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## **MCWD - A Silent and Unappreciated Partner**

In 2013, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) and Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, now Monterey One Water, jointly developed the Pure Water Monterey project. MPWMD provided seed money so Monterey One Water could start the preparation of the EIR for this project.

In October 8, 2015 Monterey One Water Board of Directors certified the EIR and approved the Pure Water Monterey Project. This project involved the construction of a new Advanced Treated Water Purification plant and new conveyance pipelines from the new plant to the new injection wells in Seaside to recharge the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

In 2002, MCWD, in cooperation with FORA, initiated the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP) to explore water supply alternatives to provide the additional 2,400 AFY of water supply needed under the Base Reuse Plan.

In 2007, as a result of an extensive environmental review, FORA and MCWD agreed to adopt a modified Hybrid Alternative, which would provide 1,427 AFY of recycled water to the Ord Community without the need for seasonal storage, and this in turn resulted in the FORA Board adopting Resolution 07-10 which allocated that 1,427 AFY of RUWAP recycled water to its member agencies having land use jurisdiction

Since 2002, MCWD continued to pre-install new pipes to carry recycled water whenever FORA and other parties constructed new roads in the former Fort Ord and designed the new conveyance pipeline for the new recycled water.

Monterey One Water wanted to use the pre-installed recycled water pipes that MCWD owned and the completed designs, right-of-way and easements that MCWD owned to lower the cost of the Pure Water Monterey project. Both parties have been in negotiation since 2013.

Finally, in 2015, MCWD agreed to construct the Advanced Treated Water Delivery and Supply Pipeline and a new reservoir for the Pure Water Monterey project.

The total project cost is about 124 million dollars. Monterey One Water pays about 93

million dollars for the new advanced water treatment plant and injection wells. MCWD pays about 31 million dollars, or 25 percent, for the conveyance and distribution pipelines and a new reservoir. Without the participation of MCWD, the Pure Water Monterey project would not have come to reality.

Several other parties such as City of Salinas and other State and Federal agencies cooperated and contributed to the success of this project. But MCWD is a significant partner for this project in contributing substantial amount of money and resources.

However, local news outlets and public releases frequently claimed that the Pure Water Monterey Project is a partner of MPWMD and Monterey One Water only. Additionally, this project was presented at a few conferences with the same claim. Both MPWMD and Monterey One Water conveniently omitted MCWD as a valuable partner of the Pure Water Monterey Project and frequently called MCWD as a cooperator only, like City of Salinas.

MCWD has completed 99 percent of the conveyance pipelines and the new reservoir. Monterey One Water will complete the new water treatment plant and injection wells by June 2019. New purified water is expected to inject into the Seaside Groundwater Basin in July 2019.

The opinions expressed above are my own and they do not represent the views of any organization or any other individuals.

Sincerely,

Peter Le

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Board of Directors Fort Ord Reuse Authority

Dear Directors:

Re: FORA Gives about 2.3 million dollars to Monterey One Water

I noticed that FORA is considering giving money that it collected from developers for the Water Augmentation purposes as required under the Base Reuse Plan to Monterey One Water. FORA considers giving about 2.3 million dollars to Monterey One Water for the Pure Water Monterey project.

For the Pure Water Monterey project, Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) fully pays its fair share on the entire project, about 32 million dollars, which includes the new advanced water treatment plant, the conveyance pipelines, and a new reservoir to obtain additional water for the Base Reuse Plan. Therefore, it's difficult to understand why FORA still needs to pay Monterey One Water any additional money for no additional water.

If FORA give Monterey One Water any money, 2.3 million dollars or any other amount, FORA will get zero additional drop of water for the Base Reuse Plan from the Pure Water Monterey project.

Since FORA collects water impact fees to develop augmented water supplies as required for the Base Reuse Plan, it appears inappropriate and not legal to give the money collected for augmented water to any party that provides zero water to FORA.

If FORA Board decides to give Monterey One Water, it will indirectly subsidize water users in the Monterey Peninsula and penalizes water users in the former Fort Ord. MCWD will have to charge the base water users more to make up for the money FORA gives to Monterey One Water.

I strongly urge FORA Board not to give Monterey One Water any money and save that money to be used for getting additional augmented water only. The opinions expressed above are my own and they do not represent the views of any organization or any other individuals.

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Subject:	Hyatt Monterey
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We had hoped for a response today but it was not forthcoming. See attached and the copy of our email from Friday March 15th below. FYI - Wakefield is an attorney in North Carolina. We were discussing the issue with the hotels Counsel in Atlanta but they brought Wakefield into play. This is for your information so you will be aware of the situation. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

> Mr. Wakefield, as stated on our phone call, the Building Trades meeting is on Monday. I am trying to contact the San Mateo CLC who is most certainly concerned that if they don't cancel within an allotted amount of time by contract they will suffer a charge, penalty, or loss of their deposit.

> If Davidson would comply with our request and we could make a determination as to the process and if it was carried out in a fair manner as outlined by Sec 51 of the HERE CBA, we could overcome the logjam and sit down and talk.

Request - if the boycott is to be lifted, Davidson should provide us with the information we are requesting so that we can determine whether they complied with Section 51 on the HVAC project, and get Davidson or Avila to provide us with the bids it received.

Regarding the spa project, we are not asking for it to be awarded to Ausonio, we are asking for the bids from Ausonio and Avila so we can determine the appropriate entity for award of the project. This is called transparency. The bid should include all sub bids.

We don't understand why this is a problem. If this were done, as we have asked, we would be glad to sit down and discuss the situation, come to an understanding and mutual agreement as to how things are to be handled in the future.

In Solidarity,

Ron Chesshire

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Please be aware that at the January meeting of the M/SC BCTC, the Council voted for **Picket Sanction** as submitted by Sheet Metal Local 104 against San Benito Heating and Sheetmetal, Inc. which is working at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey, Calif. and the Council voted to **BOYCOTT** the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can direct them to SMW Local 104 at 831-633-3585 or myself at 831-869-3073.

In Solidarity,

Feb. 27, 2019,

members,

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