

1 5. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is a special district created
2 by the California State Legislature. Specifically, the California State Legislature created the
3 Water Management District following its passage of a 1977 statute (Water Code Appendix, Sec.
4 118, et. seq.) enacted into law by the governor, which required ratification by a majority of
5 voters within the proposed MPWMD boundary. That ratification vote occurred in June 1978.
6 MPWMD boundaries encompass the six cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey,
7 Pacific Grove, Sand City, and Seaside, the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, and portions of
8 unincorporated Monterey County, primarily in Carmel Valley. With minor exception, the entire
9 California American Water (CAW) Monterey Division distribution system lies within the
10 jurisdictional boundary of MPWMD. MPWMD covers a geographical area of approximately
11 170 square miles and consists of the urbanized portion of the Monterey Peninsula, and the
12 contiguous unincorporated portions of Monterey County. Based on recent census figures,
13 approximately 112,000 people reside within the MPWMD boundaries.

14 6. MPWMD is governed by a seven (7) member Board of Directors: Five (5)
15 Directors are elected by voter divisions created within the District; one (1) Director is a member
16 of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and appointed by the Board of Supervisors; and
17 one (1) Director is a mayor, or member of the governing body, or chief executive officer of a city
18 that is wholly within the MPWMD boundary, and who is appointed by the city selection
19 committee of Monterey County.

20 7. With respect to water resource management, the MPWMD statute provides the
21 sole legislative authority for integrated management of water resources within the Monterey
22 Peninsula area, encompassing the surface and subsurface waters of the Carmel River, the Seaside
23 Groundwater Basin, and all other water-bearing geologic formations within the MPWMD
24 boundaries.

25 8. Because the MPWMD statute directs the District to integrate the management of
26 all water resources of the Monterey Peninsula area, MPWMD is uniquely empowered to regulate