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City Manager:
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RE: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Meeting March 18, 2013

Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 155 – Modifying
the Definition of Redevelopment Project Site and Amending Rule 25.5-D

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Directors,

The City of Monterey encourages the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to approve the proposed Ordinance 155. As you know, the proposed ordinance amends the District's definition of Redevelopment Project to recognize the effect of Assembly Bill x1 26 (AB 26) to abolish redevelopment agencies. The ordinance also amends MPWMD Rule 25.5-D to allow two extensions of Water Use Credit at former Redevelopment Projects when the credit was documented prior to February 1, 2012 (i.e., prior to AB 26).

Cities have been dramatically impacted by the abolishment of redevelopment agencies. As communities struggle to recover from this change in law, the proposed ordinance provides a legislative framework to move forward. First, the proposed change recognizes the change in State law. Second, the proposal continues to extend water credits on sites that have been hit particularly hard during the economic downturn which was further exacerbated by the dissolution of redevelopment.

In Monterey, we are encouraged by the opportunity to move forward on these parcels.

Sincerely,

Fred Meurer
City Manager