



May 1, 2020

Board of Directors
Monterey One Water
5 Harris Court, Bldg D
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Certification of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) for
Proposed Modifications to the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project

Dear Monterey One Water Board:

As your partner and co-sponsor for select project-related costs, and as a Responsible CEQA Agency for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project, your actions Monday April 27th leave MPWMD, along with the public, with unanswered questions and uncertainty regarding this planned and needed back-up water supply component.

Your board chose to not certify the final SEIR, but did not provide clear definition as to any area of deficiency or topic in need of further analysis. MPWMD respectfully requests that your agency (a) identify specific deficiencies found in the SEIR, (b) remedy such deficiencies, and (c) bring the SEIR back to your board for certification within 30 days.

Until the referenced uncertainties are resolved, MPWMD will suspend fiscal co-sponsorship of project-related costs incurred by your agency, and will hold in abeyance reimbursement of the \$614,000 invoice MPWMD received from you on Friday April 24th.

Facing significant ambiguity, lacking clarification, and in light of comments on the SEIR made by some of your Board, MPWMD must question your agency's good faith efforts to facilitate readiness of this needed back-up water supply. On March 25, 2019 your board authorized expenditure of funds for the SEIR upon the premise the action was "in order to have a ready-to-go alternative in place if the desalination facility is stalled." MPWMD believes a good faith effort requires the SEIR be certified if it meets the rigors of the CEQA process, which we believe it has.

Please contact our General Manager, David Stoldt, within 10 days to indicate your plans to comply with this request.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District