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Regina Doyle, Chair
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Re: Water Purchase Agreement – Reconsideration of Vote
PLEASE DENY APPROVAL
OR DELAY VOTE FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Directors:

Like most or all residents of Monterey Peninsula, I just learned of the Water Purchase Agreement through sketchy articles in the Herald, Pine Cone and Monterey County Weekly. If there is any truth to the information in the articles, then the businesses, homeowners, residents and voters of the Monterey Peninsula are getting a very bad deal: a doubling or more of already extremely high water rates to fund a water project that is inexplicably and outrageously expensive when compared to other similarly sized projects.

Other serious questions and concerns include:

1. How can it be fair that Marina will pay a fraction of the cost of Monterey Peninsula ratepayers for water?
2. The proposed project does not address the longer-term water needs for our community.
3. There are widely different overall cost estimates for the project (ranging from \$280 million to \$450 million), and we all know what happens in real life: actual costs of public projects end up being multiples of the estimated costs.
4. There has been a lack of time for public to adequately review and comment on important documents.
5. There has been a lack of public transparency involving the perceived "back room" deal making.

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6. The DRA has expressed serious concern about the cost and fairness of the project.

Please deny approval of the water purchase and settlement agreements or at least delay final decision until the public has had an adequate opportunity to fully understand them and their impacts, as well as have a fair opportunity to provide public input.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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