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# SUPPLEMENT TO 1/29/09 MPWMD BOARD PACKET

Attached are copies of letters received between November 8, 2008 and January 8, 2009. These letters are also listed in the January 29, 2009 Board packet under item 23, Letters Received.

<b>Author</b>	<b>Addressee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Jason Smith	Curtis Weeks	4/23/08 Rcvd. 11/24/08	Farm Bureau Opposes Water Transfers
Fay A. Webb	David Potter	11/5/08	CAW Underground Pump in High Meadow Woods
John Laird	Regina Doyle	11/10/08	Expressing Thanks
Allison Ford	Darby Fuerst	12/17/08	Pending Approval of the Monterey Bay Shores Eco-Resort by the MPWMD Board
Darby Fuerst	Allison Ford	12/19/08	Request to Postpone Public Hearing on California American Water Service to Monterey Bay Shores Ecoresort
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High Meadow Woods Homeowners Association  
c/o Fay A. Webb, Secretary  
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November 5, 2008

Dave Potter  
Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District  
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Dear Supervisor Potter:

The residents of High Meadow Woods are seeking your help with a problematic, if not dangerous, situation concerning runoff from an underground pump owned and under the control of Cal-Am Water. Runoff water from the Cal-Am tank above Outlook Drive flows out of this containment enclosure through a pipe directed onto Eastfield Court at the top of our cul-de-sac. This water runs down Eastfield Court to the bottom of the hill into a storm drain situated at the end of the cul-de-sac at the lowest point of our development. This occurs daily and we have seen water flowing at full capacity from this pipeline (a gully washer, if you will).

We have addressed the situation to Cal-Am representatives, who have turned a deaf ear and apparently fail to recognize the seriousness of our concerns. Not only has it become a dangerous situation with the growth of algae, causing the potential for a resident falling and sustaining injury, but it has caused erosion to our road, necessitating a top seal in order to prevent further damage. Of course, the road cannot be top sealed with the occurrence of intermittent flow from this drainage pump. In addition, it seems to be a great waste of water during these times of drought, when it could be used, at the least, for irrigation.

It is our contention that the pipeline carrying this overflow must be placed underground downhill to permit runoff directly into the storm drain either in front of the homes or, better still, to the rear, in the trench in which the sewerline is located, to empty into Hatton Canyon. The best solution would be to devise a system where the water could be used for irrigation of our common area in place of using potable water. I am assuming this would save hundreds of acre feet in the consumption of drinking water. When Cal-Am is being threatened by the State Water Resources Control Board for overpumping the Carmel River, it would make very good sense to utilize this runoff for landscape irrigation, thus saving gallons of potable water for home use.

Dave Potter  
Supervisor, 5<sup>th</sup> District

The High Meadow Woods Homeowners Association would like to meet with you at your convenience to address this situation and ask for your assistance in resolving this matter. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

HIGH MEADOW WOODS HOMEOWNERS ASSOC.

Fay A. Webb, Secretary to the Board

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November 10, 2008

Board Member Regina Doyle  
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Dear Regina,

As I complete my term-limited six years in the State Assembly, I am writing to express my appreciation both for your public service and for the good working relationship we have had during our mutual service in elected office.

It has been my experience during 23 years in elected office—the vast majority at the local level—that public service is a challenging assignment. Yet, the ability to make a difference on issues that matter most to our local community is what makes it especially rewarding.

I was pleased to bring my local experience to my State Assembly assignment. In a relatively brief time, I have been proud to work as your partner, especially on water issues. I was able to author successful legislation on a multitude of different issues that affected every part of my Assembly District.

I expect to continue to work in public policy on the Central Coast. I hope that we have the opportunity in the future to work again on matters of mutual concern. Best wishes for continued success in your own endeavors.

Sincerely,

**JOHN LAIRD**, Assemblymember  
27th District

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Subject: Farm Bureau opposes water transfers

Dear Curtis:

Monterey County Farm Bureau opposes any transfer of water from the Salinas Valley Water Project to municipalities. This position, approved by our board on April 10, is specific, but it demonstrates larger uneasiness about increasing demands for water on the Central Coast. Our position follows the recent Monterey County Water Resources Agency decision to sign a regional memorandum of understanding to talk with other agencies about water problems. Your board took the correct view by specifying in the MOU that participation does not commit MCWRA to any particular proposal.

Farm Bureau proposes a firm position, no transfers for municipalities, on the belief that any transfer to municipalities is irreversible. Further, we believe moving water from behind the inflatable dam in the Salinas Valley Water Project would lead to future requirements on farm lands along the Salinas River, for stream setbacks, pesticide restrictions, habitat protections, rules for farm practices, and so on.

Municipalities may be attracted by the perception there is more water than agriculture and the Salinas Valley can use. However, if we have a drought and there is not enough water for all uses, urban users will get water first, and agriculture will suffer.

Urban growth along the coast has fueled the need for water. Unfortunately, coastal residents continue to stymie any project that would produce more water on the coast. We believe it would be wrong to relieve coastal areas of their responsibility to manage their own water resources by offering access to Salinas Valley water. Creating a vehicle to move water would give coastal areas an insurance policy against future shortages at the expense of farmers.

We rely on MCWRA to fulfill its mission to manage, protect and enhance the quantity and quality of water and provide flood control services. Our investment in the Salinas Valley Water Project was not intended to diminish our own water future. We urge MCWRA to avoid water transfers to municipalities.

Sincerely,

Jason Smith  
President

# 11/16/08 Farmers must educate non-ag voters

Last Tuesday citizens made a lot of decisions. Surprisingly, we didn't all say "no" to spending money, but we were selective. The mixed results will shape agriculture in many ways. It reminds us that farmers and ranchers must educate non-farm voters about agriculture.

This was supposed to be a pocketbook election, but it looks like people voted with their hearts as well as their wallets. Measure Z's sales tax for local transportation improvements failed. Monterey County Supervisor Dave Potter led a brave but underfunded campaign that couldn't quite overcome tight money and economic worries.

Agriculture supported the tax because farmers and rural residents



would have shared the benefits. It's going to be tough to come up with a better mix of projects that benefit agriculture and can get voter approval. Next time — and there's probably going to be a next time — voters may be asked to OK something smaller, shorter and cheaper. Agriculture and rural communities need to be at the table when planning starts for the next highway proposal. Our \$3.8 billion farm industry provides the cash flow that ultimately goes to taxable sales, even though those sales most-

ly occur in incorporated cities. We want to be sure our farmers and rural residents will benefit from a future, tax-funded highway program. We couldn't get a commitment to fix our local roads, but Californians voted for a multi-billion-dollar high-speed train. Sixty-two percent of Monterey County voters supported Measure Z, short of the two-thirds needed, while almost 60 percent voted for the train. Needing only a majority, the train got 52 percent statewide. The train is a curious public choice when you think about what wasn't on the state ballot — a water bond. While widespread benefit from this train may be arguable, we know we need to fix our highways and water systems. With diminishing

resources, California ignores its most pressing infrastructure problem: an improved water system. Water storage is back where it was in the 1977 drought, but the population has doubled. Meanwhile, fish have priority, and farms in the San Joaquin Valley are abandoning land and worrying about losing all their water.

Assemblywoman Anna Caballero, D-Salinas, tried to stir some movement in Sacramento to get a water bond on the November ballot, but the Legislature couldn't reach agreement. The high-speed rail bond shows voters will approve a big-bucks bond that appeals to them. You'd think water would appeal to everybody.

Monterey County isn't immune to water problems. Our own water-

sheds are at risk in a prolonged drought. Meanwhile, coastal and north county areas have perennial water problems, leading to serious talk about a regional water solution and reawakening local frictions.

There's reason for farmers to be wary about regional water programs. When water gets really short, as it is in much of the state, agriculture is last in line for what's left. At least local water agencies are talking about the future. Farmers and ranchers have to be part of that discussion.

Last Tuesday's election reminds farmers and ranchers they must educate non-farm voters ahead of future elections.

**BOB PERKINS** is executive director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau. His column appears monthly.

## CONTROLLER/ Streamlined office

From Page 4B

just an hour or so, thanks to new programs. Also, where once updates were done at the end of the day,

cancer two years ago, Glennon managed to continue to do her job while undergoing treatment. "I worked all the way through the ordeal, although I have a fair

work. I love my job, the view from this office, and most of all, the people I'm working with," she said. Her windows look out toward the Gabilan Mountains. "Most of the staff

## DIGEST/ Agricultural news

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Founded in 1982, Cal Coastal operates a number of loan programs with the goal of providing capital to those businesses and

to offer revolving lines of credit to its more financially sound farm borrowers. **AG DIGEST** appears weekly in Ag Monitor. To subscribe, e-mail or call: [info@agdigest.com](mailto:info@agdigest.com)

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21 August, 2008

To: Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

From: Salinas Valley Funding Strategies Committee

Re: Proposed Regional Water Supply Project

The Committee has been meeting on a regular basis for the past year and our focus turned to the proposed regional project about 5 months ago as requested by your Board of Directors. We have discussed, and vetted, many components, issues, strategies, for any proposed regional water supply project that includes water from the Salinas River Basin. Our Committee represents diverse points of view and intends to continue to discuss the challenges and opportunities of participating in a regional water supply project. While, we continue to discuss these things, and even though we do not have specific recommendations regarding project components at this time, we **strongly** believe the following:

Any regional water supply project that includes utilizing water from within the Salinas River Basin **must** include the following conditions:

1. No exportation of Groundwater out of the basin pursuant to the Agency's legislative act;
2. All water pumped within the 180 foot aquifer within Zone 2C, must be delivered within Zone 2C;
3. Nothing in the project shall negatively impact existing individual water rights;
4. A regional project should insure that the same NOAA standards required for the SVWP will not be exceeded;
5. The project description should specify completion schedules for project construction and water development, as well as when, where, and how the water will be taken and used;
6. The project shall include development of a drought contingency plan to insure that resources for agriculture will not be adversely impacted;
7. The project shall include development of an operations plan which will include basic operating principles/guidelines;
8. A regional water supply project shall prevent non-zone 2C water users of regional water supply from 'hardening' a water right. The operations plan will require closure of all wells that deliver water outside of Zone 2C whenever such a 'hardening' process begins;
9. A regional project shall be supported by a cost allocation committee formed to list benefits and areas of benefit based on engineer reports – the committee shall recommend funding needs (including assessments if needed) and milestones/targets for funding and debt repayment similar to those used in Zone 2C;

10. A proposed regional water supply project that utilizes water from within the Salinas River Basin must include the oversight and management by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the agricultural and urban users within that basin.

The entire Committee strongly supports the above guidelines. We believe it is worthwhile to review any proposed regional water supply project that may be able to help us further our goals and objectives, particularly if we can stop seawater intrusion sooner at less cost. The Committee believes it is important for the MCWRA to continue to provide a leadership role and critical oversight of any proposed regional water supply project in order to protect the existing water right holders and users within the Salinas River Basin. The Committee would like to continue to work with your General Manager in reviewing, discussing and vetting the various components and issues of any proposed project. We want to be part of this process to insure that any regional water supply project does not adversely impact the existing water rights and water users within the Salinas River Basin.



## MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

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December 17, 2008

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Re: Pending approval of the Monterey Bay Shores Eco-Resort by the MPWMD Board

Dear Mr. Fuerst & Ms. Tavani,

I am writing on behalf of the Monterey Coastkeeper to request that the Board's discussion of the Monterey Bay Shores Eco-Resort, which is scheduled for discussion in the January 2009 Board meeting, be postponed until February 2009 at the earliest.

At the November 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, the Board responded to public concerns regarding the Monterey Bay Shores Eco Resort and the Board's pending approval to allow Cal-Am to serve the project (Agenda item number 11). Several speakers requested that the Board postpone their decision due to limited public access to certain documents, such as the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a recent addendum that had not been made public. The Monterey Coastkeeper was among the parties requesting that the issue be postponed.

The Board agreed to postpone the agenda item until January 2009 in order to allow the public additional time to research the issue. It was requested that relevant documents be made available to interested parties.

The Monterey Coastkeeper has contacted various parties requesting a copy of the EIR including the City of Sand City and the parcel property owner, SNG. It appears that SNG holds the original document, and is best situated to distribute it to stakeholders. The Monterey Coastkeeper first requested the document in late November, and followed up in early December. We have been told by Mr. Ed Ghandour of SNG that new information is being incorporated into the EIR regarding the pending permit, and that a copy would be provided. It has also been stated that said documents will be made available on the internet.

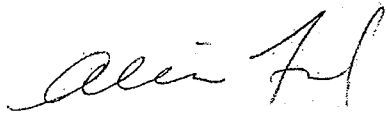
So far this has not been done. The Monterey Coastkeeper still has not received a copy of the EIR, the addendum to the EIR, or any other relevant information.

While we would certainly like the most current edition of the documents in question, we are concerned that by the time the documents are delivered, limited time will be left for staff to review them. Given the time lag with which our requests have been met, not to mention the interruptions in work weeks typical to the holiday season, it seems unlikely that the documents will arrive in time for the more thorough research for which the Board chose to postpone the issue.

We would therefore like to request that the matter be further postponed to the February 2009 board meeting, or until requests for the EIR and accompanying documents have been met, to allow adequate time for all interested parties to gain a full understanding of the project and its impacts.

We appreciate the Board's commitment to transparency and the public process. Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allison Ford".

Allison Ford  
Program Manager



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December 19, 2008

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**Subject: Request to Postpone Public Hearing on California American Water Service to Monterey Bay Shores Ecoresort; Application #20080915MBS-L4**

Dear Ms. Ford:

This letter responds to your letter dated December 17, 2008 (enclosed) in which you request that the public hearing before the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) Board of Directors be delayed to February 26, 2008 rather than January 29, 2008 due to your inability (to date) to receive a copy of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and/or its Addendum from the applicant or lead agency, the City of Sand City. I will discuss your request with our Chair and Vice-Chair during our agenda-setting meeting scheduled for January 2, 2009.

For the record, for several weeks, the District has had hard copies of both the original EIR and the most recent Addendum at the District office foyer for public review. Personal copies may be requested at 10 cents per page. Also, the project description, hydrology and public utilities sections of the Addendum have been available on the District's website since December 10, 2008. You may view this information at: <http://www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us/ceqa/ceqa.htm>.

Importantly, the District action in January 2009 will focus solely on water issues. The applicant has been directed to provide additional water-related information for the January 29, 2009 hearing to proceed, and that information is expected to be received no later than December 23, 2009. The lead agency, the City of Sand City, is the appropriate entity to address any other concerns about the project. It is the District's understanding, based on a December 17, 2008 e-mail from the applicant, that he has communicated with you on several occasions and is providing a full copy of the EIR to you in the very near future.

Thank you for your interest in the District action on this project. Please contact Henrietta Stern, Project Manager, at 831/658-5621 or [henri@mpwmd.dst.ca.us](mailto:henri@mpwmd.dst.ca.us) if you have further questions.

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Allison Ford  
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Sincerely,



Darby Fuerst  
General Manager

Enclosure: December 17, 2008 letter from Coastkeeper

Cc: Henrietta Stern, Project Manager  
District Board of Directors



January 7, 2009

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Dear Mr. Fuerst,

California American Water was notified by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) in a letter dated September 19, 2008 regarding the "Apparent Insufficient Physical Supplies to Serve California American Water's Ryan Ranch Water Distribution System." The MPWMD listed the following specific factors in their determination:

1. The limited number of active wells and the limited production capacity of these wells serving the Ryan Ranch WDS,
2. CAW's reliance during the past six years on water from its main system through an emergency intertie to supply its customers in the Ryan Ranch WDS service area, and
3. CAW's testimony to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) indicating that its Ryan Ranch WDS "does not have sufficient capacity to meet demands during peak events and, as a result, has been forced to utilize an emergency interconnection with the main Monterey Service Area."

In reviewing the Ryan Ranch WDS and the use of the emergency intertie, the following information is offered:

1. Ryan Ranch WDS has two production wells (#7 and #11).
2. During the period October 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008 only one of the two wells was in operation at any given time. Beginning June 2008, both production wells were in operation at the same time.
3. The emergency intertie supplied water to Ryan Ranch WDS as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Amount (AF)</u>	<u>Reason</u>
October 07	0.018	Leaking intertie valve
November 07	0.533	Well #7 out of service due to casing hole
January 08	0.829	Power failure to Ryan Ranch production wells
May 08	1.71	Power failure to Ryan Ranch production wells
June 08	0.014	Treatment system calibration
Total usage	3.104 AF	

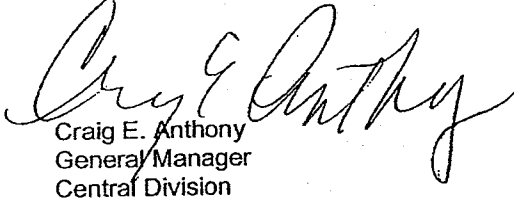
In reviewing the records, I do not find supportive facts for the District's first two concerns on the "limited well production" or "non-emergency use of the intertie". I do agree with the concern that the failure of the existing Ryan Ranch production wells can result in the need for emergency supplies to meet demands. CAW anticipates connecting the Ryan Ranch WDS and Bishop WDS with an emergency intertie this year which will allow Ryan Ranch WDS to be disconnected from the Monterey Main WDS. Ryan Ranch WDS and Bishop WDS both draw water from the same aquifer and the intertie of the two systems will allow both systems to provide mutual backup. The intertie will allow either system the ability to return "emergency" use of water to the sending system.

On a boarder scale, the impacts of the new rate design and rate structure for the Ryan Ranch Water Distribution System will have a positive impact on customer water use over the coming year. In addition, the California Public Utilities Commission draft EIR on the Coastal Water Project is anticipated at the end of January, which will provide clarity to water supply issues for the Monterey Peninsula.

I urge the District Board to remove the moratorium on new water connections in Ryan Ranch and revisit the issue following the completion of the next water year to gage the impacts of the new rate design, rate schedule, and the Draft EIR findings.

I look forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



Craig E. Anthony  
General Manager  
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