

EXHIBIT 33-B



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June 15, 2020

Mr. John Ainsworth
Executive Director
California Coastal Commission
45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000
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Via email: John.Ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov

RE: Application No. 9-19-0918 and Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 (California American Water Company)

Dear Mr. Ainsworth:

On behalf of the Board of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, I am writing to encourage the California Coastal Commission to deny the Coastal Development Permit for California American Water Company's proposed desalination facility.

- Pure Water Monterey (PWM) expansion is a feasible alternative to the desalination facility. PWM is an advanced water purification facility that is already producing water for potable supply. The expansion could be constructed in approximately 20 months.
- PWM expansion has less adverse environmental impact than the proposed desalination facility, and no new construction in the coastal zone.
- PWM expansion is more than sufficient to lift the Cease and Desist Order in our community. Based on the most recent pumping and demand history, only approximately 800 acre-feet per year (afy) of new supply is required to do so – at 2,250 afy PWM expansion is more than sufficient.
- Based on the report titled "*Supply and Demand for Water on the Monterey Peninsula*" adopted by the District on May 18, 2020, PWM expansion provides a new water supply sufficient to meet the future needs of the Peninsula for the next 20 to 30 years.
- While both proposed water supply projects meet the current and future needs of the Peninsula, PWM expansion will save the ratepayers approximately \$1 billion compared to desalination over a 30-year lifecycle.

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Desalination can be looked at for providing the next increment of water needed on the Peninsula, and perhaps regionally, somewhere down the road when additional supplies appear to be required.

Thank you for your consideration of the District's position.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District