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Re: Input from the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association (MPTA) on possible modification of CDO WR 2009-0060

Dear Ms. Marcus, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Quint:

The purpose of this letter from MPTA is to support both the general and detailed "Comments" submitted in the letter dated July 9, 2016 by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority (MPRWA).

MPTA is the leading "grass roots" taxpayer organization that has been involved in water issues on the Monterey for over four decades, and we have long supported all reasonable community efforts to plan, design, finance, and build a sustainable and cost-effective water project. Our organization actually pre-dates the formation of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, which was created by special enabling legislation sponsored by the Assemblyman and later State Senator Henry Mello of Watsonville. Today -- With our membership of almost 1,000 members -- we represent citizens from the Cities and Monterey County on a

Peninsula that relies on California American Water (CAW) to provide water service to almost 40,000 residential and business customers.

Since the formation of the MPRWA in the Spring of 2012 by the local land use jurisdictions comprised of the six Cities on the Monterey Peninsula (less Marina), MPTA has closely followed the relentless efforts of the collective activities of the MPRWA to bring a new water supply project on line -- and we recognize that the leadership efforts of the Water Authority and the Mayors who have provided their individual and collective leadership to move the whole community forward toward achieving the goals of the original CDO, i.e. to bring a sustainable water supply project on line ASAP at a cost that the community can afford, has been absolutely crucial. That's a major reason we believe the SWRCB should consider carefully all the points and issues raised by the WA's letter.

We note that the changes in technology dictated by planning for a desalination plant using slant wells has raised costs and created numerous unforeseen administrative hurdles to comply with CEQA and NEPA laws. As THE government Authority with support from ALL Cities on the Monterey Peninsula, the MPRWA has been indispensable in coordinating political and logistic support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). In the meantime -- led by their Mayors and City Councils, the citizens of the Peninsula have risen to the challenge of conserving water to the record low usage of only 55 gallons per person per day... Furthermore -- It is evident that all three prongs of the MPWSP are now moving forward -- including the CAW desal project using slant well technology + Groundwater Recycling (GWR) / aka Pure Water Monterey (PWM) + expansion of exiting Aqua Storage & Recovery (ASR). Collectively -- MPTA knows and is confident that the Mayors clearly recognize that certain annual milestones will need to be reached on these projects within legal and technological limitations.

In conclusion -- We respectfully and strongly urge the SWRCB to study closely the specific requests and justifications contained in the MPRWA letter of July 9th to reach a decision that honors the good faith efforts of the broad Monterey Peninsula (MP) community while we continue to move forward efficiently and without drastic penalties to meet the mandates of the CDO, as hopefully modified by action of the full SWRCB after its deliberations on July 19th. Thank you in advance for considering the impacts on ALL the citizens of the MP in order to prevent a modification to the CDO that harms the current ongoing united community efforts to solve our water crisis during the coming 5-year extension period.

Sincerely,

Ronald P. Pasquinelli, President MPTA