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**SUBJECT: MPWMD COMMENTS ON NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF
DRAFT EIR FOR PEOPLE'S MOSS LANDING WATER DESALINATION
PROJECT; SCH# [not provided]**

Dear Ms. McIntyre:

This letter from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) is in response to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the People's Moss Landing Water Desalination Project (PMLWDP or Project) referenced above. The District would serve as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, specifically in relation to issuance of Water Distribution System (WDS) Permit(s) for amendments to the California-American Water Company (CAW) WDS to receive PMLWDP water, or for any new or amended WDS created by the Project proponent or other water recipient within District boundaries. The WDS Permit process is primarily described in MPWMD Rules 20, 21 and 22, found at: http://www.mpwmd.net/rules/2014/July2014/TOC_20140721.htm.

Areas of District authority include hydrology/water quality, water/utilities, and the MPWMD Mitigation Program for the Carmel River aquatic habitat, dependent species, and riparian corridor. The District has the following comments on the NOP:

Section E, Description of Proposed Project, and/or Section G, Environmental issues (Utilities and Public Services). The EIR should include a subsection describing public agency permits needed for project implementation. MPWMD should be included in this overview because a WDS Permit will be required for any importation of PMLWDP water into the District boundaries, as described above. An overview of Water Distribution System rules and process is found at: <http://www.mpwmd.net/pae/wds/wds.htm>.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. My staff and I are available to meet if further coordination is needed. I can be reached at dstoldt@mpwmd.net or 831/658-5650 if you have questions. The District Engineer is Larry Hampson at 831/658-5620 or Larry@mpwmd.net. The staff contact for WDS Permits is Henrietta Stern, Project Manager, at 831/658-5621 or Henrietta@mpwmd.net.

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Sincerely,


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