



Supplement to February 13, 2023 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters sent and/or received between **January 18, 2023 and February 7, 2023**. These letters are listed in the **Monday, February 13, 2023** Board Packet under Letters Received / Sent.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Claudia Escalante	General Manager	January 19, 2023	2023 Board of Supervisors Appointments
Melodie Chrislock	General Manager and Board of Directors	January 26, 2023	162 Public Comments to CPUC, None in Support of CalAm
Melodie Chrislock	General Manager and Board of Directors	February 2, 2023	Herald Guest Commentary- Is Cal Am Starving the Peninsula of Water to Justify Desal?

Joel Pablo

From: Escalante, Claudia <EscalanteC@co.monterey.ca.us>
Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2023 8:08 AM
To: Joel Pablo
Subject: 2023 Board Appointments List
Attachments: 2023 BoS Appts_approved by BoS 01172023.pdf; Standing Committees Rotation Table 3 yr term - Approved by BoS 01172023.pdf

Good morning Joel,

Please find attached the 2023 Board Appointments list.

Have a great day.

Sincerely,



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**Assignment of Monterey County Board of Supervisors Members and Staff
to Boards, Committees and Commissions for Calendar Year 2023**

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES (Year 1 – Rotating Schedule)	NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
Alternative Energy and Environment Committee	2	District 1 District 2
Budget Committee	2	District 2 District 3
Cannabis Standing Committee	2	District 3 District 5
Capital Improvement Committee	2	District 4 District 5
Economic Development Committee	2	District 5 District 1
Equal Opportunity Committee	2	District 1 District 2
Health, Housing and Human Services Committee	2	District 2 District 3
Homelessness Committee	2	x ¹ District 4
Human Resources Committee	2	District 4 District 5
Legislative Committee	2	District 4 District 1
Monterey Urban County Standing Committee	2	District 3 District 2
Water Resources Agency Joint Boards Leadership Committee	2	District 2 District 3

¹ The Supervisor appointed to serve on the Coalition of Homeless Service Providers Leadership Council shall serve on the Homelessness Standing Committee. The appointment is made by the Leadership Council.

AD HOC COMMITTEES	NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
Animal Services Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 2 District 3
COVID-19 Agricultural Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 1 District 3
COVID-19 Communications Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 3 District 4
COVID-19 Hospitality Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 5 District 2
Natividad Medical Center Strategic Objectives Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 1 District 3
Salinas-County Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 1 District 4
Unified Health System Ad Hoc Committee	2	District 3 District 4

AGENCIES, JPAs & MISC. APPOINTMENTS		NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
3CE (Central Coast Community Energy) – Policy Board		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 5 <i>District 4</i>
Arts Council for Monterey County		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 <i>District 1</i>
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG)		2 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 District 5 <i>District 4</i>
Behavioral Health Commission		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 <i>District 1</i>
Central California Alliance for Health (Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care Commission)		1	District 4
Children’s Council of Monterey County		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 4 <i>District 3</i>
Coalition of Homeless Services Providers Leadership Council		1 Leadership Council Appointment	NA
Community Alliance for Safety and Peace (CASP)		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 1 <i>District 2</i>
Community Restorative Justice Commission		1	District 2
Emergency Communications Policy Advisory Committee		2	District 3 District 2
Emergency Medical Services Committee		2	District 5 District 3
First 5 Monterey County		1	District 3
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council		1	District 2
Local Agency Formation Commission		2 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 District 4 <i>District 5</i>
Military & Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission		1	District 1
Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District		3 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 District 3 District 4 <i>District 1</i>
Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau (MCCVB)		1	District 5
Monterey County Parks Commission		1	District 2
Monterey One Water		1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 <i>District 4</i>
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)	Board of Directors	1 Resident District Supervisor (Dist. 4 or 5)	District 5
	Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)	1	District 5
	Water Supply Project Governance Committee	1 <i>1 Alternate to Governance Committee</i>	District 5 <i>District 4</i>

AGENCIES, JPAs & MISC. APPOINTMENTS - Continued	NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST)	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 1 <i>District 4</i>
Natividad Medical Center Board of Trustees	1	District 3
Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency Board of Directors (WRA)	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 1 <i>District 4</i>
Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority	1	District 2
Remote Access Network Board	1	District 5
Salinas Valley Recycles (Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority)	2 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 2 District 3 <i>District 1</i>
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 4 <i>District 5</i>
Workforce Development Board	1	District 2

AGENCIES, JPAs & MISC. (DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS)	DISTRICT APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency Board of Directors (BoS)	District 2 and <i>1 Alternate</i>	<i>District 3</i>
Gonzales Enhanced Infrastructure District	District 3	NA
South Salinas Valley Broadband Authority	District 3	NA

AGENCIES, JPAs & MISC. (TERM APPOINTMENTS)	NUMBER APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS	TERM
California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 1 <i>District 4</i>	Appointed annually in Fall. Term expires early November 2023
Golden State Connect Authority (GSCA)	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 3 <i>District 2</i>	Appointed annually in Fall. Term expires early January 2024
Golden State Financing Authority (GSFA)			
Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC)			
ReGen Monterey (Monterey Regional Waste Management District)	1 (District 2, 4, 5)	District 4	Term expires December 2024
Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	District 1 <i>John Baillie</i>	Term expires June 2023

AGENCIES, JPAs & MISC. (STAFF APPOINTMENTS)	NUMBER OF STAFF APPOINTMENTS	2023 APPOINTMENTS
3CE (Central Coast Community Energy) – Operations Board	1 <i>1 Alternate</i>	CAO <i>Assistant CAO</i>
Community Corrections Partnership	1	Assistant CAO
Law Library Board of Trustees	1 Staff member from County Counsel, District Attorney, or Public Defender	Robert Brayer
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	1	Erik Lundquist

Joel Pablo

From: mwchrislock@redshift.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2023 8:11 AM
To: Alvin Edwards; Amy Anderson; George Riley; Karen Paull; District 5; Marc Eisenhart; Ian Oglesby; Dave Stoldt; Joel Pablo
Subject: 162 public comments to CPUC, none in support of Cal Am
Importance: High

More than 162 written Public Comments to the CPUC as of January 26. These comments were generated by members of PWN, Citizens for Just Water, LandWatch and MPWMD's newsletter and the MC Weekly ad.

Let's hope the CPUC is getting the message!

- Unique (non-duplicative) responses – 154
- Total who say “make Cal Am sign agreement” – 132
- Total who say “keep Cal Am from increasing rates” – 17
- Total who say “remove Cal Am from providing any service in Monterey County” – 2
- Total who say other things – 3
- Total who say anything positive about Cal Am, or agree with what Cal Am is doing – 0

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From: mwchrislock@redshift.com
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 2:35 PM
To: Alvin Edwards; Amy Anderson; George Riley; Karen Paull; District 5; Marc Eisenhart; Ian Oglesby; Dave Stoldt; Joel Pablo
Subject: Herald Guest Commentary - Melodie Chrislock

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2023/02/01/is-cal-am-starving-the-peninsula-of-water-to-justify-desal/>

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Is Cal Am starving the Peninsula of water to justify desal?

By MELODIE CHRISLOCK

Cal Am's refusal to sign the CPUC-approved Water Purchase Agreement (WPA) for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion is unreasonable and irresponsible. Its demand for more infrastructure money has already been reviewed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and determined invalid. It appears Cal Am is purposely asking for funds that cannot be authorized as part of this project to stall the Pure Water Monterey Expansion further and shift blame for the delay to the CPUC.

Cal Am's refusal is not only blocking 2,250 acre-feet of urgently needed new water supply from the PWM Expansion. It's also limiting Aquifer Storage and Recovery production.

The ASR project was designed by the Water Management District to capture the current excess winter flows from the Carmel River and store them in the Seaside Basin. With the river running at unusually high levels this year, ASR has been storing water since Dec. 31 and will continue as long as the river runs above a certain cubic feet per second threshold. But ASR could be storing more if not for Cal Am's negligence.

There are four ASR injection wells. But Cal Am has been using two of them as extraction wells for Pure Water Monterey instead of building the needed extraction wells. Using the ASR wells for PWM extraction instead of ASR injection results in a lack of injection capacity which cuts ASR storage by close to half, wasting urgently needed water that is lost to the ocean.

The Pure Water Monterey Project has been operating for three years now with no dedicated extraction wells. The needed wells are part of the \$61.6 million in infrastructure costs in the WPA that Cal Am refuses to sign.

The PWM Expansion is a public agency project, so Cal Am makes no profit on it or the water it produces. It will cost Monterey One Water about \$65 million to build the Expansion.

Cal Am originally wanted \$81 million for infrastructure (wells, pipes, and pumps) to deliver the water from the PWM Expansion. The CPUC Office of Ratepayer Advocates and other parties said that was excessive, and the CPUC cut it down to about \$40 million. Cal Am complained loudly and got another \$20 million authorized. But now Cal Am claims that's not enough.

Cal Am has blocked and delayed the PWM Expansion for almost three years. Now it turns out that CPUC approval for the WPA was not even necessary. Cal Am has signed hundreds of water purchase agreements with no CPUC approval. Did Cal Am put this through a long and unnecessary process with no intention of signing as a delay tactic?

Cal Am is telling the public and our elected leaders it wants to see the Pure Water Monterey Expansion move forward quickly, but its actions prove the opposite. Without Cal Am's signature, financing cannot be obtained, the Expansion cannot be built and ASR will remain limited.

In its press statements, Cal Am says they must be compensated to build the PWM Expansion infrastructure, or they can't deliver the water. Yet, deceptively, they never mention the \$61.6 million already approved in the WPA for PWM Expansion infrastructure.

Does Cal Am have any intention of signing the Water Purchase Agreement? It appears Cal Am intends to starve the Peninsula of water to make its case for desal. Governor Newsom's political pressure on the Coastal Commission was the only reason Cal Am's desal was conditionally approved. It still has to make its case to the CPUC and other agencies.

Cal Am has used the drought as its argument for desal. Now the rains have swollen the Carmel River. And because Cal Am never built the needed wells and continues to delay signing the WPA, MPWMD can't capture all the water the ASR project was designed to store.

Cal Am is a master of deception and delay. Will Cal Am's President, Kevin Tilden, ever sign the agreement to buy the water we so urgently need? Will the CPUC force Cal Am to sign? Meanwhile, Cal Am continues to hold our water hostage.

Melodie Chrislock is the director of Public Water Now.