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Dear Ms. Mrowka, Mr. O'Hagan, Ms. Aue and Mr. Grober,

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) partners with local jurisdictions including the City of Monterey to create a consistent permitting framework for water supply. This permit system is essential to the City conducting its day to day business. For example, a restaurant may close and the building may be re-purposed into ground floor retail and an apartment on the second story. The existing rules and permit system clearly establish how these changes occur. The City fully supports this current framework and the rules and regulations that establish it. Most importantly, the District rules have resulted in almost 3,000 acre feet reduction in water use since the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) was issued.

One complicating factor is the past interpretation of the Cease and Desist Order Condition 2. The City supports the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's approach that the CDO does not need to be amended but new interpretative language should be adopted to reflect the existing Water District rules and regulations. The City supports the MPWMD approach.

In sum, the City requests that the State support the MPWMD rules and approach to this issue. It is important that the region's water permitting rules and regulations continue to be followed in a consistent manner.

Sincerely,

Clyde Roberson
Mayor