from September 15, 2025 and General Report of Pending Litigation

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

6. 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.*

7. Consider Adoption of October through December 2025 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

[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, 20020002, and 2016-0016.]

Recommended Action: *The Board will consider approval of a proposed production strategy for the California American Water Distribution System for the three-month period of October through December 2025. The strategy sets monthly goals for surface and groundwater production from various sources within the California American Water system.*

8. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-07 – Modifying Rule 160 – Regulatory Water Production Targets for California American Water Systems

[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.]

Recommended Action: *The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-07 Modifying Rule 160.*

9. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-08 – Revise Map Zones of Controlled Drinking Water for Pure Water Monterey – Rule 20E Under Ordinance No. 183

Recommended Action: *The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-08 – Updating the Map Showing the Zones of Controlled Drinking Water*

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.*

10. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000
11. Status Report on Expenditures – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System
12. Letters Received and Sent Supplemental Letter Packet
13. Committee Reports
14. Monthly Allocation Report
15. Water Efficiency Program Report
16. Carmel River Fishery Report for August 2025

17. 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, October 20, 2025	<i>Regular</i>	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 17, 2025	<i>Regular</i>	6:00 p.m.

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Options for Providing Public Comment

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.

Submission of Written Public Comment

Send written comments to District Office, 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA or online at comments@mpwmd.net. Include the following subject line: "PUBLIC COMMENT ITEM #" (insert the agenda item number relevant to your comment). Written comments must be received by 2:00 PM on the day of the meeting. All submitted comments will be provided to the Board of Directors, compiled as part of the record, and placed on the District's website as part of the agenda packet for the meeting. Correspondence is not read during the public comment portion of the meeting.

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR

**1. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE BOARD MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2025
REGULAR MEETING**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **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 August 15, 2025 (**Exhibit 1-A**).

RECOMMENDATION: The Board will consider adopting the draft minutes of the August 15, 2025, Regular Meeting.

EXHIBIT

1-A Draft Minutes - MPWMD Board of Directors' Regular Meeting on August 15, 2025

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EXHIBIT 1-A

**Draft Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 18, 2025, 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 Riley called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Amy Anderson
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull

Board Members Absent:

None

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
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Stephanie Kister Campbell, Conservation Analyst
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

General Manager Stoldt reported the following:

1. A revised agenda, including changes to the title under Item 8, was distributed to the Board and posted on the District's website.

2. A revised set of minutes (Exhibit 1-A) includes additional information under the Closed Session portion of the meeting, was also distributed to the Board and posted on the District's website.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period, during which the following comment was made to the Board:

- 1) Tom Rowley thanked the Board and shared that he received a refund notice related to the water supply charge, from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Lindor requested to pull Item 2 for discussion.

Motion 1:

Director Oglesby offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 3 and 4. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Motion 2:

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

1. Consider Adoption of the Board Minutes from July 21, 2025, Special and Regular Board Meeting
2. Consider Approval of Contribution to the Monterey One Water Pure Water Monterey Expansion Celebration Event
3. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for June 2025
4. Consider Approval of Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

5. **Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision**

General Manager Dave Stoldt provided an update on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled "Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of August 1, 2025".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

6. **Recognition of CFO for Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award**

General Manager Stoldt referred to the information provided in his report on page 29. He announced that the District had been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He noted that receiving this award was one of the District's adopted strategic objectives.

7. **Results of Summer Splash 2025**

Stephanie Kister Campbell, Conservation Analyst, delivered a slide-deck presentation titled "Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway 6 Recap".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the item.

8. General Report of Pending Litigation

District Counsel Michael Laredo referred to the litigation report on page 33 of the meeting packet and summarized the ongoing legal matters.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

- Director Riley announced the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) will hold its annual conference from August 25-28 in Monterey.
- Director Edwards thanked Director Riley for attending the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Replenishment Ad Hoc Committee meeting on July 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

10. Update on Strategic Goals and Objectives

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 37 of the meeting packet and presented an item titled "Summary of Status of 2025 District Strategic Goals". He provided updates on the status of Goals #1, # 2, 5 and the District's Longer-Term Goals.

Following the update, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

11. Follow-Up on ASR Cooperation Agreement with Marina Coast Water District

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 41 of the meeting packet, provided a follow-up to the July 21, 2025, Board meeting, and presented maps titled: (1) MCWD Distribution System, (2) Seawater Intrusion Map – 400 Foot Aquifer, and (3) Flow Direction in 400 Foot Aquifer.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley then opened the public comment period, during which the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Tom Rowley shared his experience serving on a regional water task force and highlighted ongoing water shortages in North Monterey County. He questioned the Marina Coast Water District's assertion that it has excess water available. Rowley urged the Board to require verifiable proof before approving any agreements related to water storage or pumping.
- 2) Andy Myrick, representing the City of Seaside, thanked the Board for reviewing the City's submitted letter. He emphasized that all available water is needed for existing planned projects and that no excess is available for Seaside Basin storage. Mr. Myrick stated that water should be prioritized within the Marina Coast Water District boundaries and raised concerns about transferring water from the Salinas Basin to the Seaside Basin. He advocated for full allocation to current district projects before considering new distributions and offered to meet with District staff to provide historical context.

12. Status Report on Acquisition of Monterey Water System

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 45 of the meeting packet and presented a slide-deck titled "Status Report on Acquisition of Monterey Water System". Mr. Stoldt reviewed the District's past actions and outlined next steps in the acquisition process.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 13. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 14. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 15. Letters Received and Sent**
- 16. Committee Reports**
- 17. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 18. Water Conservation Program Report for July 2025**
- 19. Carmel River Fishery Report for July 2025**
- 20. 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 Riley adjourned the meeting at _____ p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on _____, 2025

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ITEM: CONSENT CALENDAR**2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2025**

Meeting Date:	September 15, 2025	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 September 8, 2025, 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 2-A comprises the Treasurer's Report for July 2025. Exhibit 2-B includes listings of check disbursements for the period July 1-31, 2025. 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 \$3,178,128.23. Rebate payments of \$2,500 were paid in July. Exhibit 2-C reflects the unaudited version of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the month ending July 31, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: The Finance and Administration committee recommends that the Board adopt the July 2025 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursements made during the month.

EXHIBITS

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

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2025**

<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)	\$1,546,068.86	\$4,372,697.36	\$1,018,945.38	\$16,069,372.78	9,385,687.61	\$32,392,771.99	\$324,187.29
Fees/Deposits		1,442,308.81				1,442,308.81	858,656.80
MoCo Tax & WS Chg Installment Pymt						0.00	
Interest Received			3,759.31	173,370.82	27,019.55	204,149.68	
Transfer - Checking/CLASS						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/LAIF						0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Checking	2,000,000.00	(2,000,000.00)				0.00	
Transfer - Money Market/Multi-Bank						0.00	
Transfer to CAWD						0.00	
Sub-total - Receipts/Transfers (B)	\$2,000,000.00	(\$557,691.19)	\$3,759.31	173,370.82	\$27,019.55	\$1,646,458.49	\$858,656.80
AP Automation Payments	(2,059,277.49)					(2,059,277.49)	
General Checks	-					0.00	
Bank Draft Payments	(46,418.66)	(1.88)				(46,420.54)	
Rebate Payments	(2,500.00)					(2,500.00)	
Payroll Checks/Direct Deposits	(195,241.99)					(195,241.99)	
Payroll Tax/Benefit Deposits	(873,941.20)					(873,941.20)	
Bank Charges/Other	(948.89)					(948.89)	
Bank Corrections/Reversals/Errors	200.00					200.00	
Voided Checks	-					0.00	
Credit Card Fees						0.00	
Returned Deposits						0.00	
Sub-total - Disbursements (C)	(3,178,128.23)	(1.88)	-	-	-	(3,178,130.11)	-
Ending Balance (A+B+C)	\$367,940.63	\$3,815,004.29	\$1,022,704.69	\$16,242,743.60	\$9,412,707.16	\$30,861,100.37	\$1,182,844.09

* Fixed Income investments are reported at face value

EXHIBIT 2-B

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My Check Report

By Check Number

Date Range: 07/01/2025 - 07/31/2025

**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: Virtual Payment						
00763	ACWA-JPIA	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	380.50	APA007124
01015	American Lock & Key	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	10.93	APA007125
00760	Andy Bell	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	604.00	APA007126
00263	Arlene Tavani	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,114.00	APA007127
00983	Beverly Chaney	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,499.18	APA007128
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	11.70	APA007129
26677	David Federico	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	30.00	APA007130
18734	DeVeera Inc.	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	591.90	APA007131
00192	Extra Space Storage	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	510.00	APA007132
00235	Green Rubber- Kennedy AG	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	164.28	APA007133
00993	Harris Court Business Park	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	793.39	APA007134
04717	Inder Osahan	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,417.20	APA007135
03857	Joe Oliver	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	744.00	APA007136
00094	John Arriaga	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,500.00	APA007137
05830	Larry Hampson	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,451.75	APA007138
00222	M.J. Murphy	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	52.25	APA007139
05829	Mark Bekker	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	367.41	APA007140
01012	Mark Dudley	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007141
00223	Martins Irrigation Supply	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	138.31	APA007142
04715	Matthew Lyons	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	730.42	APA007143
00242	MBAS	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,321.00	APA007144
00262	Pure H2O	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	65.54	APA007145
00251	Rick Dickhaut	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	561.00	APA007146
00987	SDRMA - Prop & Liability Pkg	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	314,524.16	APA007147
00988	SDRMA - Workers Comp. Insurance	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	75,689.62	APA007148
00176	Sentry Alarm Systems	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	185.50	APA007149
09989	Star Sanitation Services	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	164.21	APA007150
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,275.00	APA007151
23550	WellmanAD	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,875.00	APA007152
08105	Yolanda Munoz	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007153
06009	yourservicesolution.com	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,187.00	APA007154
00763	ACWA-JPIA	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	380.50	APA007155
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	6.84	APA007156
00028	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	588.00	APA007157
00046	De Lay & Laredo	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	41,829.00	APA007158
18734	DeVeera Inc.	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	7,959.98	APA007159
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	335.15	APA007160
13431	Lynx Technologies, Inc	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	8,475.00	APA007161
00222	M.J. Murphy	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	44.55	APA007162
00117	Marina Backflow Company	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	223.14	APA007163
04715	Matthew Lyons	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	392.19	APA007164
16182	Monterey County Weekly	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,765.00	APA007165
00274	Monterey One Water	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,384,424.88	APA007166
00278	Monterey Tire Service	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	390.18	APA007167
22201	Montgomery & Associates	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	16,910.00	APA007168
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,557.02	APA007169
00154	Peninsula Messenger Service	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	665.00	APA007170
00755	Peninsula Welding Supply, Inc.	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	64.50	APA007171
08925	Quinn Company	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	4,150.52	APA007172
17968	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	16,977.30	APA007173
03979	Special Districts Association of Monterey Count	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	80.00	APA007174
09425	The Ferguson Group LLC	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	12,600.00	APA007175
17965	The Maynard Group	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,826.22	APA007176

My Check Report

Date Range: 07/01/2025 - 07/31/2025

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
04366	Tom Lindberg	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,105.70	APA007177
00225	Trowbridge Enterprises Inc.	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	512.00	APA007178
23550	WellmanAD	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	9,574.82	APA007179
20230	Zoom Video Communications Inc	07/15/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	492.76	APA007180
28519	Albert A. Webb Associates	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	9,799.00	APA007181
00760	Andy Bell	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	604.00	APA007182
04351	Carmel Chamber of Commerce	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	690.00	APA007183
12601	Carmel Valley Ace Hardware	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	35.86	APA007184
00281	CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc.	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,100.86	APA007185
04041	Cynthia Schmidlin	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	563.76	APA007186
00046	De Lay & Laredo	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	27,448.08	APA007187
12655	Graphicsmiths	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	99.00	APA007188
02833	Greg James	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,408.52	APA007189
03857	Joe Oliver	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	744.00	APA007190
19897	John K. Cohan dba Telemetrix	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	33,781.62	APA007191
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	25.00	APA007192
27302	Kyocera Document Solutions America, Inc.	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	535.75	APA007193
00223	Martins Irrigation Supply	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	57.37	APA007194
00278	Monterey Tire Service	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	40.87	APA007195
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,275.00	APA007196
27964	TM Process & Controls	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	18,248.00	APA007197
00271	UPEC, Local 792	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,236.00	APA007198
23550	WellmanAD	07/18/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,875.00	APA007199
00010	Access Monterey Peninsula	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	3,500.00	APA007200
00263	Arlene Tavani	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,114.00	APA007201
00224	City of Monterey	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,939.58	APA007202
00028	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	168.00	APA007203
06001	Cypress Coast Ford	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	898.04	APA007204
22793	ETech Consulting, LLC	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,881.25	APA007205
21199	G3, Green Gardens Group, LLC	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,600.00	APA007206
19897	John K. Cohan dba Telemetrix	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	2,925.00	APA007207
06999	KBA Document Solutions, LLC	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	15.00	APA007208
00222	M.J. Murphy	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	21.41	APA007209
01012	Mark Dudley	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007210
16182	Monterey County Weekly	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,566.00	APA007211
13396	Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,357.02	APA007212
04359	The Carmel Pine Cone	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,275.00	APA007213
08105	Yolanda Munoz	07/25/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	540.00	APA007214
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	2,059,277.49	

My Check Report

Date Range: 07/01/2025 - 07/31/2025

Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Discount Amount	Payment Amount	Number
Payment Type: Bank Draft						
00252	Cal-Am Water	07/03/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	465.80	DFT0003811
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	07/03/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	99.13	DFT0003812
00282	PG&E	07/03/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	5,425.32	DFT0003813
00221	Verizon Wireless	07/03/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,225.33	DFT0003814
00266	I.R.S.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	19,665.31	DFT0003815
00266	I.R.S.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	4,225.24	DFT0003816
00267	Employment Development Dept.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	7,893.76	DFT0003817
00266	I.R.S.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	322.90	DFT0003818
00266	I.R.S.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	66.58	DFT0003819
00266	I.R.S.	07/11/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	284.58	DFT0003820
29035	BlueTriton Brands Inc	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	211.04	DFT0003821
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	64.96	DFT0003822
00769	Laborers Trust Fund of Northern CA	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	41,350.00	DFT0003823
00259	Marina Coast Water District	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	2,027.71	DFT0003824
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	8,527.37	DFT0003825
00256	PERS Retirement	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	25,246.04	DFT0003826
04736	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Svc, LLC	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	437.59	DFT0003827
22667	Pitney Bowes Inc	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,278.06	DFT0003828
00766	Standard Insurance Company	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,585.99	DFT0003829
18163	Wex Bank	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	2,244.70	DFT0003830
00256	PERS Retirement	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	6,244.00	DFT0003831
00256	PERS Retirement	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	626.40	DFT0003832
00256	PERS Retirement	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	1,113.60	DFT0003833
00256	PERS Retirement	07/14/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	690,122.00	DFT0003834
00269	U.S. Bank	07/17/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	8,674.60	DFT0003835
00259	Marina Coast Water District	07/15/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	223.14	DFT0003836
00282	PG&E	07/18/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	2,946.93	DFT0003837
00277	Home Depot Credit Services	07/18/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	84.36	DFT0003838
00266	I.R.S.	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	19,269.17	DFT0003839
00266	I.R.S.	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	4,280.14	DFT0003840
00267	Employment Development Dept.	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	7,762.73	DFT0003841
00266	I.R.S.	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	536.42	DFT0003842
00768	MissionSquare Retirement- 302617	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	8,926.92	DFT0003843
00256	PERS Retirement	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	25,903.91	DFT0003844
07627	Purchase Power	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	9.99	DFT0003846
07627	Purchase Power	07/25/2025	Bank Draft	0.00	21,000.00	DFT0003847
Total Bank Draft:				0.00	920,371.72	

Bank Code APBNK

Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	94	36	0.00	920,371.72
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	209	127	0.00	2,979,649.21

My Check Report

Date Range: 07/01/2025 - 07/31/2025

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						
31164	Ron Davidge	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	625.00	APA007122
28901	Villa Carmel III	07/03/2025	Virtual Payment	0.00	1,875.00	APA007123
Total Virtual Payment:				0.00	2,500.00	

Bank Code REBATES-02 Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	0	0	0.00	0.00
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
Virtual Payments	2	2	0.00	2,500.00
	2	2	0.00	2,500.00

All Bank Codes Check Summary

Payment Type	Payable Count	Payment Count	Discount	Payment
Regular Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Manual Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Voided Checks	0	0	0.00	0.00
Bank Drafts	94	36	0.00	920,371.72
EFT's	0	0	0.00	0.00
	211	129	0.00	2,982,149.21

Fund Summary

Fund	Name	Period	Amount
99	POOL CASH FUND	7/2025	2,982,149.21
			2,982,149.21



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE MONTH JULY 31, 2025

	Mitigation	Conservation	Water Supply	Current Period Activity	Current FY Year-to-Date Actual	Current FY Annual Budget	Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual
REVENUES							
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -
Water supply charge			-	-	-	-	-
User fees	-	-	-	-	-	7,800,000	-
Mitigation revenue	-			-	-	-	-
PWM Water Sales			1,368,307	1,368,307	1,368,307	20,963,250	685,989
Capacity fees			23,260	23,260	23,260	450,000	76,017
Permit fees	-	19,764		19,764	19,764	198,000	11,896
Investment income	10,157	11,891	8,731	30,779	30,779	600,000	23,819
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	-
Sub-total district revenues	10,157	31,654	1,400,298	1,442,109	1,442,109	33,026,250	797,721
Project reimbursements	-	16,475	-	16,475	16,475	1,024,693	154,120
Legal fee reimbursements		300		300	300	15,000	450
Grants	-	-	-	-	-	11,840,610	2,487,944
Recording fees		5,075		5,075	5,075	65,000	3,300
Sub-total reimbursements	-	21,850	-	21,850	21,850	12,945,303	2,645,814
From Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	613,315	-
Total revenues	10,157	53,504	1,400,298	1,463,959	1,463,959	46,584,868	3,443,535
EXPENDITURES							
Personnel:							
Salaries	69,868	44,871	88,287	203,027	203,027	3,853,000	161,990
Retirement	225,409	208,284	282,767	716,461	716,461	1,152,714	618,446
Unemployment Compensation	-	-	-	-	-	10,100	-
Auto Allowance	103	103	310	517	517	11,000	346
Deferred Compensation	131	131	393	654	654	21,614	619
Temporary Personnel	-	-	-	-	-	10,000	-
Workers Comp. Ins.	2,814	246	2,015	5,075	5,075	107,950	4,036
Employee Insurance	14,532	10,899	16,189	41,620	41,620	732,922	44,654
Medicare & FICA Taxes	1,478	703	1,333	3,514	3,514	82,188	2,526
Personnel Recruitment	-	-	-	-	-	11,500	150
Other benefits	64	66	70	200	200	2,000	200
Staff Development	362	336	383	1,080	1,080	26,400	1,270
Sub-total personnel costs	314,761	265,639	391,747	972,148	972,148	6,021,388	834,236
Services & Supplies:							
Board Member Comp	846	846	872	2,565	2,565	37,000	2,430
Board Expenses	1,876	1,820	1,990	5,686	5,686	10,000	346
Rent	762	326	782	1,870	1,870	30,000	491
Utilities	1,288	1,249	1,366	3,902	3,902	45,200	3,974
Telephone	1,185	914	766	2,865	2,865	40,800	3,075
Facility Maintenance	2,146	2,081	2,276	6,502	6,502	95,100	5,231
Bank Charges	313	304	332	949	949	68,000	937
Office Supplies	1,312	1,338	1,392	4,042	4,042	46,700	2,690
Courier Expense	138	133	146	417	417	7,600	396
Postage & Shipping	8,508	8,087	8,916	25,512	25,512	30,500	83
Equipment Lease	-	-	-	-	-	13,200	1,344
Equip. Repairs & Maintenance	13	13	14	40	40	5,100	-
Printing/Duplicating/Binding	-	-	-	-	-	2,600	-
IT Supplies/Services	3,309	3,280	3,538	10,127	10,127	299,100	7,960
Operating Supplies	1,020	2,072	76	3,167	3,167	25,100	5,071
Legal Services	7,059	7,041	10,367	24,467	24,467	400,000	34,726
Professional Fees	18,538	21,520	19,661	59,719	59,719	388,200	19,980



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	Mitigation	Conservation	Water Supply	Current Period Activity	Current FY Year-to-Date Actual	Current FY Annual Budget	Prior FY Year-to-Date Actual
Transportation	2,557	555	368	3,480	3,480	58,700	4,828
Travel	739	1,231	839	2,809	2,809	37,600	-
Meeting Expenses	487	472	516	1,476	1,476	24,700	1,414
Insurance	8,649	8,387	9,174	26,210	26,210	342,000	23,785
Legal Notices	-	-	-	-	-	5,700	-
Membership Dues	355	346	374	1,075	1,075	51,900	1,900
Public Outreach	550	533	583	1,666	1,666	6,000	-
Assessors Administration Fee	-	-	-	-	-	25,100	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	3,500	-
Sub-total services & supplies costs	61,650	62,547	64,346	188,543	188,543	2,099,400	120,661
Project expenditures	11,060	20,036	27,731	58,827	58,827	37,525,880	798,543
Fixed assets	148	136	955	1,239	1,239	92,200	-
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	70,000	-
Election costs	-	-	-	-	-	250,000	-
Debt service: Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt service: Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flood drought reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital equipment reserve	-	-	-	-	-	326,000	-
General fund balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pension reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
OPEB reserve	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Sub-total other	11,208	20,171	28,686	60,066	60,066	38,464,080	798,543
Total expenditures	387,620	348,358	484,779	1,220,757	1,220,757	46,584,868	1,753,440
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (377,463)	\$ (294,854)	\$ 915,518	\$ 243,202	\$ 243,202	\$ 0	\$ 1,690,095

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September 15, 2025

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

FROM: David C. Laredo, Counsel

RE: General Report of Pending Litigation effective September 15, 2025

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's Dec. 16, 2024 Answer 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. Judge Rivamonte (Department 13A) is assigned as presiding judge for this case.

Both MPWMD and Cal-Am have filed motions to narrow the scope of contested issues (MPWMD Motion for Summary Adjudication) and (Cal-Am Motion for Summary Judgment). Both motions are presently set for hearing before Judge Rivamonte at 8:30 a.m. on December 12, 2025. Earlier, on October 28, 2025, a Case Management Conference has also been set in this case to address progress issues such as pending discovery efforts and to clarify the trial calendar as the matter proceeds. Discovery efforts are continuing.

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. Appellants LAFCO and Cal-Am have filed opening briefs; **Respondent MPWMD's brief is to be filed by October 10, 2025.**

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 entered judgment in this case on May 29, 2025, finding 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 have jointly filed a Notice of Appeal on July 24, 2025. Appellants are jointly represented by T. Peter Pierce of Richards, Watson Gershon in San Francisco. A required Mediation Statement has been timely lodged with the Appellate Court.

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.21-11-024 Cal-Am Amended Water Purchase Agreement

This action deals with Cal-Am’s water purchase from the Pure Water Replenishment Project, and updates Cal-Am system supplies and demand estimates.

The Proposed Decision (PD) related to Supply & Demand (Phase 2) was originally circulated in May but was continued twice to the Commission’s August agenda. The CPUC or Commission issued a Final Decision (Decision) on August 14, 2025. The Decision concluded firm water supply to be 11,114 acre-feet per year (AFY) and the demand in 2050 will be 13,372 AF. (Note: MPWMD contended this amount should have been revised to 11,204).

The Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure allows several ways to challenge all or portions of any decision. Rule 16.1 allows an Application for Rehearing (AFR) of a Commission decision within thirty (30) days after the date the Commission “mails the decision.” The latest date to file and serve an AFR is September 17, 2025.

4.b A.22-07-001 Cal-Am 2022 General Rate Case (GRC)

This section addresses our final report relating to Cal-Am’s 2022 General Rate Case (CRC). The CPUC issued Decision 25-05-032 on May 23, 2025, and later modified that decision, but denied Cal-Am’s request for rehearing. Key elements related to this case on which MPWMD prevailed are:

Full Decoupling Mechanism Denied

Cal-Am’s request for a full decoupling mechanism was denied. Modifications the original decision (D.24-12-001) clarified the Monterey Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (M-WRAM) is not a full decoupling mechanism because it does not fully sever the water utility’s revenues from its water sales. Cal-Am failed to show a sufficient causal connection to conservation savings to justify a full decoupling mechanism. The CPUC instead authorized a Conservation Adjustment for Rate Tier Designs Mechanism (CART Designs) under a new name for the M-WRAM.¹

Cal-Am nonetheless may again raise this issue as part of its 2025 General Rate Case.

¹ M-WRAMs are designed to compare revenue requirements using single block (flat-rate) design versus tiered rate design. Tiered rates result in conservation by raising the cost of water in each tier. So, if the revenue requirement using a flat rate structure is \$1,000,000 but the utility only collects \$990,000 from its tiered-rate structure, the shortfall is more likely attributable to the rate design.

Full Cost Balancing Account Denied

Cal-Am also asked for a full cost balancing account (FCBA) in Monterey and several other California Districts to address “water supply variabilities determined by hydrogeological conditions beyond its ability to predict or control.” If successful, recovery would have automatically allowed costs that exceeded Cal-Am’s revenue forecast, shifting risk from Cal-Am’s shareholders for bad forecasting to its customers who would pay the additional cost. The CPUC denied this request but did authorize a Supply Source Cost Memorandum Account “to track and record costs related to extraordinary events outside of its control that adversely impact Cal-Am’s ability to use a particular supply source.”

Cal-Am failed to provide sufficient evidence to support this claim but may again raise this issue as part of its 2025 General Rate Case.

Consolidation of Transmission and Distribution Costs Denied

Cal-Am asked to consolidate transmission and distribution (T&D) costs among all its California Districts to spread the costs on a per capita basis. This is contrary to cost causation principles that customers who cause the utility to incur the expense are the customers who pay the expense. Cal-Am argued that because T&D costs are expensive and causes rate shock in small water systems, it should be allowed to spread the cost statewide. The CPUC found Cal-Am failed to justify deviating from the cost causation principle but may again raise this issue as part of its 2025 General Rate Case.

Chemical Cost Balancing Account Denied

Cal-Am asserted chemical market volatility justified creation of a Chemical Cost Balancing Account. MPWMD showed Cal-Am’s own testimony, coupled with cross-examination of witnesses, proved the COVID-caused volatility had abated. The CPUC denied the request that would have caused Monterey customers to pay Cal-Am’s inaccurate forecasting.

Conclusion

MPWMD’s participation and collaboration with California Advocates has improved results for Cal-Am’s Monterey District customers. This report is our final review of activities related to Cal-Am’s 2022 General Rate Case (CRC).

4.c 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 been granted full party status in this proceeding, with the right to undertake discovery, and to present witnesses and evidence in forthcoming evidentiary hearings. MPWMD staff and counsel continue to assess issues presented by Cal-Am and points raised by opposing parties.

District Counsel attended a Prehearing Conference in San Francisco on Friday, August 29, 2025. Commissioner Matt Baker and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Rafael Lirag presided with Cal-

Am, Cal Advocates and California Water Association attending. The City of Thousand Oaks did not attend. ALJ Lirag was assigned to this case following the Commission's granting the Peremptory Challenge motion filed by the Public Advocates Office to Reassign against ALJ Long.

Future proceedings in this case will include a Public Participation Hearing (PPH) in Monterey, likely to be held in January 2026. Cal Advocates testimony is due January 23, 2026, and MPWMD testimony will be due February 6, 2026.

Evidentiary Hearings will probably be held in San Francisco (remote appearances have been discontinued) between April 20 – May 1, 2026. A Scoping Memo to be issued in the next few weeks will confirm these and other dates.

4.d R.22-04-003 CPUC Acquisition Rulemaking

This action is a statewide CPUC Rulemaking matter that addresses statewide public utility system policy, that 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, 2025.

In addition to pending matters of active litigation referenced above, one matter of threatened litigation exists as referenced below.

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.

In July the Sierra Club (Sierra) and Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA) requested the action be dismissed. No parties challenged the request for dismissal and the Court subsequently granted that request.

Thereafter, on August 28, Sierra and CRSA submitted a letter demand for attorney's fees. The MPWMD Board will review this demand in closed session and provide direction to staff and counsel.

6 –*CITY OF MARINA & MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT v. RMC LONESTAR and CAL-AM - Case No. 20CV001387* (Monterey County Superior Court)

MPWMD is not a party to this action which focuses on Cal-Am's access to water and water rights. As this matter may potentially involve District interests, staff and counsel are tracking this matter.

ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2025 QUARTERLY WATER SUPPLY STRATEGY AND BUDGET**

Meeting Date:	September 15, 2025	Budgeted:	N/A
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From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
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Prepared By:	Jonathan Lear	Cost Estimate:	N/A
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General Counsel Review: N/A**Committee Recommendation: N/A****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: The Board will accept public comment and take action on the **October through December 2025** Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for California American Water's (Cal-Am's) Main and Satellite Water Distribution Systems (WDS), which are within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS). The proposed budget, which is included as **Exhibit 7-A**, outline monthly production by source of supply that will be required to meet projected customer demand in Cal-Am's Main and Laguna Seca Subarea systems, i.e., Ryan Ranch, Bishop, and Hidden Hills, during the **October through December 2025** period. The proposed strategy and budget is designed to maximize the long-term production potential and protect the environmental quality of the Seaside Groundwater and Carmel River Basins.

Exhibit 7-A shows the anticipated production by Cal-Am's Main system for each production source and the actual production values for the water year to date through the end of **August 2025**. Cal-Am's annual Main system production from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (MPWRS) for Water Year (WY) 2026 will not exceed 3,376 acre-feet (AF). Sources available to meet customer demand are 1,474 AF from the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin as set by the Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision and 3,376 AF from the Carmel River as set by WRO 2016-16. Additional water projects and water rights available are an estimated 990 AF of Pure Water Monterey Injection over this quarter, an estimated 4,392 AF from ASR Phase 1 and 2 storage remaining from WY 2024 and 2025 injection are available but is being banked for drought reserve and/or summer production, an estimated 75 AF from the Sand City Desalination Plant, and an estimated 0 AF from Cal-Am's Table 13 water rights. Under Table 13 water rights, Cal-Am is allowed to produce water for in-basin uses when bypass flows are in excess of permit conditions. This water budget proposes to inject an estimated 990 AF of Pure Water Monterey and recover about 990 AF. The schedule of production from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer is consistent with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order Nos. 95-10, 98-04, 2002-0002, and 2016-0016.

According to the Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision, CalAm's production has been reduced to 0 AF. The Quarterly Water Budget Group recognizes that CalAm will need to produce water to serve its customers in the Hidden Hills Distribution System and not all of the demand can be served by the intertie with the main system. Therefore, production in Laguna Seca will be tracked as a ministerial component of tracking production against the Adjudication Decision.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board should receive public input, close the Public Hearing, and discuss the proposed quarterly water supply budget. District staff recommends adoption of the proposed budget. The budget is described in detail in **Exhibit 7-B**, Quarterly Water Supply Strategy Report: **October to December 2025**.

BACKGROUND: The Water Supply Strategy and Budget prescribes production within CalAm's Main and Laguna Seca Subarea systems and is developed on a quarterly schedule. Staff from the District, CalAm, the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights (SWRCB-DWR), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) cooperatively develop this strategy to comply with regulatory requirements and maximize the environmental health of the resource system while meeting customer demand. To the greatest extent pumping in the Carmel Valley is minimized in the summer months and the Seaside wells are used to meet demand by recovering native water and banked Carmel River water. Also, it was agreed that CalAm will operate its wells in the Lower Carmel Valley in a downstream to upstream order and the Upper Valley wells will be used to support ASR injection.

If flows exceed 20 cfs at the District's Don Juan Gage, CalAm is allowed to produce from its Upper Carmel Valley Wells, which are used to supply water for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The permitted diversion season for ASR is between December 1 and May 31. Diversions to storage for ASR will be initiated whenever flows in the river are above permit threshold values. For planning purposes, the QWB group schedules diversions to ASR storage based on operational days that would occur in an average streamflow year. CalAm may also divert under Table 13 Water Rights for in-basin use within Carmel Valley when flows are adequate. This schedule is estimated with average year streamflow conditions and daily demand for Carmel Valley. CalAm will schedule the recovery of Pure Water Monterey water stored in the Seaside Basin with the goal of removing all water injected over the operational reserve for WY 2025. There is also a projected goal of producing 25 AF of treated brackish groundwater from the Sand City Desalination Plant in each of these three months.

Rule 101, Section B of the District Rules and Regulations requires that a Public Hearing be held at the time of determination of the District water supply management strategy. Adoption of the quarterly water supply strategy and budget is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements as per Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1). A Notice of Exemption will be filed with the Monterey County Clerk's office, pending Board action on this item.

EXHIBITS

7-A Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for Cal-Am Main System: October to December 2025

7-B Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget Report: October to December 2025

California American Water Main Distribution System
Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget: October - December 2025
Proposed Production Targets by Source and Projected Use in Acre-Feet

SOURCE/USE	MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE		
	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Oct-24 - Aug-25	% of YTD	% of Annual Budget
<u>Source</u>						
<u>Carmel Valley Aquifer</u>						
Upper Subunits (95-10)	0	0	100	1,211		
Lower Subunits (95-10)	320	320	196	1,770	76.4%	23.0%
Diversions for Injection (ASR)	0	0	200	716		
Upper and Lower (Table 13)	0	0	0	182		
Total	320	320	496			
<u>Seaside Groundwater Basin</u>						
Coastal Subareas	183	26	0	1,483	100.0%	81.5%
ASR Recovery	0	0	0	0	0.0%	79.2%
Sand City Desalination	25	25	25	101	36.7%	33.7%
Pure Water Monterey	330	330	330	3,042		
Total	538	381	355			
<u>Total for All Sources</u>	858	701	851			
<u>Use</u>						
Customer Service (95-10 & SGB)	858	701	651			
ASR Injection	0	0	200			
Customer Service (Table 13)	0	0	0			
Total	858	701	851			

Notes:

1. The annual budget period corresponds to the Water Year, which begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 of the following Calendar Year.
2. Total monthly production for "Customer Service" in CAW's main system was calculated by multiplying total annual production (4,850 AF) times the average percentage of annual production for October, November, and December 9.1%, 7.5%, and 6.7% , respectively). According to District Rule 160, the annual production total was based on the assumption that production from the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin would not exceed 1,474 AF and production from Carmel River sources would not exceed 3,376 AF in WY 2023. The average production percentages were based on monthly data for customer service from WY 2013 to 2018.
3. Anticipated production for ASR injection is based on an average diversion rate of approximately 4,500 gallons per minute (gpm) or 19.9 AF per day from CAW's sources in the Carmel River Basin. "Total" monthly CAW "Use" includes water for customer service and water for injection into the Seaside Basin.
4. The production targets for CAW's wells in the Upper Subunits of the Carmel Valley Aquifer are set at 0 assuming low flow periods.
5. The production target for CAW's wells in the Seaside Coastal Subareas in December is based on the assumption that sufficient flow will occur in the Carmel River at the targeted levels, to support ASR injection. It is planned that Coastal Subarea pumping will not occur, or will be proportionally reduced, if ASR injection does not occur at targeted levels.
6. The production targets for CAW's wells in the Seaside Coastal Subareas are based on the need for CAW to produce its full native water allocation during WY 2023 to be in compliance with SWRCB WRO No 2016-0016.
7. It should be noted that monthly totals for Carmel Valley Aquifer sources may be different than those shown in MPWMD Rule 160, Table XV-3. These differences result from monthly target adjustments needed to be consistent with SWRCB WRO 98-04, which describes how the Cal-Am Seaside Wellfield is to be used to offset production in Carmel Valley during low-flow periods. Adjustments are also made to the Quarterly Budgets to ensure that compliance is achieved on an annual basis with MPWMD Rule 160 totals.
8. Table 13 values reflect source/use estimates based on SWRCB Permit 21330, which allows diversions from the CVA for "in Basin use" (3.25 AFD) when flows in the River exceed threshold values.

EXHIBIT 7-B

Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget Report California American Water Main Water Distribution System: October to December 2025

1. Management Objectives

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District) desires to maximize the long-term production potential and protect the environmental quality of the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basins. In addition, the District desires to maximize the amount of water that can be diverted from the Carmel River Basin and injected into the Seaside Groundwater Basin while complying with the instream flow requirements recommended by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to protect the Carmel River steelhead population. Additionally, the QWB seeks to shift a large component of pumping from the Carmel River to the Seaside Groundwater Basin to recover injected PWM water. To accomplish these goals, a water supply strategy and budget for production within California American Water's (Cal-Am's) Main and Laguna Seca Subarea water distribution systems is reviewed quarterly to determine the optimal strategy for operations, given the current hydrologic and system conditions, and legal constraints on the sources and amounts of water to be produced.

2. Quarterly Water Supply Strategy: October to December 2025

On September 9, 2025 the Quarterly Water Budget Group which includes staff from the District, CalAm, the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS), State Water Resources Control Board's Division of Water Rights (SWRCB-DWR), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) met and discussed the proposed water supply strategy and related topics for upcoming quarter.

Carmel River Basin Cal-Am will operate its wells in the Lower Carmel Valley in a downstream to upstream sequence, as needed to meet customer demand. The group planned that WY 2026 would be a normal water year and storms will bring up in stream flows to support ASR injections and Table 13 diversions. ASR injections are limited to 13 Acre Feet per day because ASR 3 and ASR 4 are scheduled to be used to recover PWM water and therefore will not be available to support injection of excess Carmel River water. It was agreed that CalAm would plan to produce water from the wells in the Lower Carmel Valley to support system demand. PWM Recovery will be the primary source to meet system demand. December is the first month permits allow for ASR and Table 13 Diversions. If storms in December bring River conditions within permit conditions, Cal-Am will use the increase the production from the Carmel Valley wells to provide water for injection into the Seaside Basin.

Seaside Groundwater Basin Cal-Am has shut off the Upper Carmel Valley wells and turned on the Seaside wellfield. The Seaside wells are currently being used to recover PWM injected water and Native Seaside Groundwater. PWM water will be recovered at the same rate injected this quarter with the goal maximizing PWM as a source to meet

system demand and shift pumping away from the Carmel River Basin. There is also a goal to produce 25 AF of treated brackish groundwater from the Sand City Desalination Plant in each of these three months.

It is recognized that, based on recent historical use, Cal-Am's production from the Laguna Seca Subarea during this period may not be reduced to zero, as is set by Cal-Am's allocation specified in the Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision. In this context, the production targets represent the maximum monthly production that should occur so that Cal-Am remains within its adjudicated allocation for the Laguna Seca Subarea. Under the amended Seaside Basin Decision, Cal-Am is allowed to use production savings in the Coastal Subareas to offset over-production in the Laguna Seca Subarea. However, the quarterly budget was developed so that Cal-Am would produce all native groundwater in the Coastal Subareas and Laguna Seca production would be over the Adjudication allotment. On February 5, 2020 the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Board voted to allow Cal-Am to claim carryover credits to cover the pumping over the Laguna Seca allotment in the interim prior to establishing a physical solution. Because of this decision, the Quarterly Water Budget Group decided that the table presenting the Laguna Seca allotment of zero would no longer be necessary as the Watermaster is now planning to handle the pumping over allotment with a different mechanism.

ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**8. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07 MODIFYING RULE 160 – REGULATORY WATER PRODUCTION TARGETS FOR CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER SYSTEMS****Meeting Date:** September 15, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program/** N/A
Line Item No.:**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.

SUMMARY: District Rule 160 specifies the regulatory water production targets that are used in the District's *Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan* to trigger higher stages of water conservation to facilitate California American Water (Cal-Am) compliance with the production limits set by State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Orders 95-10 and 2016-0016 and the Seaside Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended. Specifically, Table XV-1 in **Exhibit 8-A** shows monthly and year-to-date at month-end targets for all Cal-Am systems that derive their source of supply or rely on production offsets from the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (MPWRS). Similarly, Table XV-2 in **Exhibit 8-A** breaks out monthly and year-to-date at month-end targets for Cal-Am satellite systems that derive their source of supply from the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Groundwater Basin, which is part of the MPWRS. It should be noted that in WY 2022, the Seaside Adjudication decision lowers the limit in the satellite systems to 0 Acre Feet, however the compliance of CalAm with the Adjudication decision limits are calculated using production limits set for the entire Basin. In addition, Table XV-3 in **Exhibit 8-A** breaks out monthly and year-to-date at month-end targets for Cal-Am Carmel River system sources and is included to provide additional clarification as to the production target maximums for this component of the MPWRS.

It is understood that water allocated by Rule 160 constitutes the legal sources of water from the MPWRS and does not represent all of the water that will be needed to meet system demand in WY 2026. The remainder of system demand will be met through augmentation of water projects. Pure Water Monterey recovery, recovery of banked Carmel River water, and Sand City Desalination will be allocated at the Quarterly Water Budget Meetings to meet forecasted demands. The tables adopted for the production out of the MPWRS are to be used to track the production of legal sources of water so that they are not overproduced in WY 2026.

Rule 160 authorizes modifications to Tables XV-1, XV-2 and XV-3 to account for changes in the amount of water that Cal-Am is allowed to divert from the Carmel River System under the pertinent SWRCB Orders and the amount of water that Cal-Am is allowed to produce from the Seaside Groundwater Basin under the Seaside Basin Decision, as administered by the Seaside Basin Watermaster. Any modifications to these tables must be made by Board resolution.

Resolution No. 2025-07 (**Exhibit 8-A**) modifies Tables XV-1, XV-2 and XV-3 of Rule 160 to account for the projected change in allowable diversions by Cal-Am from the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basins for Water Year 2026.

RECOMMENDATION: District staff recommends adoption of Resolution No. 2025-07 (**Exhibit 8-A**) modifying Rule 160.

EXHIBIT

8-A Resolution No. 2025-07 2025-07 Modifying Rule 160 – Regulatory Water Production Targets for California American Water Systems



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EXHIBIT 8-A

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-07
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MODIFYING RULE 160 – REGULATORY PRODUCTION TARGETS FOR
CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management 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 production targets that are used to trigger higher stages of water conservation to ensure compliance with these 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 on July 19, 2016, which requires California American Water to divert no more than 3,376 acre-feet in Water Year 2026 from its Carmel River system sources;

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 requires California American Water to divert no more than 1,474 acre-feet from the Coastal Subareas and 0 acre-feet from the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Groundwater Basin in Water Year 2026;

WHEREAS, the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster has not yet determined the amount of carryover credit, if any, that California American Water has from Water Year 2025 that will be available for diversion in Water Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the monthly and year-to-date at month-end water production targets in Tables XV-1, XV-2 and XV-3 to reflect the projected quantities of production available to California American Water for diversion from the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basins for Water Year 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. District staff shall modify Tables XV-1, XV-2 and XV-3 of District Rule 160 to reflect the projected quantities of production available to California American Water for diversion from the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basins for Water Year 2026.
2. Specifically, District staff shall replace the monthly and year-to-date at month-end values presently shown in Tables XV-1, XV-2 and XV-3 of Rule 160 with the monthly and year-to-date at month-end values shown on the attached tables (**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 the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on the ____ day of _____ 2025.

Dated:

David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board

Table XV-1
Regulatory Water Production Targets
for All California American Water Systems from Sources
Within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System

(All Values in Acre-Feet)

Month	Monthly Target	Year-to-Date at Month-End Target
October	443	443
November	363	806
December	335	1,141
January	366	1,507
February	328	1,835
March	383	2,218
April	385	2,603
May	438	3,041
June	437	3,478
July	468	3,946
August	470	4,416
September	434	4,850
TOTAL	4,850	---

Notes:

Monthly and year-to-date at month-end production targets are based on the annual production limit specified for the California American Water (Cal-Am) systems for Water Year (WY) 2026 from Carmel River sources per State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2016-0016 (3,376 acre-feet) and adjusted annual production limits specified for the Cal-Am satellite systems from its Coastal Subarea sources (1,474 acre-feet) and Laguna Seca Subarea sources (0 acre-feet) of the Seaside Groundwater Basin per the Seaside Basin adjudication decision. These values do not include consideration of any carryover credit in the Seaside Basin for WY 2025. This combined total (4,850 acre-feet) was distributed monthly based on Cal-Am's reported monthly average production for its main and satellite systems during the 2013 through 2018 period.

Table XV-2
Regulatory Water Production Targets
for California American Water Satellite Systems from Sources
Within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System

(All Values in Acre-Feet)

Month	Monthly Target	Year-to-Date at Month-End Target
October	0	0
November	0	0
December	0	0
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	0	0
April	0	0
May	0	0
June	0	0
July	0	0
August	0	0
September	0	0
TOTAL	0	---

Notes:

Monthly and year-to-date at month-end production targets are based on the adjusted annual production limit specified for the California American Water (Cal-Am) satellite systems for Water Year 2026 from its sources in the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Groundwater Basin per the Seaside Basin adjudication decision. This Laguna Seca Subarea total (0 acre-feet) was distributed monthly based on Cal-Am's reported monthly average production for its satellite systems during the 2013 through 2018 period.

Table XV-3
Regulatory Water Production Targets
for California American Water Systems from Carmel River Sources
Within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System

(All Values in Acre-Feet)

Month	Monthly Target	Year-to-Date at Month-End Target
October	308	308
November	252	560
December	234	794
January	256	1,049
February	228	1,277
March	266	1,544
April	268	1,812
May	305	2,116
June	304	2,421
July	326	2,747
August	327	3,074
September	302	3,376
TOTAL	3,376	---

Notes:

Monthly and year-to-date at month-end production targets are based on the annual production limit specified for California American Water (Cal-Am) for Water Year (WY) 2026 from its Carmel River system sources per State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2016-0016 (3,376 acre-feet). This amount was distributed monthly based on Cal-Am's reported monthly average production for its Main system sources during the 2013 through 2018 period. These values incorporate consideration of the triennial reductions specified for the Cal-Am systems in the Seaside Basin adjudication decision, in setting the monthly maximum production targets from each source as part of the MPWMD Quarterly Water Supply Budget Strategy.

ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**9. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08 – REVISE MAP ZONES OF CONTROLLED DRINKING WATER FOR PURE WATER MONTEREY – RULE 20E UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 183 (Categorical exemption from CEQA review per section 14 Cal. Code Regs. §15307)**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026 **Budgeted:** N/A

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

Prepared By: Jonathan Lear **Cost Estimate:** N/A

General Counsel Review: Yes

CEQA Compliance: This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15307 (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15307), this Ordinance is covered by the CEQA Categorical Exemption for actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

SUMMARY: Ordinance No. 183 was adopted in July 2019 by the MPWMD Board. One of the things the Ordinance accomplished was establishing a control zone for construction of drinking water wells and a secondary control zone requiring further study for the construction of drinking water wells. Establishing and enforcing these control zones is required by Statewide Title 22 Regulations to obtain the Department of Drinking Water permit for project operation. Ordinance No. 183 is attached as **Exhibit 9-A** and the Resolution to modify the map is attached as **Exhibit 9-B**.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 2025-08 – Updating the Map Showing the Zones of Controlled Drinking Water in Ordinance 183 and Rule 20E.

DISCUSSION: The following points summarize Ordinance No. 183:

1. In order for Pure Water Monterey (PWM) to inject advanced treated water into the Seaside Groundwater Basin (SGB), a permit from the Department of Drinking Water Recycled Water Unit is required.
2. Title 22 Section 60320.200 requires the establishment of a zone of controlled installation of drinking water wells and a secondary zone of potential controlled drinking water well construction.
3. Title 22 Regulations define the zone of controlled drinking water well construction as the boundary around the injection wells representing a 180-day travel time from the injection well field. Drinking water wells are not permitted to be constructed inside this boundary.

4. Title 22 Regulations define the secondary zone of potential controlled drinking water well construction as the boundary around the injection wells representing a 2-year travel time from the injection well field. Drinking water wells proposed to be installed inside this zone will undergo further study prior to construction of the well.
5. Agreement No. A-06181 between MPWMD and Monterey County Water Resources Agency gives MPWMD, “exclusive authority to regulate the management of the Seaside Groundwater Basin within the present Fort Ord boundaries, and MCWRA will comply with, and such ordinance enacted by MPWMD.”
6. Groundwater modeling completed to support preparation of the Title 22 Engineering report for PWM was used to establish the boundaries of the two zones of drinking water well construction.
7. Establishment of the control zones will not have adverse effects on the ability of water Purveyors to provide water to the communities. The area inside of the control zone will be incorporated into the City of Seaside upon the transfer of land from Fort Ord Reuse Authority. Marina Coast Water District is the water purveyor that will serve the area inside the zones of controlled drinking water well construction. MCWD cannot drill wells in the Seaside Groundwater Basin as they are not a named producer in the Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision.
8. This ordinance adds Rule 20-E to establish the injection control zones for PWM highly purified water.

EXHIBITS

9-A Ordinance No. 183

9-B Resolution 2025-08

**ORDINANCE NO. 183**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ADDING RULE 20-E
ESTABLISHING A ZONE OF CONTROLLED DRINKING WATER WELL
CONSTRUCTION AND A ZONE OF POTENTIAL CONTROLLED DRINKING WATER
WELL CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO PURE WATER MONTEREY INJECTION OF
HIGHLY PURIFIED WATER**

Enacted July 15, 2019 –

Effective on the first day Pure Water Monterey begins injecting advanced treated water.

FINDINGS

1. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) was created to address ground and surface water resources in the Monterey Peninsula area, which the Legislature found required integrated management, and was endowed with the powers set forth in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Law (Chapter 527 of the Statutes of 1977; found at West's Water Code, Appendix, Section 118-1, et seq.).
2. Monterey One Water (M1W) was formed in 1972 to regionalize wastewater treatment on the Monterey Peninsula and became a Joint Powers Authority in the late 1980's. M1W operates a regional waste water plant north of the City of Marina and has been supplying the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project treated water for irrigation since 1998.
3. Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) was formed in 1960 and currently operates the water and wastewater systems for the City of Marina, California State University of Monterey Bay and the former Fort Ord. MCWD is the future water purveyor for the former Fort Ord referenced in the MCWD 5-year plan as the Ord Community (**Exhibit 1**).
4. MPWMD is partnered with M1W in the construction and operation of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM), a water resources project that will produce 100% recycled water in compliance with Title 22 Section 60320.216 requirements laid out in the California Code of Regulations.

5. PWM will bring 3,500 Acre Feet per year of advanced treated water from the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) and inject it into the Paso Robles Aquifer and the Santa Margarita Sandstone in the Seaside Groundwater Basin (SGB). The injected water will be recovered through the California American Water and MPWMD wells in the SGB.
6. Title 22 Section 60320.200 (e) Part 2 requires, “a boundary representing a zone of controlled drinking water well construction, the greatest of the horizontal and vertical distances reflecting the retention times required pursuant to sections 60320.208 and 60320.224.” A zone of moratorium on installing drinking water wells shall be established around the PWM injection well field.
7. Title 22 Section 60320.200 (e) Part 3 also requires, “a secondary boundary representing a zone of potential controlled drinking water well construction, depicting the zone within which a well would extend the boundary in Part 2 to include existing or potential future drinking water wells, thereby requiring further study and potential mitigating activities prior to drinking water well construction.” A zone shall be established where proposed installation of drinking water wells are required to undergo further study prior to installation.
8. Agreement No. A-06181 between MPWMD, Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), and Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency signed in 1993 gives MPWMD, “exclusive authority to regulate the management of the Seaside Groundwater Basin within the present Fort Ord boundaries, and MCWRA will comply with any such ordinance enacted by MPWMD.”
9. For establishment of the zone of controlled drinking water well construction, an area representing the 180 day travel time of injected water is required to be identified. This prevents wells from being installed inside the zone where groundwater has not achieved full Logarithmic Virus Removal Credits under Title 22 Section 60320.200 (e) Part 2. An area representing a 2 year travel time of injected water is required to establish the secondary zone of potential controlled drinking water well construction as required in Title 22 Section 60320.200 (e) Part 3. Figures 5-2 and 5-3 from the Title 22 Engineering report prepared for PWM show the modeled particle paths for water injected into the Paso Robles Aquifer and the Santa Margarita Sandstone respectively. These figures are included as **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3** of Ordinance 183.
10. **Exhibit 4** shows the zones of controlled drinking water well construction for both aquifer units representing 180 day travel times as well as the secondary zone of potential controlled drinking water construction representing a 2 year travel time required by Title 22

regulations. As a component of PWM startup a tracer test will be conducted. If the results of the tracer test are different than the modeled groundwater travel times, **Exhibit 4** will be revised by MPWMD Board resolution.

11. Establishment of the control zones will not have adverse effects on the ability of water purveyors to provide water to the communities. The area inside of the control zones will be incorporated into the City of Seaside upon the transfer of land from Fort Ord Reuse Authority and will be developed according to the City's General Plan. Agreement No. A-06181 gives MCWRA the authority to regulate water delivery systems that deliver water to the area within the Fort Ord Boundaries and the MPWMD Boundary.
12. MCWRA recognizes MCWD as the water purveyor to serve the Ord Community development and MCWD cannot drill wells in the Seaside Groundwater Basin as they are not a named producer in the Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision.
13. It is recognized that the Title 22 regulations are currently being reviewed by the State of California and in the future direct potable use (raw water augmentation) of highly treated water may be permitted. If PWM were to pursue and obtain permits for raw water augmentation, the control zones will sunset. The sunset of the control zones will be conducted by MPWMD.
14. This ordinance adds Rule 20-E to establish the injection control zones for PWM highly purified water.
15. This Ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15307 (14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15307), this Ordinance is covered by the CEQA Categorical Exemption for actions taken to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained as follows:

ORDINANCE

Section One: Short Title

This ordinance shall be known as the Pure Water Monterey control zone for construction of drinking water Wells.

Section Two: Purpose

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) enacts this ordinance to comply with the Title 22 requirements establishing a control zone for drinking water Well construction and a secondary control zone requiring further study near the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) injection well field in the Paso Robles Formation and the Santa Margarita Sandstone.

Section Three: Addition of Rule 20-E, Zones of Controlled Drinking Water

The following text shall be added as Rule 20-E – Zones of Controlled Drinking Water

RULE 20-E – ZONES OF CONTROLLED DRINKING WATER

- A. Figure 10-1 from Todd Groundwater is a map showing the zones of controlled drinking water and is included as **Exhibit 4** in Rule 20-E. If the map needs to be updated in the future it will be done through MPWMD Board Resolution.
- B. Prohibition of installation of drinking water Wells within the control zones in the Paso Robles Aquifer and the Santa Margarita Sandstone shall be enacted once Pure Water Monterey (PWM) begins injecting as required by Title 22 Regulations. Maps identifying the control zones are included with this Rule. The process shall be as follows:
 - 1. Monterey County Environmental Health (MCEH) requires MPWMD review and comment on all proposed well construction permits prior to the approval of a well construction permit if the proposed Well site is within the MPWMD boundaries.
 - 2. At the time of permit review, if the Well is determined to be inside the control zone, the permit will be denied.
- C. An elevated level of study is required prior to MPWMD approving the permit in the MCEH review process in accordance with Title 22 Regulations. The study must demonstrate that

Wells proposed to be installed in the secondary control zone will not capture water injected into the PWM injection wells that have had travel time shorter than 180 days from the injection well. The process shall be as follows:

1. MCEH requires MPWMD review and comment on all proposed well construction permits prior to the approval of a well construction permit if the proposed Well site is within the MPWMD boundaries.
2. At the time of permit review, if the Well is determined to be inside the secondary control zone, MPWMD will work with MCEH and the Applicant to demonstrate appropriate travel time to the proposed Well.
3. The cost of this study will be borne by the Applicant.

D. The term “drinking water well” as used in these Regulations refers to any Well proposed to be used as a Potable supply of water for any reasonable and beneficial use.

E. Title 22 Regulations are under review at the State level. Direct potable use of advanced treated water (raw water augmentation) may be permitted in the future. If PWM obtains permits for raw water augmentation, MPWMD will repeal Rule 20-E.

Section Four: ~~– Effective Date and Sunset~~

Ordinance 183 shall take effect on the first day PWM begins injecting advanced treated water. MPWMD shall sunset Ordinance 183 if PWM obtains permits for raw water augmentation.

Section Five: Severability

If any subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining portions of this ordinance, or of any other provisions of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Rules and Regulations. It is the District’s express intent that each remaining portion would have been adopted irrespective of the fact that one or more subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unenforceable.

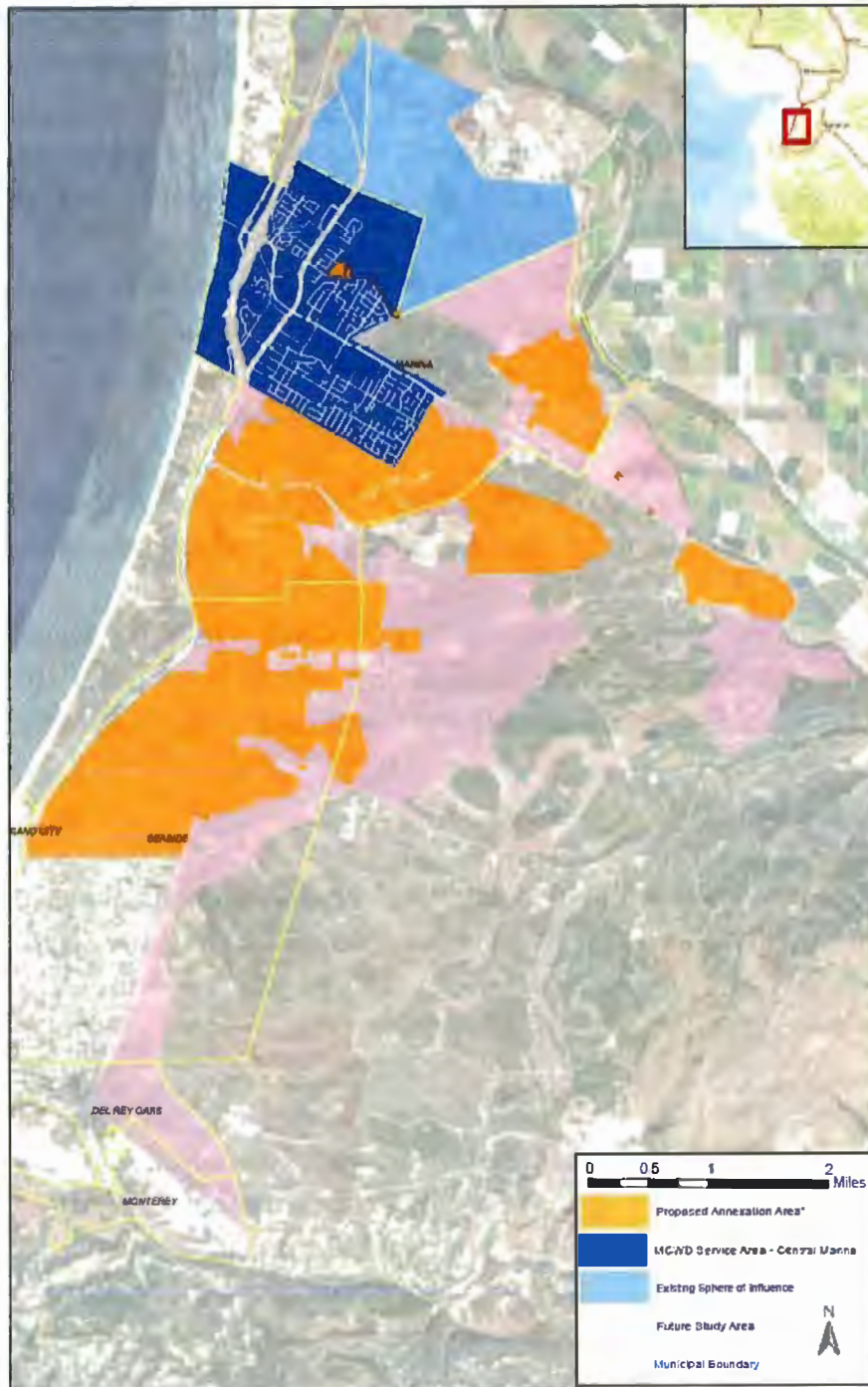


EXHIBIT 1 – Area of Ord Community Proposed to be Served by MCWD

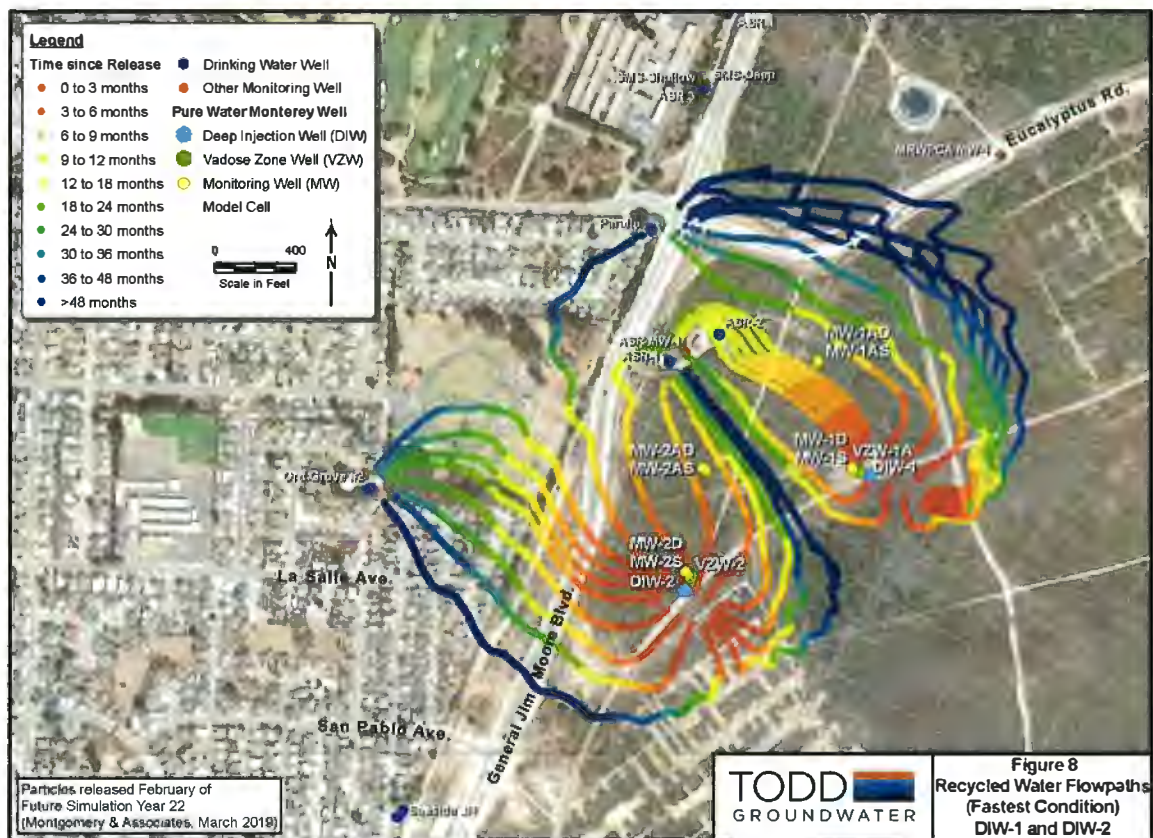


EXHIBIT 2 –Particle Paths for Water Injected into the Santa Margarita Sandstone

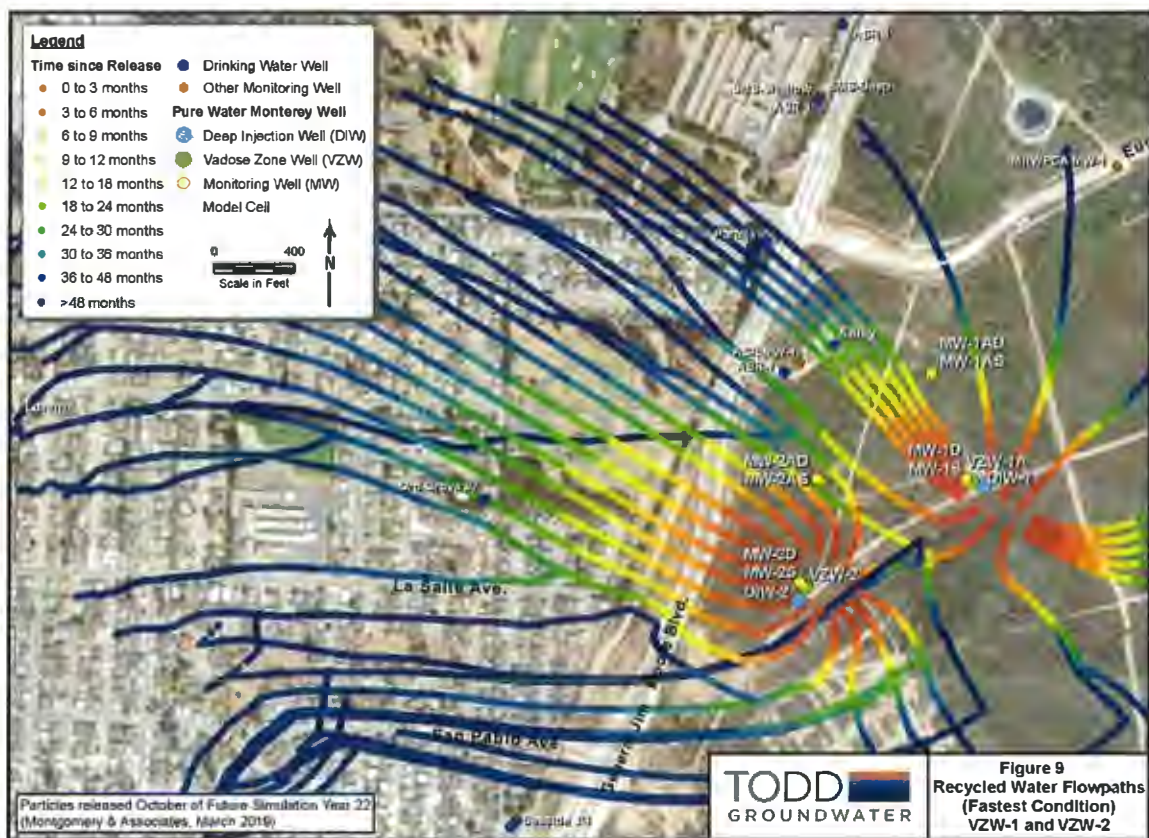


EXHIBIT 3 –Particle Paths for Water Injected into the Paso Robles Aquifer

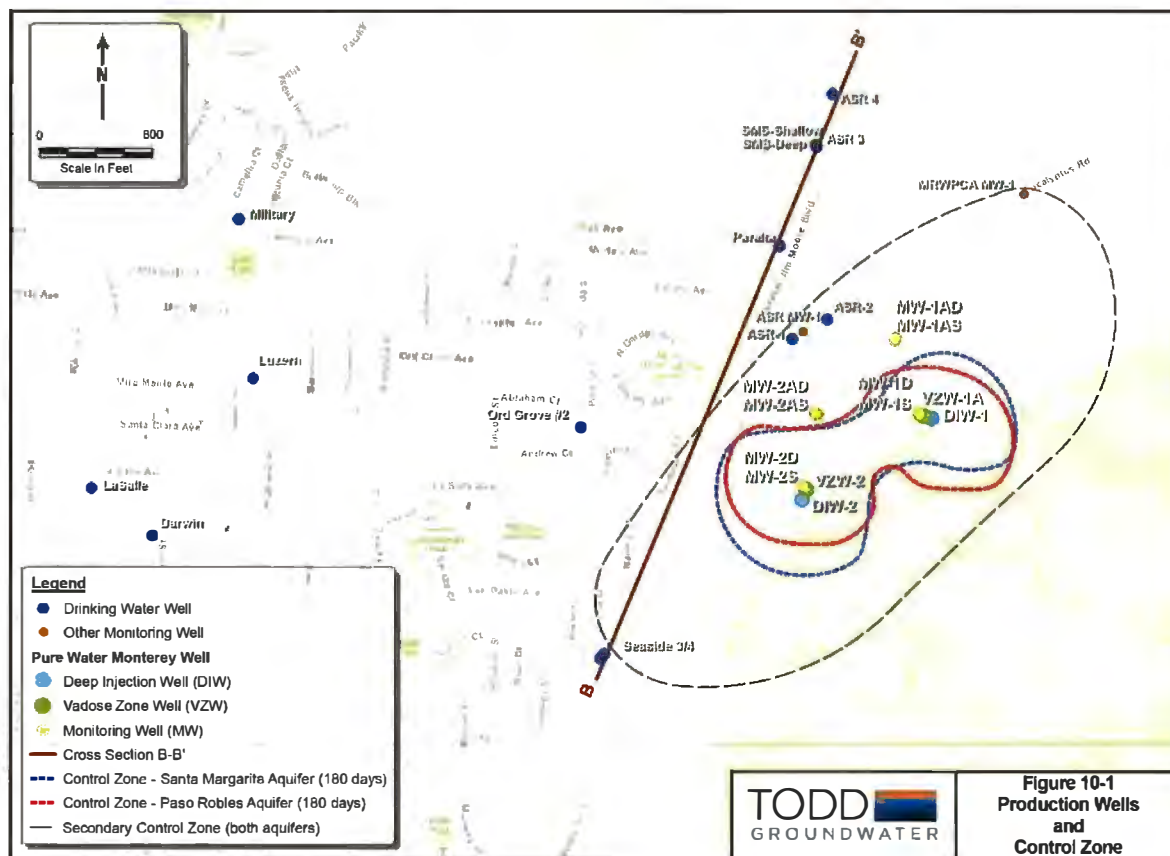


EXHIBIT 4 – Control Zone for the Paso Robles Aquifer and Santa Margarita Sandstone and Secondary Control Zone for both Geologic Units

On motion of Director Byrne, and second by Director Edwards, the foregoing ordinance is adopted upon this 15th day of July, 2019, by the following vote:

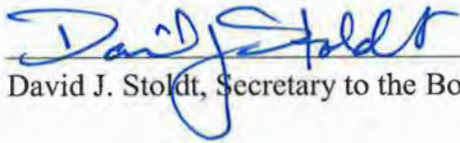
AYES: Directors Byrne, Edwards, Adams, Evans, Hoffmann, Potter and Riley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted on the 15th day of July, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal of the Board of Directors this 23rd day of July, 2019.



David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board

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EXHIBIT 9-B

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MODIFYING RULE 22E – MAP OF ZONE OF PROTECTED DRINKING WATER
AND CONTROLLED WELL DRILLING

WHEREAS, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management 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, Monterey One Water (M1W) was formed in 1972 to regionalize wastewater treatment on the Monterey Peninsula and became a Joint Powers Authority in the late 1980's. M1W operates a regional waste water plant north of the City of Marina and has been supplying the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project treated water for irrigation since 1998;

WHEREAS, MPWMD is partnered with M1W in the construction and operation of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM), a water resources project that will produce 100% recycled water in compliance with Title 22 Section 60320.216 requirements laid out in the California Code of Regulations. ;

WHEREAS, Title 22 Section 60320.200 (e) Part 2 requires, “a boundary representing a zone of controlled drinking water well construction, the greatest of the horizontal and vertical distances reflecting the retention times required pursuant to sections 60320.208 and 60320.224.” Requiring a zone of moratorium on installing drinking water wells to be established around the PWM injection well field;

WHEREAS, Ordinance 183 established District Rule 20 and allows for the modification of the map depicting the Controlled Zone of Drinking Water related to PWM operations with a resolution from the Board of Directors,

WHEREAS, District Rule 20E specifies the map of the Zone of Controlled Drinking Water and Well Drilling, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to modify the map in Ordinance 183 and Rule 20E to reflect the new Zone of Protected Drinking Water and Controlled Well Drilling to reflect the map that was approved by Department of Drinking Water in the Title 22 Engineering Report for Pure Water Monterey Expansion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. District staff shall modify Exhibit 4 in Ordinance 183 with the map of Primary and Secondary Control Zones from the Title 22 Engineering Report for Pure Water Monterey Expansion.
2. Specifically, District staff shall replace Exhibit 4 in Ordinance 183 with figure 10-2 from the Title 22 Engineering Report which in turn will modify the map in Rule 22E (**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 of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on the ____ day of ____ 2025.

Dated:

David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board

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ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**10. REPORT ON ACTIVITY/PROGRESS ON CONTRACTS OVER \$25,000**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **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 September 8, 2025.

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 10-A** is a monthly status report on contracts over \$25,000 for the period July 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**10-A** Status on District Open Contracts (over \$25k)

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EXHIBIT 10-A

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**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period July 2025**

	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	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 28,209.89	\$ 4,238.10	\$ 32,447.99	Current period billing	PO03882
2	Albert A. Webb Associates	Consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System (Cal-Am)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 107,716.80		\$ 107,716.80		PO03880
3	Close and Associates	Utility consultant for Public's Acquisition of Monterey Water System	11/18/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 55,657.50	\$ 5,637.25	\$ 61,294.75	Current period billing	PO03876
4	TM Process & Controls	ASR Well Turbidity Control	8/19/2024	\$ 57,749.00	\$ 31,969.69	\$ 22,420.80	\$ 54,390.49	Current period billing	PO03852
5	TJC 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
6	DeVeera Inc.	IT Managed Services Contract and subscriptions FY 2024-2025	5/20/2024	\$ 95,500.00	\$ 95,485.95	\$ -	\$ 95,485.95		PO03815
7	The Ferguson Group LLC	Contract for Legislative Services for FY 2024-2025	7/1/2024	\$ 79,100.00	\$ 75,600.00	\$ -	\$ 75,600.00		PO03760
8	Montgomery & Associates	Groundwater Modeling Montgomery Contract	6/27/2024	\$ 55,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03750
9	CSC	Recording Fees	7/1/2024	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00		PO03754
10	Colantuono, Highsmith, & Whatley, PC	MTA Legal services for appeal to Water Supply Charge	9/15/2021	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 88,811.22	\$ 1,844.00	\$ 90,655.22	Current period billing	PO03715
11	Rutan & Tucker, LLP	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Eminent Domain Phase IV	2/24/2023	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 291,386.16	\$ -	\$ 291,386.16		PO03639
12	Raftelis Financial Consultants	Measure J/Rule 19.8 Appraisal/Rate Study Phase 4	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 32,012.50	\$ -	\$ 32,012.50		PO03491
13	Schaaf & Wheeler	Drawing Support Services	4/23/2023	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,425.00	\$ -	\$ 29,425.00		PO03474
14	Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc	ASR Support from Maggiora Bros for Well Work	6/20/2023	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03407
15	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	ASR Operations Support	6/20/2023	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,997.50	\$ -	\$ 1,997.50		PO03406
16	Montgomery & Associates	Tularcitos ASR Feasibility Study	3/20/2023	\$ 119,200.00	\$ 14,642.00	\$ 38,080.00	\$ 52,722.00		PO03368
17	Kevin Robert Knapp/ Tierra Plan LLC	Surface Water Data Portal	11/14/2022	\$ 27,730.00	\$ 27,400.81	\$ -	\$ 27,400.81		PO03302
18	Montgomery & Associates	Annual Groundwater Modeling Support	6/20/2022	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 36,639.00	\$ 1,290.00	\$ 37,929.00		PO03193
20	Tetra Tech, Inc.	Engineering services Sleepy Hollow Facility Upgrade	6/21/2021	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 46,098.64	\$ -	\$ 46,098.64		PO02693
21	Weston Solutions, Inc.	UXO Support Services	6/15/2020	\$ 26,378.70	\$ 7,473.34	\$ -	\$ 7,473.34		PO02371
22	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	Seaside Groundwater Basin Geochemical Study	1/24/2018	\$ 68,679.00	\$ 57,168.85	\$ -	\$ 57,168.85		PO01628
23	Pueblo Water Resources, Inc.	SSAP Water Quality Study	8/21/2017	\$ 94,437.70	\$ 47,282.61	\$ -	\$ 47,282.61		PO01510
24	CSC	Recording Fees	7/1/2025	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03957
25	The Ferguson Group LLC	Contract for Legislative Services for FY 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 75,600.00	\$ -	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00	Current period billing	PO03979
26	John K. Cohan dba Telemetry	Consultant Services for Sleepy Hollow Facility 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 35,408.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03974
27	WellmanAD	Public Outreach Consultant 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 94,500.00	\$ -	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,875.00	Current period billing	PO03965
28	Lynx Technologies, Inc	GIS Consultant Contract for 2025-2026	7/1/2025	\$ 35,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		PO03938

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Status on District Open Contracts and Grants
For The Period July 2025

Contract	Description	Date Authorized	Contract Amount	Prior Period Expended To Date	Current Period Spending*	Total Expended To Date	Current Period Activity	P.O. Number
29 JEA & Associates	Legislative and Administrative Services 25-26	7/1/2025	\$ 54,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00		PO03890

Contracts related to District Grants

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 Monterey One Water	Urban Community Drought Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 11,935,206.00	\$ 3,922,197.72	\$ -	\$ 3,922,197.72		PO03726
2 Monterey One Water	PWM Expansion State Water Control Board Grant	9/22/2022	\$ 4,800,000.00	\$ 3,552,534.60	\$ -	\$ 3,552,534.60		PO03753
3 DUDEK	Grant administration services for the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation	12/14/2020	\$ 114,960.00	\$ 68,515.00	\$ 465.00	\$ 68,980.00	Current period billing	PO02847
4 DUDEK	IRWM IR2 Grant Administration	10/1/2022	\$ 90,510.00	\$ 10,065.00	\$ -	\$ 10,065.00	Current period billing	PO03718
5 City of Sand City	IRWM Round 1 Grant Reimbursement	3/28/2022	\$ 1,084,322.50	\$ 80,150.00	\$ 913.75	\$ 81,063.75		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	\$ 48,153.77	\$ 9,270.78	\$ 57,424.55		PO03878

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT

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

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **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 September 8, 2025.

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

EXHIBIT

11-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 July 2025

	Contract	Date Authorized	Authorized Amount	Prior Period Spending	Current Period Spending	Total Expended To Date	Spending Remaining	Project No.
1	Phase IV - Authorization (unallocated)	11/13/2023	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	
2	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (Rutan)	12/16/2024	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 291,366.16		\$ 291,366.16	\$ 158,633.84	PA00009-01
3	Eminent Domain Legal Counsel (SMW)*	3/17/2025	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 152,858.31	\$ 4,238.10	\$ 157,096.41	\$ 67,903.59	PA00009-02
4	Financial Services (Raftelis)	8/21/2023	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 32,012.50		\$ 32,012.50	\$ 167,987.50	PA00009-03
5	District Legal Counsel*		\$ 95,000.00	\$ 117,706.98	\$ 1,488.00	\$ 119,194.98	\$ (24,194.98)	PA00009-05
6	Utility Consultant (Close & Associates)	12/16/2024	\$ 965,000.00	\$ 55,657.50	\$ 5,637.25	\$ 61,294.75	\$ 903,705.25	PA00009-07
7	Consulting Civil Engineer (Webb Associates)	11/18/2024	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 107,716.80		\$ 107,716.80	\$ 1,092,283.20	PA00009-07
	Total		\$ 3,135,000.00	\$ 635,966.19	\$ 11,363.35	\$ 768,681.60	\$ 2,366,318.40	

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
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1	Measure J LAFCO Litigation Legal Services*	1/1/2022	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 398,750.20		\$ 398,750.20	\$ 1,249.80	PA00005-16
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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**12. LETTERS RECEIVED AND SENT****Meeting Date:** September 15, 2025**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 following is a list of letters sent to and/or received by the Board Chair and/or General Manager during the period from August 14, 2025, through September 10, 2025. These letters are included in the Board meeting packet to provide transparency for both the Board and the public.

Copies are available for public review at the District office. Reproduction fees may apply.

Digital versions can also be downloaded from the District's website at www.mpwmd.net.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson	David Stoldt	8/14/2025	No Paid Workers' Compensation Claims in 2024-25
Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson	David Stoldt	8/15/2025	President's Special Acknowledgement Award-Property/Liability Program
Melodie Chrislock	Board of Directors	9/5/2025	Letter to the Editor – Carmel Pine Cone

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**13. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **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.

The final minutes of the committee meeting listed below are formally submitted for review.

EXHIBIT

13-A MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting of July 7, 2025

13-B MPWMD Finance and Administration Committee Meeting of August 11, 2025

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EXHIBIT 13-A

**Final Minutes
Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting
Monday, July 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

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

Committee Members Present

Karen Paull, Chair
Amy Anderson
Rebecca Lindor

Committee Members Absent

None

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, De Lay & Laredo

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

Chair Paull opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the committee.

Action Items

Chair Paull introduced this item.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2025

Chair Paull introduced this item and opened public comment; however, no comments were directed to the committee.

On a motion by Anderson and seconded by Lindor, the minutes of the May 5, 2025, committee meeting were approved on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Edwards, Anderson and Lindor) and 0 Noes.

2. Consider Recommendation to Board to Enter into Agreement with Marina Coast Water District for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Cooperation

General Manager David Stoldt clarified that the committee is being asked to support the development of a draft agreement for future consideration. He explained that the concept, proposed by Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), involves using the District's injection capacity to build water storage as a mutual water resource management effort. Final agreement terms would be subject to review and approval.

Chair Paull opened the public comment period; no comments were received.

On a motion by Paull, seconded by Lindor, the Committee voted to adopt the recommendation to bring to the full Board an action item for staff to proceed with negotiating and developing an agreement with Marina Coast Water District, based on the framework outlined in the exhibit. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Paull, Lindor and Anderson) and 0 Noes.

Discussion Items

Chair Paull introduced this item.

3. Update on California Public Utilities Commission A.21-11-024 Phase 2 (Supply and Demand) Proceeding

General Manager Stoldt noted that the memorandum prepared by District Counsel (Exhibit 3-A) is self-explanatory and that the final decision will be considered at the July 24 Commission meeting. He expressed optimism about favorable elements in the proposed decision.

4. Update on Discussion with State Water Board Regarding Cease and Desist Order

General Manager Stoldt reported that staff met with State Water Board members to discuss water supply planning. Follow-up meetings are scheduled for August 7 to present data supporting a near-term water surplus and address water rights concerns.

5. Update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project

General Manager Stoldt reported that improvements to the Advanced Purification Facility are nearing completion with water production expected by fall. Minor issues and regulatory steps remain, but no major delays are anticipated.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

There were no items suggested for placement on a future agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Paull adjourned the meeting at 2:57 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 September 2, 2025.
Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on September 15, 2025.



EXHIBIT 13-B

FINAL MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee

August 11, 2025, 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 2:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present

George Riley, Chair
Rebecca Lindor
Kate Daniels

Committee Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

Dave Stoldt General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative
Services Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Additions / Corrections to Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

None

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of June 9, 2025 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Daniels, seconded by Lindor, the minutes of June 9, 2025, meeting were approved 3-0.

2. Consider Approval of Contribution to the Monterey One Water Pure Water Monterey Expansion Celebration Event

Director Daniels offered an amended motion requesting clarification on where the excess funds raised for the event would be applied. The amended motion was seconded by Director Riley. A request was also made to provide additional budget details for the event and clarify the use of surplus funds prior

to the item being presented to the full Board. Additionally, the motion included the Finance and Administration Committee's recommendation that the Board approve the District's support at the \$10,000 sponsorship level for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion event on October 2, 2025. The motion passed unanimously with a 3-0 vote.

3. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for June 2025

On a motion by Lindor, seconded by Daniels, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt the June 2025 Treasurer's Report and Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, and ratify the disbursements made during the month. The motion passed unanimously on a 3-0 vote.

4. Consider Approval of the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report

On a motion by Daniels, seconded by Lindor, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously on a 3-0 vote.

Informational Items

5. 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.

6. Status Report on - 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

7. Review Proposed Reserve and Pension/OPEB Policies

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager, presented a draft of the Reserve Policies and Pension/OPEB Strategies for the Committee's review and discussion.

8. Review Draft August 18, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Agenda

The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the August 18 Board meeting and made no changes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 3:15 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 September 8, 2025.
Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on September 15, 2025.

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORTS**14. MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT****Meeting Date:** September 15, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A**From:** David J. Stoldt,
General Manager **Program:** N/A
Line Item No.:**Prepared By:** Gabriela Bravo **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 14-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 August 2025 (“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 14-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), Malpas Water Company LLC (Ordinance No. 165), D.B.O. Development No. 30, a California Limited Liability Company (Ordinance No. 166), and the City of Pacific Grove (Ordinance No. 168).

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 14-C**.

EXHIBITS**14-A** Monthly Allocation Report**14-B** Monthly Entitlement Report**14-C** District’s Water Allocation Program Ordinances

EXHIBIT 14-A
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of August 2025

Jurisdiction	Pure Water Monterey Allocation	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Paralta & Pre-Paralta Water	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Public Credits	Changes During Period	Balance Remaining	Total Available
Airport District	44.000	0.000	44.000	8.100	0.000	5.197	0.000	0.000	0.000	49.197
Carmel-by-the-Sea	14.000	0.000	14.000	20.491	0.000	2.479	0.910	0.000	0.182	16.661
Del Rey Oaks	6.000	0.000	5.901	8.540	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.931
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	126.979	0.000	0.553	38.121	0.000	3.627	145.180
Monterey County	72.000	0.000	72.000	100.790	0.028	11.016	7.827	0.000	1.181	84.197
Pacific Grove	32.000	0.000	32.000	27.180	0.000	0.019	15.874	0.000	0.002	32.021
Sand City	14.000	0.143	13.857	52.698	0.000	0.029	24.717	0.000	23.163	37.049
Seaside	21.000	0.000	21.000	99.888	0.061	28.786	2.693	0.000	1.144	50.930
District Reserve	2086.000	0.000	2,086.000	9.000	0.831	5.572	0.000	0.000	0.000	2,091.57

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	0.000	10.294	2.466

EXHIBIT 14-B
MONTHLY ALLOCATION REPORT
ENTITLEMENTS
Reported in Acre-Feet
For the month of August 2025
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. *	188.780	0.000	32.782	155.998
Del Monte Forest Benefited Properties (Pursuant to Ord No. 109)	176.220	0.414	84.364	91.856
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	0.414	131.975	248.025

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	23.158	182.842
Malpaso Water Company	80.000	0.000	25.480	54.520
D.B.O. Development No. 30	13.950	0.000	3.913	10.037
City of Pacific Grove	38.390	0.046	20.151	18.239
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 14-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 set Cal-Am's annual production limit at **17,621** acre-feet and the non-Cal-Am annual production limit at **3,046** acre-feet. The modifications to the production limit were made based on the agreement by non-Cal-Am water users to permanently reduce annual water production from the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer in exchange for water service from Cal-Am. As part of the agreement, fifteen percent of the historical non-Cal-Am production was set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal.

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.

Resolution 2024-13 was adopted October 21, 2024, to authorize the use of the District Reserve Allocation to permit unpermitted water fixtures found on final inspection, to suspend specific rules through September 2025, and to not collect the Capacity Fee or administrative fees for staff and legal time needed to close certain open Water Permits.

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

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**15. WATER EFFICIENCY PROGRAM REPORT**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A

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

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.

The following information reflects activities undertaken by the Water Demand Division during the month of August 2025.

I. MANDATORY WATER CONSERVATION RETROFIT PROGRAM

District Regulation XIV requires the retrofit of water fixtures upon Change of Ownership¹ or Use with High Efficiency Toilets (HET) (1.28 gallons-per-flush), 2.0 gallons-per-minute (gpm) Showerheads, 1.2 gpm Washbasin faucets, 1.8 gpm Kitchen Sink, Utility Sink, and Bar Sink faucets, and Rain Sensors on all automatic Irrigation Systems. Property owners must certify the Site meets the District's water efficiency standards by submitting a Water Conservation Certification Form (WCC) and a self-certification form. A Site inspection is occasionally conducted to verify compliance. Properties that do not require an inspection are issued a Conservation Certification.

A. Changes of Ownership

Information is obtained monthly from *Realquest.com* on properties transferring ownership within the District. The information is compared against the properties that have submitted WCCs. Details on **82** property transfers that occurred were added to the database.

B. Certification

The District received **52** Water Conservation Certification Forms. Data on ownership, transfer date, and status of water efficiency standard compliance were entered into the database.

C. Verification

29 properties were verified compliant with Rule 144 (Retrofit Upon Change of Ownership or Use). Of the **29** verifications, **9** properties verified compliance by submitting certification forms and/or receipts. District staff completed **31** Site inspections. Of the **31** properties visited, **20 (64%)** passed.

¹ Capitalized terms are defined in [MPWMD Rule 11, Definitions](#).

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 **no** 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 **no** 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 were **six** Water Waste responses during the past month. There was **one** repeated incident that resulted in a fine.

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 **86** Water Permits. **Four** permits were issued using Water Entitlements (Pebble Beach Company, Malpaso Water, Sand City, etc.). **No** permits involved a debit to a Public Water Credit account. **Eleven**, meter enlargement permits, and **eight** 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 **86** Water Permits issued, **four** were issued under this provision.

B. Permit Compliance

Staff completed **34** site inspections for current permit compliance during August. **Twenty-four** properties passed the interior inspection, and **three** properties failed due to unpermitted fixtures. **One** property was inspected to complete a Landscape Water Permit and passed.

C. Close the "Open" Permits (Amnesty) Project

No open permit letters during August. **Fifty-Five** properties were inspected to close open permits. **Forty** of the **58** inspected passed and **18** failed. In August, **12** permits were amended using the District Reserve. Other previously noncompliant permits were amended

under the conditions of the program to close the permits. A final report on the project will be presented at the October Board meeting.

D. Notary Services

District staff provided Notary services for **29** customers.

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 are shown on the following page.

III. Outreach and Events

During the month of August District staff attended Carmel Valley Fiesta at Carmel Valley Community Park, The West End Celebration in Sand City and Water Awareness Day at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Staff distributed conservation items such as low flow shower heads and hose nozzles. Staff also answered a verity of questions regarding water conservation and water credit questions.

EXHIBIT

15-A Rebate Report for August 2025

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REBATE PROGRAM SUMMARY		August-2025				2025 YTD		1997 - Present	
I.	<u>Application Summary</u>								
A.	Applications Received	53				502		32,727	
B.	Applications Approved	48				415		25,757	
C.	Single Family Applications	48				411		28,637	
D.	Multi-Family Applications	0				4		1,633	
E.	Non-Residential Applications	0				0		363	
		Number of Devices	Rebate Paid	Estimated AF	Gallons Saved	Year to Date Number	Year to Date Paid	Year to Date Estimated AF	
II.	<u>Type of Devices Rebated</u>								
A.	High Efficiency Toilet (HET)	5	\$450.00	0.025000	8,146	51	\$3,975.00	0.25500	
B.	Ultra HET	4	\$500.00	0.040000	13,034	7	\$875.00	0.07000	
C.	Toilet Flapper			0.000000	0	7	\$97.40	0.00000	
D.	High Efficiency Dishwasher	11	\$1,375.00	0.033000	10,753	71	\$8,875.00	0.21300	
E.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Res	16	\$8,000.00	0.257600	83,939	192	\$96,296.56	3.09120	
F.	High Efficiency Clothes Washer - Com			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
G.	Instant-Access Hot Water System	1	\$200.00	0.005000	1,629	5	\$1,000.00	0.02500	
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	\$50.00	0.00000	
K.	Smart Controllers	2	\$300.00	0.000000	0	6	\$640.00	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 Flowmeter	11	\$2,469.00	0.000000	0	100	\$20,411.73	0.00000	
Q.	Smart Toilet Leak Detectors			0.000000	0	0	\$0.00	0.00000	
III.	<u>TOTALS</u>	50	\$13,294.00	0.360600	117,502	440	\$132,220.69	3.65420	
IV.	<u>TOTALS Since 1997</u>	Paid Since 1997: \$ 6,490,976						252.3 Acre-Feet Per Year Saved Since 1997 (from quantifiable retrofits)	

ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORTS**16. CARMEL RIVER FISHERY REPORT FOR AUGUST 2025****Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 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 August, river flows continuously decreased throughout the entire month creating stranding conditions in parts of the lower river. Tributaries of the Carmel River continued to dry up and the mainstem became intermittent around the Shulte Bridge area down to the Palo Corona area. The lagoon mouth was closed for the entire month (see graphic below). Rearing conditions were adequate in the upper river, except for the Trail and Saddle area, which is intermittent. Conditions continue to degrade in the lower river as flows continue to decrease. Los Padres Reservoir stopped spilling on June 13, 2025 and we began using storage to meet flow requirements. The water surface elevation at the end of the month was 1026.35 feet, Flow out of the reservoir at the end of the month was 6.7 cfs, while the incoming flow into the reservoir was 1.0 cfs.

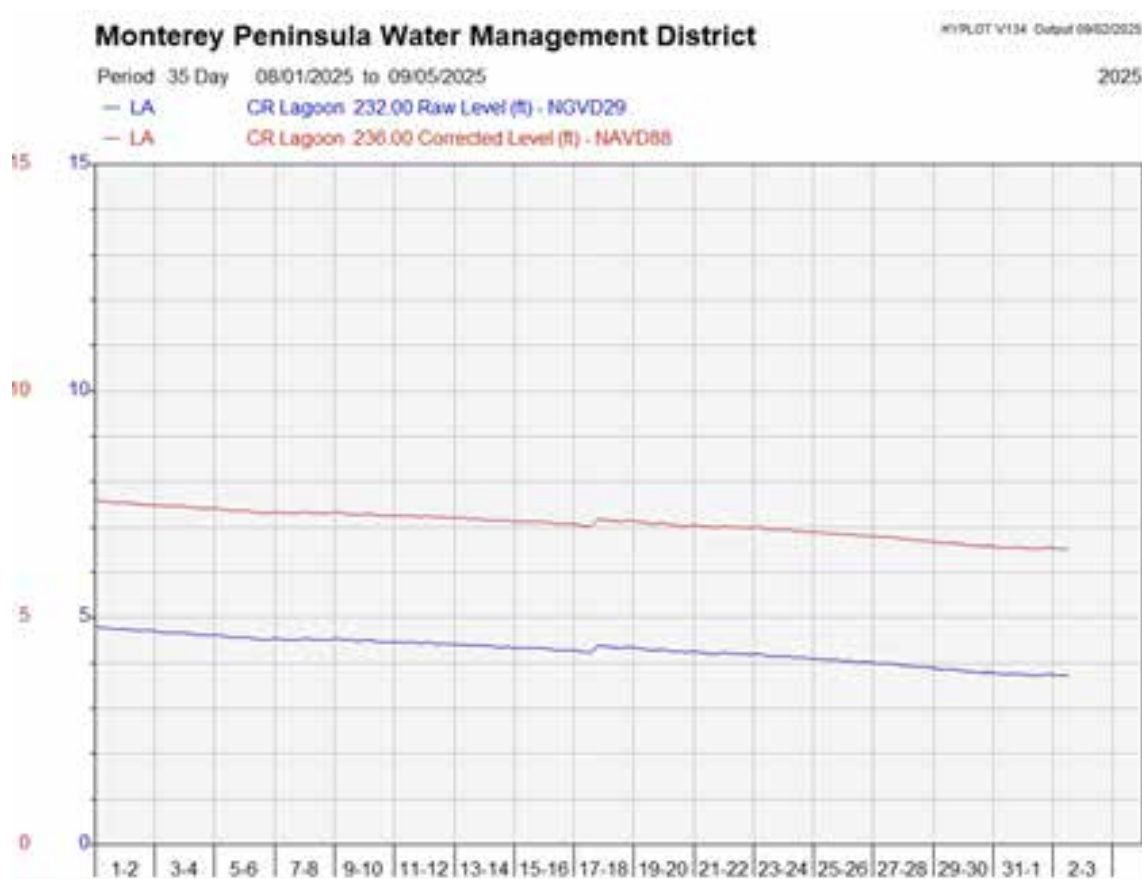
August's streamflow at the Sleepy Hollow Weir gaging station ranged from 6.0 to 7.2 cfs (mean 6.9 cfs), while flows at the Highway 1 gage ranged from 0.13 to 0.57 cfs (mean 0.28 cfs).

There was no measurable rainfall in August as recorded at the San Clemente gauge. The total rainfall for Water Year (WY) 2025 (which started October 1, 2024) is 16.68 inches., which is 79% of normal to date.

FISH RESCUE: On May 16, 2025, District staff started fish rescues due to drying conditions in the tributaries. On June 27, 2025, staff started conducting fish rescues in the mainstem Carmel River in the Crossroads area to the Shulte Bridge area, due to degrading conditions. As of the end of July, a total of 6,775 fish have been rescued (5,850 YOY, 902 1+ year olds, 2 adult kelt and 21 mortalities). Fish are being released and tagged this season in a variety of locations in order to track which produces the best return rates (part of the Rescue and Rearing Management Plan's release strategy). These release areas are the lagoon, perineal waters of the mainstem and the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility.

CARMEL RIVER LAGOON: In August, the lagoon's Water Surface Elevation (WSE) ranged from approximately 7.4 to 6.5 feet (NGVD 1988) (see graph below). Water quality depth-profiles

were conducted at five sites on August 21, 2025, while the lagoon mouth was closed, water surface elevation was 7.0 feet at the time of sampling, and river inflow was approximately 0.26 cfs. The north arm of the lagoon was disconnected from the main lagoon with intermittent pools. Lagoon stratification was observed at about 1.5 meters depth only in the south arm. Salinity levels ranged from 2.1-10.7 parts per thousand (ppt), throughout the lagoon. Water temperatures ranged from 68.3-76.2 degrees Fahrenheit, and dissolved oxygen (DO) levels ranged from 5.6-14.8 mg/l.



ITEM: INFORMATIONAL ITEM/STAFF REPORT**17. MONTHLY WATER SUPPLY AND CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER PRODUCTION REPORT**

Meeting Date: September 15, 2025 **Budgeted:** N/A

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

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 17-A shows the water supply status for the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System (MPWRS) as of **September 1, 2025**. 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 17-A** is for Water Year (WY) 2025 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 **August 2025** totaled **0.00 inches** and brings the cumulative rainfall total for WY 2025 to **16.68 inches**, which is **79%** of the long-term average through **August**. Estimated unimpaired runoff through **August** totaled **405 acre-feet (AF)** and brings the cumulative runoff total for WY 2025 to **33,916 AF**, which is **49%** of the long-term average through **August**. Usable storage for the MRWPRS was **27,130 acre-feet**, which is **94%** of average through **August**, and equates to **82%** 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 2025. Through **August**, using the CDO accounting method, Cal-Am has produced **3,023 AF** from the Carmel River (excluding **182 AF** of Table 13 and **83 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 2025. Through **August**, Cal-Am has produced **1,395 AF** from the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Through **August**, **716 AF** of Carmel River Basin groundwater have been diverted for Seaside Basin injection; **0 AF** have been recovered for customer use, **182 AF** have been diverted under Table 13 water rights, and **3,435 AF** of Pure Water Monterey recovered. Cal-Am has produced **8,274 AF** for customer use from all sources through **August**. **Exhibit 17-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 and monitoring data.

EXHIBITS

17-A Water Supply Status: **Sept 1, 2025**

17-B Monthly Cal-Am production by source: WY 2025

EXHIBIT 17-A

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Water Supply Status
September 1, 2025**

Factor	Oct – Aug 2025	Average To Date	Percent of Average	Oct – Aug 2024
Rainfall (Inches)	16.68	21.04	79%	24.17
Runoff (Acre-Feet)	33,916	68,566	49%	83,238
Storage ⁵ (Acre-Feet)	27,130	28,830	94%	27,500

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 1989-2024 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 2025

(All values in Acre-Feet)

Year-to-Date Values	MPWRS					Water Projects and Rights				
	Carmel River Basin ^{2, 6}	Seaside Groundwater Basin		MPWRS Total						Water Projects and Rights Total
		Coastal	Laguna Seca			ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Table 13 ⁷	Sand City ³	
Target	2,780	1,200	0	1,200	3,980	0	3,885	138	275	4,298
Actual ⁴	3,023	1,286	110	1,395	4,419	0	3,435	182	155	3,772
Difference	-243	-86	-110	-195	-439	0	450	-44	120	526
WY 2024 Actual	2,916	1,483	123	1,606	4,522	0	3,042	410	101	3,552

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 projects.

4. To date, 716 AF and 182 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 2025

(All values in Acre-Feet)

	Carmel River Basin	Table 13	Mal Paso	Seaside Basin	ASR Recovery	PWM Recovery	Sand City	Total
Oct-24	296	0	9	250	0	270	28	852
Nov-24	382	0	9	43	0	285	14	733
Dec-24	318	0	9	40	0	278	17	662
Jan-25	194	0	5	209	0	242	15	666
Feb-25	31	75	7	107	0	349	0	568
Mar-25	42	88	8	109	0	373	22	642
Apr-25	319	20	8	108	0	237	0	692
May-25	479	0	8	114	0	204	19	824
Jun-25	318	0	6	110	0	402	16	853
Jul-25	288	0	7	113	0	446	16	871
Aug-25	355	0	7	192	0	349	8	911
Sep-25								
Total	3,023	182	83	1,395	0	3,435	155	8,274
WY 2024	2,916	410	65	1,606	0	3,042	101	8,139

1. This table is produced as a proxy for customer demand.

2. Numbers are provisional and are subject to update.



Supplement to September 15, 2025 MPWMD Board Packet

A list of letters sent to and/or received by the Board Chair and/or General Manager between August 14, 2025, and September 10, 2025, is included in the Board meeting packet under the section titled “Letters Received and Sent”. A summary of these correspondences is provided in the table below for reference.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson	David Stoldt	8/14/2025	No Paid Workers’ Compensation Claims in 2024-25
Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson	David Stoldt	8/15/2025	President’s Special Acknowledgement Award-Property/Liability Program
Melodie Chrislock	Board of Directors	9/5/2025	Letter to the Editor - Carmel Pine Cone



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August 11, 2025

David Stoldt
General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Re: No Paid Workers' Compensation Claims in 2024-25

Dear David,

On behalf of SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, I am excited to extend our congratulations to you and your organization for no paid workers' compensation claims during the 2024-25 program year! A paid claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year.

In recognition of this accomplishment, I am pleased to inform you that Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has earned one credit incentive point (CIP) and received a lower experience modification factor (EMOD). This well-deserved recognition not only highlights your excellence in risk management but also rewards your efforts by reducing your annual contribution amount. It is our way of acknowledging the hard work and dedication that went into maintaining a safe and secure environment.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in fostering a culture of safety and responsibility within your agency. Your leadership sets a powerful example for other members, and we are proud to have Monterey Peninsula Water Management District as a part of SDRMA.

Once again, congratulations on this achievement. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to support your continued success.

Sincerely,

Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson, President
Board of Directors
Special District Risk Management Authority





August 11, 2025

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Re: President's Special Acknowledgement Award – Property/Liability Program

Dear David,

On behalf of SDRMA Board of Directors and staff, it is my great pleasure to extend our congratulations to you, your governing body at Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, management, and staff on achieving no paid claims for the Property/Liability Program years 2020-2025. A paid claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during the prior program year and excludes property claims.

As a symbol of our appreciation and acknowledgment of your exceptional performance, we are pleased to present Monterey Peninsula Water Management District with the *President's Special Acknowledgement Award*, representing your outstanding achievement. In addition to this annual recognition, members with no paid claims receive the following, all resulting in a reduction to their annual contribution amount:

- during 2024-25 earned one credit incentive point (CIP)
- for the prior five consecutive program years earned three additional bonus CIPs

This accomplishment is a testament to your agency's commitment to risk management excellence and a culture of safety and proactive governance. By consistently prioritizing risk management and fostering an environment where safety is essential, your agency has set a standard of excellence that is truly commendable.

We look forward to continuing our partnership in fostering a culture of safety and responsibility within your agency. Your leadership sets a powerful example for other members, and we are proud to have Monterey Peninsula Water Management District as a part of SDRMA.

Once again, congratulations on this achievement. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can do to support your continued success.

Sincerely,

Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson, President
Board of Directors
Special District Risk Management Authority





President's Special Acknowledgement Award

The President of the Special District Risk Management Authority

Hereby gives special recognition to

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

The President's Special Acknowledgement Award is to recognize members with no "paid" claims during the prior five consecutive program years in the Property/Liability Program. A "paid" claim for the purposes of this recognition represents the first payment on an open claim during that same period and excludes property claims. Congratulations on your excellent claims record!

Sandy A. Seifer-Raffelson, SDRMA Board President

August 11, 2025

Date



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Letter to the Editor - Carmel Pine Cone

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Carmel Pine Cone | September 5, 2025

The Cost of Water

Dear Editor,

Cal Am's desal will not lower the cost of water as Jack Angel believes. No matter how much water Cal Am produces, if the cost goes up, demand goes down.

The reason demand is at a historic low is cost. It should be obvious that paying for a \$500 million desal plant will raise costs further. The CPUC Public Advocates Office estimates desal will add 50% to 70% to our water bills.

Removing the tiers would only redistribute cost, lowering it for high end users and increasing it for those who use less. But overall, the cost would be much higher.

The last 30 years of water shortage is history. As of October, the Peninsula will have 5,750 acre-feet a year (AFY) from Pure Water Monterey. All that's required now is to lift the Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) to use this new water for housing and growth.

There is no water scarcity, despite what Cal Am's emails keep telling us. The CPUC decision states our current supply with the PWM Expansion is 11,114 AFY. Our current demand of 9,000 AFY leaves a surplus of 2,114 AFY.

With no water restrictions AMBAG predicts 10% growth for the Peninsula over the next 25 years. That would require 10% more water or about 900 AFY 25 years from now.

Pure Water Monterey has just given us 5,750 AFY for \$106 million. Why should

we pay another \$500 million for a desal plant that would produce 5,376 AFY to⁶ satisfy a deficit of 900 AFY 25 years from now?

Cal Am claims it will break ground by the end of the year. But for the record, and we wish the PineCone would check it, the CPUC decision on water supply and demand did not authorize Cal Am's 4.8 mgd desal plant. And that is the authorization Cal Am needs.

Melodie Chrislock, Monterey