



Supplement to 2/13/14 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between January 14, 2014 and February 3, 2014. These letters are also listed in the February 13, 2014 Board packet under Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Lucila Sanchez	Arlene Tavani	2/3/14	Appointment to the MPWMD
Karen Cosentino	MPWMD Board	1/29/2014	Item #21, Public Water Now Initiative
John Narigi	MPWMD Board	1/28/14	Agenda Item 19, GWR Budget Increase
John Narigi	MPWMD Board	1/24/14	Agenda Item 21, Cal-Am But-Out Initiative
W.J. Cologan and Nadra B. Colohan	Cal-Am Water	1/19/14	Cal-Am Water Bill Dispute

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MPWMD

February 3, 2014

Arlene Tavani
5 Harris Court, Bldg. G
Monterey, CA 93942

Re: Appointment to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Dear Ms. Tavani,

On Friday, January 3, 2014, the Monterey County City Selection Committee appointed Mayor David Pendergrass to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Contact information for Mayor Pendergrass is as follows:

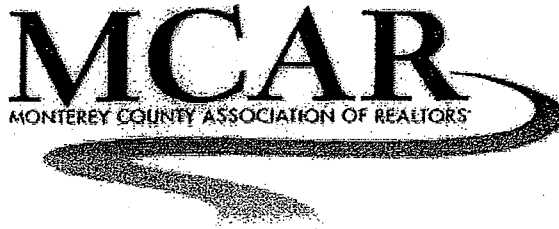
1 Sylvan Park
Sand City, CA 93955
(831) 394-4337
sandcitymyr@aol.com

If you need further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me at (831) 755-5066.

Best regards,

Lucila Sanchez
Assistant to the Secretary to the City Selection Committee
County of Monterey

Cc: Mayor Gunter
Mayor Pendergrass
CSC File



Submitted by
staff at 1/29/14 3
Board Meeting
Item 21

January 29, 2014

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Chair Potter and Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Bldg G
Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Item # 21, Public Water Now Initiative Petition

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute comments as they relate to the qualified Public Water Now petition before you for consideration and action.

On behalf of The Monterey County Association of REALTORS®, I would like to express our collective support for taking the appropriate steps to ensure this initiative goes before the public for a vote. The option of adopting the ordinance without proper public discourse and vetting would result in a diminished opportunity for voters to be fully apprised of the surrounding challenges associated with an issue of this magnitude.

It is the belief of our organization that the Public Water Now Initiative could distract from the focus that is required to solve the immediate water availability challenges facing Peninsula ratepayers today. While public ownership options may make sense in certain areas at certain times, we strongly believe that today is neither the right time, nor place.

We respectfully request that you move the Public Water Now petition forward to the voters for consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to address this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Karen Cosentino
2014 MCAR President

Submitted by Staff
at 1/29/14 Board
Meeting. Item 19⁵

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition of the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Associated General Contractors - Monterey District
to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

January 28, 2014

Dave Potter, Chair, and Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Davis Court, Building G
Monterey, California 93940

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JAN 28 2014

Re: Agenda item 19, GWR budget increase

MPWMD

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board

Members of the Board

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses has significant concerns over Agenda item 19 wherein the staff recommends that your Board approve a \$1,282,280 increase in the District's portion of the GWR budget.

The Coalition is on the record supporting GWR as a supplemental water supply if it can be proven to be a feasible from a technical, legal and economic standpoint. We are very concerned to see that after only seven months the District is being asked to increase its contribution by 47% with no real explanation as to how the initial budget was so grossly underestimated or what has caused so significant a change to the program to justify the budget increase.

We request that before the Board acts on this request that there be a full report *detailing* the current status of the GWR project including:

- Expenditures to date
- Status of environmental and feasibility studies
- Status of acquisition of rights to source wastewater
- Estimates of projected cost of treated waste water to the end user
- Status of negotiations with MCWRA on rights to the treated wastewater

That report should also detail what other work the District will not be able accomplish if \$1,282,280 is redirected to GWR.

Sincerely,



John Narigi, Co-chair

Submitted by staff
at 1/29/14 Board 7
Meeting Item 21

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

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January 24, 2014

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JAN 27 2014

Dave Potter, Chair, and Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Davis Court, Building G
Monterey, California 93940

MPWMD

Re: Agenda item 21, Cal Am But-Out initiative

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses urges your Board, in the strongest of terms, to move the Public Water Now petition forward to a vote by the public. We have been clear in our opposition to the petition, but we also believe that since Public Water Now (PWN) apparently has met the legal requirements to qualify the petition for the ballot, and because signators undoubtedly believed the petition would lead to a vote, the District Board should follow through and let the voters decide if they want to go further down this path.

Whether or not to proceed is a very complex issue. The public should be made fully aware of all the issues and be allowed to publicly debate the wisdom of starting down this path. The only reasonable way to proceed at this point is to go to the ballot box and let the voters decide. For the Board to take any other action would be a disservice to those who signed the petition and the District's residents and voters.

Move the PWN petition forward to an election.

Sincerely,



John Narigi, Co-chair

January 19, 2014

California American Water
PO BOX 7150
Pasadena CA 91109-7150

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JAN 27 2014

MFC:MD

This refers to the attached bill for Acct

On July 8, a water leak was discovered in our driveway. Further investigation proved that the leak was caused by the main water line to our house. We hired A&R Plumbing to repair the damage, at a total cost of \$2,252.08, and notified CalAm what had occurred. After several calls CalAm agreed to a one time cost adjustment to bring the amount due to \$136.66. (Our normal monthly bill averages under \$40). We agreed to this amount and paid through automatic pay on Sept 9, \$136.66. For some reason, the cost adjustment was increased to an additional \$155 which we again paid through electronic payment on Sept. 23. On October 21 we paid our monthly CalAm of \$37.32, and although we disagreed, we paid all the bills on time, and considered the matter over.

On this last billing period, we received a bill for the total amount due of \$1,035.21 charging us once again for the period for which we have already paid with no indication of any cost adjustment for an unpreventable leak. This last action is very typical of our experience with CalAm administration. Practically none of the CalAm users read their own meters, so we have to live with their readings, but unfortunately we have to live with their mistakes. In today's world, the modern household is severely handicapped when the water is not available at the tap. However, we have had several neighbors and friends who have had their water shut off by CalAm with no warning. We have tried to have our water allocation (by tiers) explained to us, with no consistency in the explanations: they had us listed as a residency with 0 permanent occupants which has never been the case; we were listed as a property of less than one acre, we have 2 ½ acres. In the past year, my urologist submitted a request for an increase in bathroom/medical needs, but there is no indication what action has been taken, even though we asked. But you either pay your bill or your water will be shut off. In the past three years, we have virtually stopped watering our outside landscaping and have only drought resistant plants now planted.

In the past three months, my wife volunteered to obtain signatures to see if there was enough interested citizens to purchase the water system now supplying water to the Monterey Peninsula. Many of the people she met while collecting signatures were absolutely livid about how CalAm treats the public. We are forced to pay for their mistakes! Why do they continue on this path of failure; the Dam and the proposed desal plants are used as examples. The fees for "Other Charges" on the bill are unacceptably high! How can there be so many billing errors? And on and on.

Both the PUC and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District are failing in their responsibilities. CalAm has somehow captured the right to control probably the most vital natural resource to any community, water, and until the citizens demand and receive a revolutionary change within this system, we are all the losers.

At your earliest convenience, please acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise us of what corrective action is being taken by CalAm. We do not intend to pay twice for the same water bill and we do not want our water shut off by CalAm.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

W. J. Colohan and Nadra B. Colohan
15393 Via La Gitana
Carmel Valley CA 93924
831-659-4026
wjc2nbc@comcast.net

Copy:

Representative Sam Farr
Monterey Peninsula Water Mangement District
Public Water Now
Mike Rasmussen



CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER

PO Box 7150, Pasadena, CA 91109-7150

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Account Number	
Due Date	February 3, 2014
Total Due	\$1,035.21

For Service To: 15393 VIA LA GITANA

Check this box for address changes and note new address on back.



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Amount Enclosed \$



CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER
PO BOX 7150
PASADENA, CA 91109-7150



Please tear along the dotted line and return this portion with your payment.

BILLING PERIOD AND METER READINGS

- Billing date: January 10, 2014
- Due Date: **February 3, 2014**
- Billing period: Sep 28 to Dec 30 (94 Days)
- Next reading on or about: Jan 30, 2014
- Customer Type: Residential
- Meter Reading Measurement:
1 unit = 10 CF or 74.8 gallons of water
- Billing Measurement: 100 gallons (CGL)

Meter No.	X086516721
Size of meter	5/8"
Current Read	4,297 (Actual)
Previous Read	3,818 (Actual)
Total water used this billing period	479 units (35,829 gallons)

Total Water Use Comparison (in 100 gallons)

- Current billing period 2013: 358.28 CGL
- Same billing period 2012: 26.93 CGL

Rate Block Allotments

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
47.12	33.66	33.66	33.66	All Other Usage

BILLING SUMMARY

For Service To:
For Account

Prior Balance

- Balance from last bill 37.32
- Payments as of Oct 21. Thank you! -37.32

Balance Forward 0.00

Bill (09/28/2013 - 10/30/2013)

Current Water Service

- Water Service Charge 6.93
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 3.06
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13
- Water Usage Charge
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 (\$0.42340000 x 32.85) 13.91
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13 (\$0.57470000 x 14.27) 8.20
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 (\$1.18020000 x 23.46) 27.69
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13 (\$1.20000000 x 10.20) 12.24
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 (\$2.36060000 x 39.10) 92.30
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13 (\$2.96560000 x 17.00) 50.42
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 (\$5.37830000 x 39.10) 210.29
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13 (\$6.58820000 x 17.00) 112.00
- 09/28/13 to 10/20/13 (\$7.06400000 x 2.61) 18.44
- 10/21/13 to 10/30/13 (\$8.77570000 x 1.13) 9.92
- Total Water Service Related Charges 565.40**

Other Charges

- Conservation Surcharge 7.02
- Gen Exp Balance Acct Srchg 18.96
- Coastal Water Project Surcharge (565.40 x 15.00%) 84.81
- MPWMD Cnsvn Surcharge 2.73
- MPWMD Surcharge 40.96
- Seaside Basin BA Surcharge 0.37

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Important messages from California American Water

- You may notice that this bill displays winter allotment information only. The calculated charges are prorated between the winter and summer allotments as this change became effective on November 1st. Your total bill amount is correct, and is due on the date shown. We apologize for any confusion this may cause. If you have any questions please call us at 1-888-237-1333.
- Contact California American Water's local conservation department at 831.646.3205 to take advantage of rebates, water wise house calls and more. For more information visit www.montereywaterinfo.org.
- Utility bills can be confusing, and every customer deserves to know why they are paying the amount they are, and where the money is going to. Much of the money you pay into your utility bill is invested directly into your local water system to make sure it is reliable and delivering water when you need it. To learn more, visit www.californiaamwater.com/aboutyourbill.
- We are now offering paperless billing. It's a convenient, environmentally friendly and secure way to receive your water and/or wastewater bill. Users must enroll online. To get started, visit www.amwater.com/myh2o. Go to Account Detail and click on the green Paperless Billing button. Follow the steps, press submit and you're enrolled!

Questions about this bill? Call our 24-Hour Customer Service Center: 1-888-237-1333

www.californiaamwater.com