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Subject: Scoping Comment to NOP – People’s Moss Landing Water Desalination Project

Dear Ms. McIntyre;

We have reviewed the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the People’s Moss Landing Water Desalination Project and offer the following comments.

1. The NOP identifies “1,000 afy for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) and/or the City of Watsonville.” PVWMA completed a Basin Management Plan Update (BMP Update) in 2014 (http://pvwma.dst.ca.us/about-pvwma/assets/bmp_update_2012/2012_BMP_Update_Draft_Stamped_Jan2013_screen.pdf). As described in the BMP Update, desalination of seawater was one of 44 projects that were initially identified as potential alternatives for meeting the water supply demands of the PVWMA service area. Although ranked in the top 14 projects that warranted further consideration, ultimately seawater desalination was eliminated from the recommended suite of projects due to the per acre foot cost of the water as compared to the other high ranking projects. The BMP Update did recommend a suite of projects that are expected to meet the long-term water supply demands for the region and, thus, PVWMA does not anticipate a need for desalinated water at this time.
2. Figure 3 in the NOP – “Proposed Pipeline and Storage Tank Locations” depicts a pipeline from the proposed plant to a location near the Pajaro River Bridge in Watsonville. We do not have distribution pipeline at or near that location.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

Mary Bannister
General Manager