



Supplement to 8/19/13 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between July 10, 2013 and August 13, 2013. These letters are also listed in the August 19, 2013 Board packet under item 14, Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Eric Sabolsice	MPWMD	8/7/13	Cal-Am Commercial Water Rates
Robert G. MacLean	MPWMD	7/22/13	Carmel River Mitigation Program; Response to June 6, 2013 Letter
George East	MPWMD Board	7/19/13	Eastwood Water

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Dear Valued Customer:

MPWMD

The California Public Utilities Commission is expected to approve a new rate design for customers in Monterey County (Application A.10-07-007). Under the new rate design, commercial customers will no longer be billed according to water allotments. Instead, commercial customers' billing will be based on their amount of water use and compliance with water conservation practices, also known as Rate Best Management Practices (BMP).

Under the current rate design, your business is allowed a certain amount of water at lower rates. That amount, called an allotment, is calculated according to your type of business and other factors such as square footage. Any water use above an individual business' allotment is charged at higher rates. This system proved problematic for customers who have found that their water allotment does not match their business' actual water needs, particularly as business volume fluctuates.

A coalition of local commercial businesses approached our company last year and asked that we look at a different billing system – one that charges lower rates to businesses who have conserved water through the installation of water efficient devices – and higher rates to those businesses that have not. This new system has been endorsed by the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, the Monterey County Hospitality Association and The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, among others.

Under the new system, there will be four different rates for four divisions of commercial customers. The definition of each division and new rates for each division will be as follows:

Division 1 - Commercial customers that are fully Rate Best Management Practice compliant – indoors and outdoors – and irrigate no more than 10% of their property - **67 cents per unit***

Division 2 - Commercial customers that are fully Rate Best Management Practice compliant – indoors and outdoors – and have a business where outdoor watering is essential to their business (example: nurseries, golf courses and public parks, ball fields and cemeteries) – **75 cents per unit***

Division 3 - Commercial customers that are fully Rate Best Management Practice compliant – indoors and outdoors – and irrigate more than 10% of their total property. Also included in this division are Rate Best Management Practice compliant irrigation meter customers – **83 cents per unit***

Division 4 - Commercial customers that are not Rate Best Management Practice compliant in one or more aspect of their indoor or outdoor usage - **\$1.67 per unit***

*A water unit = 75 gallons

In order to ensure your business is placed into the correct category, you must fill out and return the enclosed survey by September 25, 2013. Your new rates are anticipated to be effective on October 21, 2013, depending on California Public Utilities Commission approval. **It is important to note that if a business does not return a completed survey by the due date they will automatically be placed in Division 4 until a survey is received.**

It is important to note that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) has water efficiency requirements for commercial businesses (MPWMD Rule 143) that differ from the Rate BMPs listed in the enclosed survey. Your water rates will be based solely on your compliance with the Rate BMPs described in this survey. To learn more about the MPWMD's regulations, please contact the agency at (831) 658-5601, email conserve@mpwmd.net or visit www.montereywaterinfo.org for more information.

California American Water will be hosting workshops on the new design to answer any questions you may have. These workshops will be noticed by mail to all customers. If you have any questions about our new commercial rates, please contact California American Water's conservation department at: (831) 646-3205. Visit www.californiaamwater.com for a copy of our new tariff including a list of Rate Best Management Practices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Sabolsice', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Eric Sabolsice
Director of Operations

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Re: Carmel River Mitigation Program; Response to June 6, 2013 Letter

Dear Mr. Butler:

Thank you for your letter of June 6, 2013. California American Water is committed to ensuring that the Mitigation Program funded by our customers is effective at mitigating the effects of our diversions on the aquatic resources dependent on the Carmel River.

As you may know, members of my staff participated in the June 11, 2013 call that included representatives of NOAA Fisheries as well as the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ("MPWMD"). We understand that the MPWMD has agreed to certain actions relating to the pending Section 10 permit application, and that the issuance of that permit should resolve many of the concerns expressed in your letter and discussed in the June 11th meeting. If our understanding is incorrect, please contact me so we can resolve any misunderstanding on the part of California American Water.

Again, we remain committed to the Mitigation Program. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if new concerns arise about the Mitigation Program, or if further attention to the concerns raised in your letter is required.

Sincerely,

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From: George W. East <georgeeast@comcast.net>
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Subject: EASTWOOD WATER

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Arlene:

Please pass the following to the Water District Manager and Board of Directors:

I have read in the local media that Clint Eastwood has water credits to sell from one of his investments at the mouth of Carmel Valley. I also read that the plan is to sell these credits to residents in Carmel and Carmel Valley in the Cal-Am Water District. In my opinion, these water credits should be made available to all residents in the Cal-Am District, not just a select few. There are still a number of lots of record in the Cal-Am District that do not have water, and in some cases it is causing the owners a hardship. Their lots can not be sold or built on.

I would like to recommend that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District ensure that any water that becomes available to Cal-Am customers be distributed fairly throughout the Cal-Am District, giving priority to the owners of lots of record.

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