



EXHIBIT 15-E

## MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Governor's Office of Planning and Research  
State Clearinghouse  
Attention: Scott Morgan, Project Analyst  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**Subject: Seaside Basin Ground Water Management Ordinance  
SCH# 2003051137**

Dear Mr. Morgan:

This letter is to notify your office that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has decided to withdraw its proposed project, *Seaside Basin Ground Water Management Ordinance* (SCH # 2003051137) from the environmental review process. The Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed ground water use ordinances was circulated by your office for review and comment on May 27, 2003. Rather than proceed with adoption and implementation of the ordinances at this time, the District will focus on development of a comprehensive Management Plan for the Seaside Ground Water Basin. Please notify the reviewing agencies that received the NOP that the District is not proceeding with the proposed project and that an EIR on the project will not be completed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Oliver".

Joseph W. Oliver  
Water Resources Manager

cc: Fran Farina MPWMD General Manager  
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