Consistent with the hearing procedures of the State Water Resources Control Board, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates ("DRA") hereby files this Notice of Intent to appear in the above-captioned proceeding. DRA intends to limit its participation to submitting a written policy statement in connection with this matter.

DRA is an independent division of the California Public Utilities Commission created by the Legislature. DRA’s statutory mandate is to obtain the lowest possible rate for utility service consistent with safe and reliable service levels.¹ DRA is an active party in proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission examining California American Water Company’s proposal to build a desalination plant at Moss Landing, California.² DRA intends

¹ See, California Public Utilities Code Section 309.5.
² See, Application 04-09-019 before the California Public Utilities Commission (Application of California American Water Company for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate its Coastal Water Project to resolve the long-term water supply deficit in its Monterey County service area).
to provide a policy statement to the State Water Resources Control Board because the Draft
Cease and Desist Order may have a direct impact on California American Water Company’s
ratepayers as well as ongoing Regional Water Supply Planning efforts on the Monterey
Peninsula.

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District and to recover all present and future costs in connection therewith in rates).