



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY  
AND  
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

1. **PROJECT TITLE:** Adoption of Ordinance No. 154: "2012 Water Use Credit Tolling Ordinance of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District."
2. **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROJECT:** Proposed Ordinance No. 154 (Attachment 2 of the Initial Study) reinstates Water Use Credits affected by State Water Resources Control Board Order WR 2009-0060 (Cease and Desist Order or CDO) against California American Water upon the date the 2009 CDO no longer has any force or effect. Water Use Credits affected by the CDO will be reinstated with the same value and with a term equal to the length of time the Water Use Credit was affected by the CDO.

Ordinance No. 154 applies to Sites served by the California American Water Company within the boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), including the cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, portions of Monterey County (primarily Carmel Valley, Pebble Beach and the Carmel Highlands), and the Monterey Peninsula Airport District. Each of these Jurisdictions regulates land use within its individual boundaries and is responsible for CEQA review of individual projects that are proposed. The District does not regulate land use.

3. **REVIEW PERIOD:** The Review Period is August 2, 2012, through August 22, 2012. CEQA allows a 20-day comment period for issues of local importance.
4. **PUBLIC MEETINGS:** The first reading of Ordinance No. 154 will be considered at the MPWMD Board meeting of August 20, 2012. The second reading and consideration of adoption of the Ordinance and Negative Declaration is scheduled for public hearing on September 17, 2012. Both Public Hearings will be held at 7:00 PM at the District office at 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, California.
5. **LOCATION OF DOCUMENTS:** The proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study and copies of proposed Ordinance No. 154, are available for review at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office located at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey, CA 93940 (Ryan Ranch) and on the District's website at [www.mpwmd.net](http://www.mpwmd.net) under "Important Announcements -- CEQA Notices." The staff contact is Stephanie Pintar at 831/658-5630 or [SPintar@mpwmd.net](mailto:SPintar@mpwmd.net).
6. **PROPOSED FINDING SUPPORTING NEGATIVE DECLARATION:** Based on the Initial Study, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors finds that adoption of Ordinance No. 154 does not have a significant effect on the environment.

**PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Based on the finding that adoption of Ordinance No. 154, the 2012 Water Use Credit Tolling Ordinance of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, has no significant effect on the environment, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District makes this Negative Declaration regarding MPWMD Ordinance No. 154 under the California Environmental Quality Act.**