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Why Marina must oppose the proposed expansion of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM)

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Why Marina must oppose the proposed expansion of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) Advanced Water Purification (AWP) Plant (or Phase 2) and demand changes to the proposed expansion?

Many people and organizations did not support the proposed Cal Am desalination plant. Instead, they support the proposed alternative expansion of the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) advanced water purification plant (or Phase 2). There are many valid reasons to support this expansion alternative (or Phase 2) and I do not need to repeat the valid reasons here. Phase 1 has recently obtained approval to inject 3,500 AFY and 200 AFY reserve to the Seaside aquifers.

Essentially, the proposed expansion of the PWM advanced water purification plant will produce an additional 2,250 acres feet per year (AFY) that will be injected into the Seaside basin and later extracted for use by Monterey Peninsula cities. This new supply will satisfy water demands for many years.

Monterey One Water (M1W), in conjunction with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), has prepared and distributed for comments the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) for this expansion alternative (or Phase 2).

The deadline to submit comments on the Draft Supplemental EIR was January 31, 2020. Marina Coast Water District has submitted written comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (DSEIR) to Monterey One Water on January 30, 2020. You should review the comments from MCWD to obtain further information and details.

So, what are the real reasons that we, all Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) ratepayers and all Marina residents, must oppose the proposed expansion of the PWM advanced water purification plant and demand changes to this proposed expansion? Some of the main reasons are listed below:

1. Monterey One Water (M1W) has entered into contracts to supply Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) with 1,427 acres feet per year of recycled water or advanced treated water. Monterey One Water supplies MCWD 600 AFY in Phase 1. Now M1W needs to honor the senior contractual rights of MCWD and supply MCWD with an additional 827 acres feet per year (AFY) of advanced treated water before supplying any additional advanced treated water to Cal Am. That means M1W can only inject 1,423 AFY into the Seaside basin, NOT 2,250 AFY as proposed. The Draft Supplemental EIR conveniently ignored the existing contracts and MCWD's senior contractual rights.

2. Monterey One Water must delete or eliminate all proposed Cal Am distribution system elements in the Draft Supplemental EIR since these proposed Cal Am facilities appear to serve the proposed Cal Am desalination plant and do not serve the proposed PWM expansion. Monterey One Water seems to violate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in including these Cal Am new elements that serve the proposed Cal Am desalination plant in this Draft Supplemental EIR.
3. The proposed modifications to Cal Am's distribution system listed in the Draft Supplemental EIR appear to accommodate the proposed Cal Am desalination plant will need to submit to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for review and approval and for conformance to CEQA laws. These Cal Am facilities cannot be included in this Draft Supplemental EIR. Both Monterey One Water and Cal Am appear to violate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in doing so. Cal Am paid Monterey One Water about \$341,000 to include Cal Am's new desalination facilities in this Draft Supplemental EIR; thus, appears to circumvent CEQA's laws and also appears to circumvent CPUC regulations and restrictions placed on Cal Am desalination project.
4. The PWM expansion needs to consider and use of existing MCWD 100% owned pipelines instead of construction new pipelines unnecessarily in conformance with CEQA. CEQA laws require Monterey One Water to consider alternatives.
5. The existing conveyance pipe which was owned 100% by Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) was designed to carry 3,500 AFY and 200 AFY reserve for Monterey One Water, and 1,427 AFY (600 AFY for Phase 1 and 827 AFY for Phase 2, the proposed expansion) for MCWD for a total of 5,127 AFY. Now Monterey One Water assumed that this pipe can carry an additional 2,250 AFY for a total of 7,377 AFY. The Draft Supplemental EIR did not include any engineering analysis showing that it is feasible to carry an additional 2,250 AFY.
6. The PWM expansion needs approval from MCWD Board of Directors for conveying additional water in MCWD's owned pipes and using the existing reservoir owned by MCWD assuming these usages do not adversely impact existing MCWD facilities as demonstrated in all engineering analysis that have not been done and nor included in the Draft Supplemental EIR. The Draft Supplemental EIR did not describe or show the need to obtain approval from MCWD.
7. Additionally, M1W must pay MCWD for additional capital costs, operation and maintenance costs to carry and store additional advanced treated water in MCWD 100% owned facilities.
8. M1W must credit MCWD for overpayment of capital cost of the existing advanced water treatment plant and overpayment of the maintenance and operating costs of the existing advanced water treatment plant if the proposed expansion proceeds.
9. Additionally, all existing agreements between Monterey One Water and MCWD need to be amended to reflect new changes, after the proposed expansion has been changed appropriately and deemed feasible, and all the capital costs, operation and maintenance costs need to be updated, and the current shared costs also need to be updated.
10. Again, Marina is being taken advantaged by Monterey One Water, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and Peninsula cities. That is another example of environmental INJUSTICE.

Public Water Now which represents Cal Am customers is unlikely to oppose the proposed

expansion and/or demand changes to the proposed expansion since the proposed expansion benefits them greatly at the expense of MCWD ratepayers.

Citizens Just for Water which represents all MCWD ratepayers needs to re-examine this proposed expansion more thoroughly and evaluates the negative and adverse impacts to Marina residents such as ignoring senior contractual rights to supply additional water to MCWD and MCWD ratepayers are required to pay more than its fair share on the proposed expansion. At the very least, Citizens Just for Water needs to have at least one public meeting to discuss and address the above adverse impacts to Marina residents instead of keeping silence on this matter.

Citizens Just for Water should invite the General Manager of Monterey One Water to this public meeting to answer the above concerns. If a public meeting is not possible, Citizens for Just Water should obtain written answers from Monterey One Water and communicate their responses to its members and all Marina residents the reasons why it still supports this proposed expansion while there are so much inequities to Marina residents and such potential violations of CEQA laws by Monterey One Water and Cal Am on this proposed expansion as described in details above.

Ratepayers of MCWD already had bad deals from Monterey One Water in Phase 1. Monterey One Water charges Cal Am about \$2,200 per acre foot for the advanced treated water while it costs MCWD about \$3,200 per acre foot for the same water. In 2019 even though MCWD does not use a drop of this water because it does not have distribution systems to deliver this water to parks and landscaped areas, MCWD still has to pay Monterey One Water about two million dollars. Will Monterey One Water use 600 AF of MCWD's water and supply it to Cal Am?

The proposed expansion project is very complicated. I only highlight the above comments within the time I had. I believe that there are other adverse issues that impact MCWD ratepayers I will discover later. It's worth noting that all project documents and executed agreements between various public agencies are public documents and most of them are not included in the agenda packets and/or posted on agencies' websites of Monterey One Water, Marina Coast Water District, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Fort Ord Reuse Authority, County of Monterey, and California Public Utilities Commission.

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Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has signed agreements with Monterey One Water such that M1W will provide MCWD with 600 AFY of advanced treated water in Phase 1 and 827 AFY in Phase 2 for a total of 1,427 AFY. The amount of 1,427 AFY is the amount of water MCWD agreed to provide to the Fort Ord land use jurisdictions under agreements between Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and MCWD and M1W.

In the current Phase 1, M1W provides 600 AFY to MCWD. However, in Phase 2, M1W did not provide 827 AFY as agreed. Instead, M1W plans to provide the entire 2,250 AFY to Cal Am if Cal Am agrees to purchase.

City of Seaside planned for several major developments in the former Fort Ord and Seaside that do not have sufficient potable water allocated for these projects. Seaside proposes to use more recycled water provided by MCWD in order to yield more available potable water to be used for these proposed projects.

Without the 827 AFY supplied to MCWD by M1W in Phase 2 as agreed, there will be NO available recycled water that Seaside can use for its major projects such as the Campus Town Center development as described in this project Draft EIR.

Unfortunately, both City of Seaside and FORA did not formally request MCWD to reserve the available 827 AFY for use in the former Fort Ord. Therefore, MCWD Board of Directors has informed M1W that it has not asked M1W to provide 827 AFY from the available water in Phase 2 as previously agreed.

However, if FORA now demands that MCWD provides 827 AFY in Phase 2 to the FORA land use jurisdictions in accordance with the previous signed agreement, then MCWD will be required to ask M1W to provide 827 AFY to MCWD in Phase 2 to be supplied to the former Fort Ord land use jurisdictions.

If FORA does not make such demand, City of Seaside and other land use jurisdictions will not

have recycled water available for irrigation and FORA does not conform to the adopted mitigations adopted for the Base Reuse Plan.

I do hope that FORA will be successful in convincing MCWD to abide by previous signed agreement with FORA to provide 827 AFY to FORA in Phase 2. Such additional recycled water can be used for developments in the former Fort Ord such as the proposed Campus Town Center proposed by the City of Seaside. Additionally, I hope FORA will convince M1W to provide MCWD 827 AFY as previously agreed.

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Sincerely,

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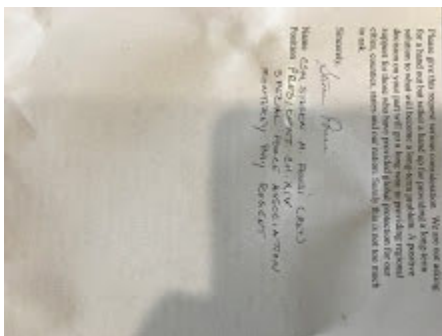


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March 5, 2020

Subject: VIAC Request for Support

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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and our 25 members are sending this letter to show our support the letter from the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC) in your correspondence for the March 12 meeting. The VIAC has requested your consideration of and support for providing financial assistance to the veteran community as you make your decisions about the disbursement of assets and liabilities upon your sunset.

The VIAC was formed to assist you with information from the veteran community for consideration in your deliberations and decisions for projects and policies on historic Ft. Ord. At the same time, we received support for our concerns from FORA leadership to help us decide where to put our efforts and how best to proceed when veteran issues came before you or your individual member's jurisdictions. This guidance was and continues to be critical to our deliberations and decisions.

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Sincerely,

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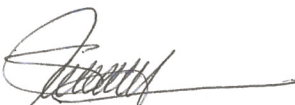
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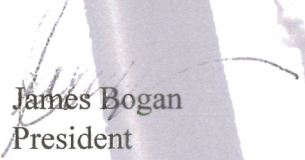
Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to express our support for the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee's request for funding support to aid in the transfer of oversight responsibilities for veteran issues on historic Ft. Ord from FORA to Monterey County. FORA has been instrumental in oversight, assistance and planning for many of the projects occurring on these lands. Some of those are the California Central Coast Veteran Cemetery, the William Gourley VA/DOD Medical Clinic and the Veterans Transition Center.

On the surface it would seem that there is no longer a need for a governmental agency to be involved in these projects from a development sense but it should be remembered that the cemetery is an 11 phase project which will take more than 100 years to complete, the clinic is still developing and having staffing issues due to the local cost of housing and the Veterans Transition Center is planning to expand their footprint and capabilities. These and other projects require local oversight and potential planning assistance similar to what FORA has provided.

While the county is the logical jurisdiction to provide this oversight, it should be understood that they currently do not have the staff nor office location for this responsibility. While I am sure the veteran community can find office space to accommodate the necessary staff, we cannot help defray the personnel costs that will be involved. We urgently request your support for this proposal to ensure continued progress on veteran related issues and projects on what was our historic home in Monterey County. Your local veterans deserve your support and look to you for leadership in ensuring our success.

Sincerely,


James Bogan
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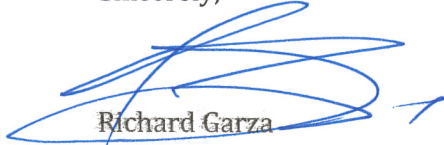
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In 2019 Monterey One Water (M1W) in conjunction with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) proposes to expand the existing advanced water treatment facility to provide an additional 2,250 acres feet per year (AFY) of advanced treated water, Phase 2. This water will be injected into Seaside aquifers and be extracted later by Cal Am and provide potable to Cal Am customers.

Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has signed agreements with Monterey One Water such that M1W will provide MCWD with 600 AFY of advanced treated water in Phase 1 and 827 AFY in Phase 2 for a total of 1,427 AFY. The amount of 1,427 AFY is the amount of water MCWD agreed to provide to the Fort Ord land use jurisdictions under agreements between Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and MCWD and M1W.

In the current Phase 1, M1W provides 600 AFY to MCWD. However, in Phase 2, M1W did not provide 827 AFY as agreed. Instead, M1W plans to provide the entire 2,250 AFY to Cal Am if Cal Am agrees to purchase.

City of Seaside planned for several major developments in the former Fort Ord and Seaside that do not have sufficient potable water allocated for these projects. Seaside proposes to use more recycled water provided by MCWD in order to yield more available potable water to be used for these proposed projects.

Without the 827 AFY supplied to MCWD by M1W in Phase 2 as agreed, there will be NO available recycled water that Seaside can use for its major projects such as the Campus Town Center development as described in this project Draft EIR.

Unfortunately, both City of Seaside and FORA did not formally request MCWD to reserve the available 827 AFY for use in the former Fort Ord. Therefore, MCWD Board of Directors has informed M1W that it has not asked M1W to provide 827 AFY from the available water in Phase 2 as previously agreed.

However, if FORA now demands that MCWD provides 827 AFY in Phase 2 to the FORA land use jurisdictions in accordance with the previous signed agreement, then MCWD will be required to ask M1W to provide 827 AFY to MCWD in Phase 2 to be supplied to the former Fort Ord land use jurisdictions.

If FORA does not make such demand, City of Seaside and other land use jurisdictions will not have recycled water available for irrigation and FORA does not conform to the adopted mitigations adopted for the Base Reuse Plan.

I do hope that FORA will be successful in convincing MCWD to abide by previous signed agreement with FORA to provide 827 AFY to FORA in Phase 2. Such additional recycled water can be used for developments in the former Fort Ord such as the proposed Campus Town Center proposed by the City of Seaside. Additionally, I hope FORA will convince M1W to provide MCWD 827 AFY as previously agreed.

The above comments are my own. These comments are not from any other individual or from any private or public organizations, and do not necessarily represent the views of Marina Coast

Water District or its Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Peter Le

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Monterey Gilia letter, the HCP EIR, and the fallacy of sunk costs

1 message

Michael DeLapa <execdir@landwatch.org>

Mon, Mar 9, 2020 at 11:18 AM

To: board@fora.org

Cc: Josh Metz <josh@fora.org>

FORA Board,

We ask that the FORA Board carefully review the attached letter from Dr. Fred Watson to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Dr. Watson is the Principal Investigator for the USFWS-funded project to evaluate the extent of, and restoration requirements for, a key protected species, Monterey Gilia. Dr. Watson explains that the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is based on outdated biological surveys, which do not reflect the current location and extent of Monterey Gilia. It seems highly unlikely that the USFWS would approve an HCP based on data that its investigator identifies as flawed. As Dr. Watson tactfully explains, "Perhaps it would be inefficient to proceed with outdated, unclear, or imprecise information and that better information should be used going forward."

Furthermore, as we have pointed out previously, the flawed proposed HCP and the draft EIR do not reflect future land use assumptions; there is no consensus among the land use jurisdictions. Indeed, the land use jurisdictions do not favor actually adopting an HCP unless and until they resolve critical issues of the HCP scale and funding among themselves.

In light of this, it would be financially and legally imprudent to invest \$200,000 or more to draft and certify a final EIR for the a flawed HCP, or for a hastily-developed alternative development scenario that was not evaluated in the draft EIR. Any final EIR at this point is unlikely to represent the HCP that the land use jurisdictions might ultimately want or that the resource agencies might ultimately approve. Furthermore, as FORA's CEQA attorneys, LAFCO, and LandWatch's attorney have explained, **completing an EIR without an agreed project is senseless.**

Economics 101 teaches the [fallacy of sunk costs](#) — the observation that people will irrationally throw good money after bad because they fear wasting resources that have already been spent. Decisions should be based on the utility of the marginal or incremental cost, not on sunk costs. Thus, it is irrelevant that FORA has sunk \$3 million in the EIR. The only relevant question now is what investment FORA's limited remaining funds (and limited time) will yield the highest return. Clearly it is NOT an additional \$200,000 on a biologically inadequate and legally risky EIR. Moreover, FORA staff have much more critical issues to address prior to June 30.

Finally, there is no need to certify an EIR to preserve the utility of whatever portions of the prior HCP planning and EIR preparation would remain useful in a future HCP adoption. Certification of an irrelevant or flawed EIR is neither necessary nor helpful to the eventual use of this material.

I hope on Friday you will vote against further expenditures on an EIR. It is not in the public's interest. It is a waste of money.

Regards,

Michael

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CC: Annee Ferranti (CDFW), Todd Lemein (USFWS), Josh Metz (FORA), Erin Harwayne (DD&A)

March 6, 2020

Monterey Gilia habitat management on the former Fort Ord

Dear Julie & Leilani,

This letter is to provide advance notice of the provision of new information relevant to the recovery of Monterey Gilia (also known as Sand Gilia) and current planning activities that may affect this recovery. These activities include consideration of the proposed Fort Ord Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan and subsequent considerations by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Habitat Working Group.

I am the Principal Investigator for a USFWS-funded project entitled “Evaluation of Monterey Gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *arenaria*) management, current extent, and restoration”. Through field survey and document research since Spring 2017 I have compiled a database on the distribution and management history of the taxon at a level of detail and currency that in several ways exceeds that used as foundation for the draft HCP. I am in the process of convening an expert Working Group on the taxon.

My understanding is that discussions may be underway between CDFW, USFWS, and FORA’s consultants relating to acreages of Monterey Gilia habitat proposed for protection versus take. It would seem that these acreages would depend on the accuracy of the underlying survey data and any outstanding protection obligations. Detailed information on such things was not clear in the draft HCP, as was essentially noted by CDFW in their December 16, 2019 comment letter on the draft HCP. Perhaps it would be inefficient to proceed with outdated, unclear, or imprecise information and that better information should be used going forward.

I have gathered and am in the process of providing information - not already contained within the draft HCP - relating, for example, to:

1. Failure to protect Monterey Gilia on the former Fort Ord as a result of what appears to be:
 - a. Illegal take
 - b. Failed avoidance
 - c. Failed or incomplete mitigation
2. Imprecise, overestimated, or outdated acreage of Gilia habitat that would be protected in certain parts of the former Fort Ord

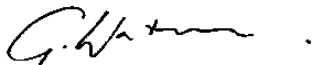
To illustrate the additional pertinent information that is available, I briefly note some examples as follows:

- An example of Item 1a (above) is apparent illegal take associated with FORA's project entitled "The General Jim Moore Boulevard and Eucalyptus Road Improvement Project". The Biological Resources Assessment for this project indicated that 1.0 acres of Monterey Gilia habitat would be taken by the project and that an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) would be required. The take occurred, but no ITP was ever granted by CDFW (according to Public Records Act requests I made to both FORA and CDFW). Thus, the take would appear to have been illegal. Other protected species were also involved.
- An example of Item 1c (above) is the apparent failure to mitigate 14 acres of take that occurred at the Marina Heights project site in about 2006 or 2007. This take occurred under an ITP issued in 2005, but the mitigation apparently never occurred.
- An example of Item 2 (above) is an area of County land south of Watkins Gate Road being indicated as having 66 acres of low density Gilia habitat. The original source of this information is the 1992 baseline survey, which is now outdated given substantial changes in the landscape in the wake of cessation of disturbance by the Army. The information is imprecise – 66 acres of low density habitat could involve as few as 66 plants or as many as 6600 plants, according to the 1992 report. The information is very likely a gross over-estimate - the area is now almost entirely occupied by oak woodland that is unfavorable to Gilia and my field survey in 2018 found no Gilia (in the context of a survey protocol that was finding hundreds of plants at other sites in the same year).

There are many examples like this that I believe affect the overall accounting of a balance between take and preservation. I intend to provide all the pertinent information I have. I anticipate it would take some time for staff to review this and for us to jointly resolve any inconsistencies. I think this effort is warranted given the lapse in time between the original 1992 baseline upon which much of the draft HCP accounting is based, the coarse grain of that baseline, and the lack of up to date information in the draft HCP on unmitigated take that has already occurred.

Again, for now, my intent is mainly to make you aware of the existence of additional information beyond that which is contained in the draft HCP.

Sincerely,



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March 5, 2020

Subject: VIAC Request for Support

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Dist. 28 American Legion Auxiliary and our *949* members are sending this letter to show our support the letter from the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC) in your correspondence for the March 12 meeting. The VIAC has requested your consideration of and support for providing financial assistance to the veteran community as you make your decisions about the disbursement of assets and liabilities upon your sunset.

The VIAC was formed to assist you with information from the veteran community for consideration in your deliberations and decisions for projects and policies on historic Ft. Ord. At the same time, we received support for our concerns from FORA leadership to help us decide where to put our efforts and how best to proceed when veteran issues came before you or your individual member's jurisdictions. This guidance was and continues to be critical to our deliberations and decisions.

Our concern is related to our dwindling membership. Most of the current active members of the veteran community are aging and, like most other civic organizations, new and younger members are hard to find. As our number shrink our heft before legislative and regulatory agencies also diminishes. We need to focus our efforts where they will do the most good. The County will become the regional nexus to provide many services to our citizens when the issues are larger than just one city. A position in the county Military and Veteran Affairs Office could provide timely information and guidance for that focus. In that this would be a new responsibility, that office is not currently staffed nor budgeted to take on the task. Your support could assist the County in the short term to provide the service while working to establish the personnel and funding required for the long-term effort.

Please give this request serious consideration. We are not asking for a hand out but rather a hand up for providing a long-term solution to what will become a long-term problem. A positive decision on your part will go a long way to providing regional support for those who have provided global protection for our cities, counties, states and our nation. Surely this is not too much to ask.

Sincerely,

Name *Deniece Clay*
President Dist. 28
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March 5, 2020



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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Monterey County Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America and our 164 members are sending this letter to show our support for the letter from the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC) in your correspondence for the March 12 meeting. The VIAC has requested your consideration of and support in providing financial assistance to the veteran community as you make your decisions about the disbursement of assets and liabilities on your sunset.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard H. Barratt".

LTC Richard H. Barratt, USA (Ret)
President

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March 5, 2020

Subject: VIAC Request for Support

Dear Sir or Madam,

As a retired Army officer living in Monterey County, I am sending this letter in support of the FORA Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (VIAC). I understand that the VIAC has requested your consideration of and support for providing financial assistance to the veteran community as you make your decisions about the disbursement of assets and liabilities upon your sunset.

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The dwindling membership of local service organizations is a matter of serious concern. Most of the current active members of the veteran community are aging and, like most other civic organizations, new and younger members are hard to find. As our number shrink our heft before legislative and regulatory agencies also diminishes. We need to focus our efforts where they will do the most good. The County will become the regional nexus to provide many services to our citizens when the issues are larger than just one city. A position in the county Military and Veteran Affairs Office could provide timely information and guidance for that focus. In that this would be a new responsibility, that office is not currently staffed nor budgeted to take on the task. Your support could assist the County in the short term to provide the service while working to establish the personnel and funding required for the long-term effort.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William W Breen".

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March 10, 2020

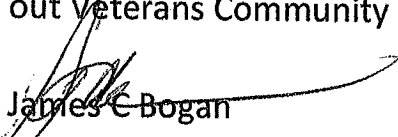
On behalf of 1374 members of Chapter 85, and 90,000 Department of California members I respectfully request that the Veterans Information Advisory Committee (VIAC), Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FOR A) be continued with the replacement organization at the sunset date for FORA in June 2020.

The VIAC Committee has provided sage informative advice to the FOR A Board regarding Veterans Services/Programs on Historic Fort Ord depicting positive affects for the Veterans Community population (18,000 to 21,000 Veterans and their family members estimated between 45,000 to 52,500).

Those Veterans Services/Programs include: VA/DOD Healthcare at the VA Outpatient Clinic, California Central Coast veterans Cemetery, The veterans Transition Center for Homeless Veterans/families. With planned ancillary projects.

Federal VA, County Veterans Services assistance to include: Transportation to and from VA Health care facilities, Veterans Court legal service programs, State veterans Outreach Services, program for County Veterans, And an effective Liaison program with local Active Duty Military and Reserve units that have effectively enhanced those services and programs which have collaborated to effect meaningful successes.

Your approval of this action will depict your continued commitment to respect out Veterans Community with dignity and respect. Indeed, it shall be your legacy!


James C Bogan
Chapter 85 Adjutant