

Submitted at 7/20/15 Board Meeting
Item - Oral Communications

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Chairperson Markey and Board Members
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Monterey, California 93940

SUBJECT:

Dear Chairperson Markey and Board Members:

I am gratified that the Water Management District is supporting an alternative to Cal-Am's desal project, ~~known as the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project~~, as insurance in the event Cal-Am's project should fail. I recently learned that the State Lands Commission issued a Notice of Preparation/Notice of intent of a Draft EIR/EIS for the DeepWater Desal Project, also known as the Monterey Bay Regional Water Project. As General Manager Dave Stoldt writes in his report in tonight's Board packet titled "Update on Development of Water Supply Projects," the State Lands Commission held a Scoping Meeting on the DeepWater Desal Project on June 16, 2015. This meeting was held at Moss Landing Marine Laboratories in Moss Landing.

I was able to find a link to the State Lands Commission's notice on the internet through the Soquel Creek Water District website, but could find no mention of it on the Water Management District's website. I encourage you to publicize the DeepWater Desal Project's milestones, including on your website. Since the Water Management is apparently funding half the cost of the project's environmental review documents, you may as well get your money's worth.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Bell