



**ITEM 18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION TO INTERCONNECT CAL-AM RYAN RANCH AND BISHOP UNITS IN SEASIDE BASIN FOR EMERGENCY USE**

Meeting Date: June 15, 2015  
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# Background/Supply Shortage

- District approved Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units annexation into CAW as “satellite” systems in 1989 and 1996, respectively
- District determined Ryan Ranch Unit supply was insufficient in 2009; production limit was greatly reduced and a moratorium continues
- “Main” CAW system is current emergency source of supply for Ryan Ranch

# CAW/Ryan Ranch-Bishop Interconnection Application

- Requests transfer of Bishop Unit water to Ryan Ranch Unit in emergencies
- Delivered via new 300-foot interconnection pipeline near York Road, to be separately approved by City/County of Monterey
- Bishop Unit water can substitute for “main” CAW system as emergency source
- Recognize Bishop Well #3 drilled in 2010
- Update and amend Ryan Ranch and Bishop Unit Conditions of Approval to enable transfer

# CEQA – Class 1 Exemption

- Staff recommends Class 1 Exemption (Existing Facilities) due to “negligible expansion of an existing use” for an investor-owned public utility [CEQA Guidelines 15301(b)]
- Transfer would be infrequent, nominal, and only 1.2% of total Bishop production (1.9 AFY average).

# Findings of Approval

- Application and related evidence meets the criteria and minimum standards for approval (Rules 22-B and C) with the Conditions of Approval
- This action should “not create an Overdraft or increase an existing Overdraft....” (Rule 22-C-4) due to compliance with “physical solution” of Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision
- Less Carmel Basin water would be taken for emergency transfer if Bishop Unit source is used

# Condition #13, Interties


- For both Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units, no interties allowed for regular (ongoing) use
- Bishop-to-Ryan Ranch transfers allowed only in emergency situations (insufficient supply) via pipeline approved by jurisdictions
- Transfers must be metered and reported to MPWMD within one week
- Transfers from main system prohibited unless written approval is obtained from Gen. Mgr.
- Any CAW source is allowed in fire emergency

# Special Conditions of Approval

- #27: Ryan Ranch Unit moratorium on connections is still in place per June 15, 2009 Board action
- #28: Provide copies of any approvals from Watermaster, if applicable
- #29: Continue to provide monthly reports of well production (daily time-step)



# Special Conditions, continued

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- #30: Continue to provide monthly reports of well water levels
  - #31: Continue to provide annual report of metered sales (customer consumption) (monthly time-step)
  - Same conditions for Bishop Unit, except there is no moratorium (delete #27)



# Comments Received

- Public notice via onsite posting, agenda mailing, CAW and District office, website, and Watermaster
- CAW was provided agenda package. No comments received to date
- As of 3 PM today, **no other comments received.**

# Rationale for Staff Recommendation

- Updates Conditions to current standards
- Reduces diversions from Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer per Order 95-10
- Consistent with “physical solution” of Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision
- Increases supply reliability, and is consistent with planned integration of main and satellite systems approved by CPUC in April 2015 (assumes Regional Project)

# Staff Recommendation

- Adopt Findings of Approval for Application #20150430RRB
- Approve application and issue Permit #M15-03-L3, which attaches amended Conditions of Approval for both Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units
- Direct staff to file Notice of Exemption with County Clerk (15301, Existing Facilities)

# For More Information

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