## **EXHIBIT 15-B**



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Mr. David Pendergrass, Board Chair Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency 5 Harris Court, Building D Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Mr. Pendergrass:

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of your November 30, 2005 letter. Your letter advised me of the MRWPCA Board's recent decision to propose forming a Joint Leadership Committee with MPWMD, in order to coordinate efforts of the two entities related to pursuing your agency's Groundwater Replenishment Project.

This proposal is timely from the District's standpoint, since our Board will be considering the formation of a Water Supply Committee at our December 2, 2005 meeting. If this proposal is approved, because its charge is consistent with the prupose of your proposed Joint Leadership Committee, it could represent the MPWMD Board and thereby avoid the need for us to create another ad hoc District committee. I intend to propose that approach to the Board on Monday evening when the Water Supply Committee formation item is considered.

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the recent Southern California reclamation facilities tour arranged by your agency. What I learned about purified, recycled water technology on that tour greatly impressed me with the potential contribution the Groundwater Replenishment Project can make toward solving the Monterey Peninsula's long-term augmentation need.

Sincerely yours,

MPWMD Board Chair

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