

EXHIBIT 4-B

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: _____ Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Monterey Peninsula Water Mgt. Dist.
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Project Title: Adoption of Ordinance No. 152 Authorizing an Annual Water Use Fee to Fund Water Supply Services, Facilities, and Activities Needed to Ensure Sufficient Water is Available for Present Beneficial Water Use in the Main California American Water Distribution System

Project Location -- Specific: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)

Project Location -- City: service area of MPWMD **County:** Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Proposed Ordinance No. 152 authorizes an annual water supply charge collected on customers of the California American Water main system to fund water supply facilities and related water supply expenditures. The projects include aquifer storage and recovery and groundwater replenishment, among others, and are needed to provide sufficient water for present or future beneficial use, and to protect MPWMD water resources. Beneficiaries are users of water within the MPWMD.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: MPWMD

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15073)
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269 (a))
 Emergency Project (Sec. 15269 (b) and (c))
 Categorical Exemption
 Statutory Exemption, Guidelines Sec.15273, Rates, Tolls, Fares and Charges

- Reason(s) Why Project Is Exempt:** Ordinance No. 152 sets rates and charges upon consumption of potable water. Proceeds shall fund District's costs to provide replacement water supply facilities and services needed by existing water system users. This action is not a "project" as the term is defined in Public Resources Code Section 21065 and 15 CCR 15002(d), 15378 and 15061(b)(3).

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