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Funding Agreement to Advance Water Supply

Marina, CA – On July 8 the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) Board took action to participate in funding construction of a much needed Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) pipeline project for use of advance-treated recycled water at former Fort Ord.

MCWD has long planned to construct a nearly 10-mile long pipeline as a major backbone infrastructure project identified in the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP). Once constructed, the pipeline will transport advance-treated recycled water to Ord Community area water users as part of the redevelopment of the former Ford Ord.

Up to 1,427 acre-feet per year will be supplied for irrigating landscapes, public parks and other commercial landscaping. A water augmentation project is required in implementation of the Fort Ord Base Reuse Plan. It is anticipated that the pipeline will also help with efficiency and effectiveness of the Pure Water Monterey project through delivery of recycled water to water users.

The proposed Pipeline Financing Reimbursement Agreement would dedicate up to \$6 million to the total estimated cost of \$26 million for a 55,000 foot pipeline for recycled water transport. The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) has also agreed to contribute to the construction costs, and MCWD recently submitted an application for a low interest loan for the augmentation project to the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Financial Assistance Program operated through the State Water Resources Control Board.

The Pipeline Agreement proposes that FORA will commit to reimburse MCWD for pipeline implementation costs between now and the end of FY 2019-20; FORA will receive assurances of funding being applied to the recycled water project; and FORA will work with MCWD to obtain commitments from the land-use jurisdictions to receive the water provided by the recycled water project.

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