

**EXHIBIT 17-B**

May 6, 2020

Board of Directors  
Monterey One Water  
5 Harris Court, Bldg D  
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Correspondence to Monterey One Water Board from District Board Member

Dear Monterey One Water Board Members:

It has come to our attention that on May 1, 2020 you and your board members received a letter from Gary D. Hoffmann, a member of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board of directors.

Mr. Hoffmann represented his letter was forwarded as a District Board member, but please be advised District Meeting Rule 6 authorizes only the Chair, or another Board member designated by the Chair, or the General Manager to be the spokesperson for the District. Except as allowed by Rule 6, no other person is authorized to express District policy or positions. Mr. Hoffmann's letter was not authorized pursuant to Rule 6, accordingly his correspondence was only expressing his personal view, and he was writing as an individual, not authorized to represent the District or express a District position.

Sincerely,



David J. Stoldt  
General Manager  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District



David C. Laredo  
General Counsel  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District