

## **V. MONITOR WATER USAGE**

A general mitigation identified in the Findings for the Final Allocation EIR (Finding No. 403) was to adopt Option V production limits as the new allocation maximum. This was achieved by the passage of Ordinance No. 53, "Selecting Water Supply Option V to Implement the Water Allocation Program," on December 13, 1990, effective January 1, 1991. The Ordinance entailed a monitoring component to track California American Water (CAW) and non-CAW production.

A companion Ordinance No. 52, "Implementing the Water Allocation Program, Modifying the Resource System Supply Limit and Causing a Temporary Limit on the Issuance of Water Connection Permits," was also passed on December 13, 1990. The Ordinance entailed a monitoring component to track the number of permits issued as well as the amount of water represented by the permits.

### **A. Monitor Production and Compliance with MPWMD and SWRCB Limits**

#### Description and Purpose

The adoption of Ordinance No. 70 in June 1993 revised the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource System (MPWRS) supply limit from an annual production limit of 19,881 AF to 20,673 AF per year. The CAW annual production limit of 16,744 AF (Option V from Finding No. 403 of the Final Water Allocation Program EIR; Ordinance No. 53) was revised to 17,619 AF, and the non-CAW production limit of 3,137 AF was revised to 3,054 AF per year. This new water supply limit reflected the 385 AF of new water production from the Paralta Well and minor adjustments to reflect the integration of the Water West system into the CAW system, the annexation of Quail Meadows Subdivision into CAW, and the refinement of the non-CAW production estimate.

Ordinance No. 83, adopted in April 1996, set CAW's annual production limit at 17,621 acre-feet and the non-CAW annual production limit at 3,046 acre-feet, based on permanent reductions in water use by non-CAW water users in exchange for water service from CAW. As part of the agreement, 15% of the historical non-CAW production was set aside to meet the District's long-term water conservation goal. Based on these changes, a new limit for the MPWRS as a whole was set at 20,667 AF/year.

The CAW production limit was again amended in February 1997, when Ordinance No. 87 was adopted as an urgency ordinance to provide a special community benefit reserve allocation of 19.6 acre-feet per year of production to the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. Ordinance No. 87 increased the total annual CAW production limit to 17,641 AF/year, but did not change the non-CAW limit. Thus, the new limit for the MPWRS as a whole is 20,687 AF/year.

In addition to District-imposed production limits as part of its Water Allocation Program, CAW most also comply with limits set by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in 1995 as part of Order WR 95-10. The Order includes a provision that CAW water diversions (surface and groundwater production) from the Carmel River basin should not exceed 11,990 AF in Water Year (WY) 1996, and not exceed 11,285 AF in WY 1997 and subsequent years. A water year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 the following year. The District program to monitor water use includes tracking CAW compliance with the SWRCB goals.

### Implementation and Activities During 2005-2006

District staff continued to manage the overall supply budget, sending periodic reports to the cities and/or county and providing updates and general information as needed. The monitoring programs initiated by Ordinance Nos. 52 and 53 continue to be implemented. As noted in Section III-C of this report, beginning with the 2001-2002 Annual Report, the District changed the reporting period for the Well Registration and Reporting Program from a Reporting Year (July 1-June 30) to a Water Year (October 1-September 30) to be consistent with the SWRCB Order reporting requirements, and other hydrological reporting programs. The 2000-2001 Annual Mitigation Report was the last report in which ground water production within the District was presented in a Reporting Year format. Water production tables for the current year in this report use WY 2006 (October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006) data.

As shown in **Table V-1**, total water produced within the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System during WY 2006 was 16,998 AF, or 171 AF more (1.0% increase) than the MPWRS production of 16,827 AF in WY 2005. CAW production (14,218 AF) increased by 179 AF (1.3% increase) from WY 2005 to WY 2006, while non-CAW water production in WY 2006 (2,780 AF) decreased by 8 AF (0.3% decrease) compared to WY 2005. In WY 2005, CAW accounted for about 84% of total production within the MPWRS.

Regarding compliance with limits imposed by MPWMD as part of the Water Allocation Program, CAW water production from the MPWRS in WY 2006 was 14,218 AF, or 81% of the 17,641 AF annual limit (3,423 AF lower than the limit). The non-CAW water production of 2,780 AF was 91% of the 3,046 AF annual limit (266 AF lower than limit). The total combined water use was 16,998 AF, or 82% of the total Allocation Program limit of 20,687 AF (**Table V-1**). Please refer to Section III-C for more information.

Regarding compliance with SWRCB Order WR 95-10, CAW production from the Carmel River Basin in WY 2006 for the SWRCB tally was 10,543 AF. This number is derived from the 10,954 AF Carmel Valley CAW well total shown in **Table III-2** minus the 411 AF that were injected into the Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Basin as part of a pilot test program that is exempt from the SWRCB tally. Thus, CAW diversions were 742 AF (6.6%) below the 11,285 AF diversion limit from the Carmel River Basin imposed by the SWRCB. WY 2006 was the ninth straight year in which compliance with Order WR 95-10 was achieved. A major purpose of the District's *Expanded Conservation Plan and Standby Rationing Program* is to ensure continued compliance with the Order. The community was in Stage 1 of the conservation program throughout the 2005-2006

reporting period.

## **B. Water Use Trends**

### Description and Purpose

Based on data provided by CAW, District staff tracks water use (CAW metered sales) over time to assess community water use trends. This can be used in water supply planning (augmentation) as well as development of conservation programs (e.g., assess the degree of conservation savings needed and the effectiveness of conservation programs).

### Implementation and Activities During 2005-2006

Water use trends may be tracked by using production at the well-head, as described above, or by considering CAW metered sales information. **Figure V-1** provides water use trends from 1980 through 2006 as represented by consumption in AF per CAW connection (AF/connection) for customers in the CAW's Monterey District. This is based on CAW annual data reports that provide water use information for each political jurisdiction and system subunits as well as several user classifications. For WY 2006, the use per connection is based on CAW's total metered sales<sup>1</sup> (12,643 AF) divided by CAW's total customers (39,628) and equaled 0.319 AF/connection,

Water consumption per connection in WY 2006 was one of the lower rates on record, due in part to a wet year and increased awareness of the need for conservation. **Figure V-1** indicates that water use per connection for the past 17 years (1989-2006) is significantly less than in the preceding 10 years (1980-1988). The sharp decline during WY 1989, WY 1990, and WY 1991 is attributable to mandatory water rationing. Since that time, water consumption has been relatively stable, ranging from approximately 0.32 to 0.37 AF/connection. Notably, water consumption in WY 2006 (0.319 AF/connection) was 40 percent less than the pre-drought consumption in RY 1987 (0.529 AF/connection).

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<sup>1</sup> Excluding CAW customers in the Ralph Lane and Chualar Units.

**Table V-1**  
**MPWMD ALLOCATION LIMIT COMPARED TO WATER PRODUCTION IN THE**  
**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER RESOURCE SYSTEM**  
Water Years 2005 and 2006 Data

<b>WATER USER</b>	<b>ALLOCATION LIMIT</b>	<b>WY 2005 PRODUCTION</b>	<b>% LIMIT</b>	<b>WY 2006 PRODUCTION</b>	<b>% LIMIT</b>
CAW	17,641 AF	14,039 AF	80%	14,218 AF	81%
Non-CAW	3,046 AF	2,788 AF	92%	2,780 AF	91%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,687 AF</b>	<b>16,827 AF</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>16,998 AF</b>	<b>82%</b>

Notes:

1. MPWRS includes production from the Carmel River and underlying Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer and Coastal Subareas of the Seaside Groundwater Basin.
2. The Water Year (WY) runs from October 1 to September 30; see Section III-C for more information.

Source: MPWMD production reports

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**Figure V-1**  
**California American Water Use Per Connection for All Users: 1980 – 2006**

