

EXHIBIT 17-A

May 1, 2020

Mr. Ron Stefani, Chair
Board of Directors
Monterey One Water
5 Harris Court, Bldg. D
Monterey, CA 93940

Subject: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Letter dated May 1, 2020

Dear Mr. Stefani/ Board Members:

It is my understanding that Monterey One Water received a letter purportedly from the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) regarding the Disposition of the Final Supplemental EIR for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project.

As a Board member of the MPWMD, I would like to offer my personal apology that **a letter was sent to your Board that was not reviewed, considered, and approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors at any publicly noticed , Brown Act compliant public meeting prior to the transmittal.** The public record clearly reflects these facts.

Rest assured that I will do everything that I can maintain and grow the collaborative partnership between MPWMD and Monterey One Water.

Sincerely,



Gary D. Hoffmann, P.E.
Division 5 Director
MPWMD