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c/o Aspen Environmental Group

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## **COMMENTS ON PEOPLE'S PROJCT NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

**Elaborating on my comments at the Moose Lodge scoping session, I suggest the inclusion of the following items in the draft EIR to strengthen it and to increase the value of the proposed project.**

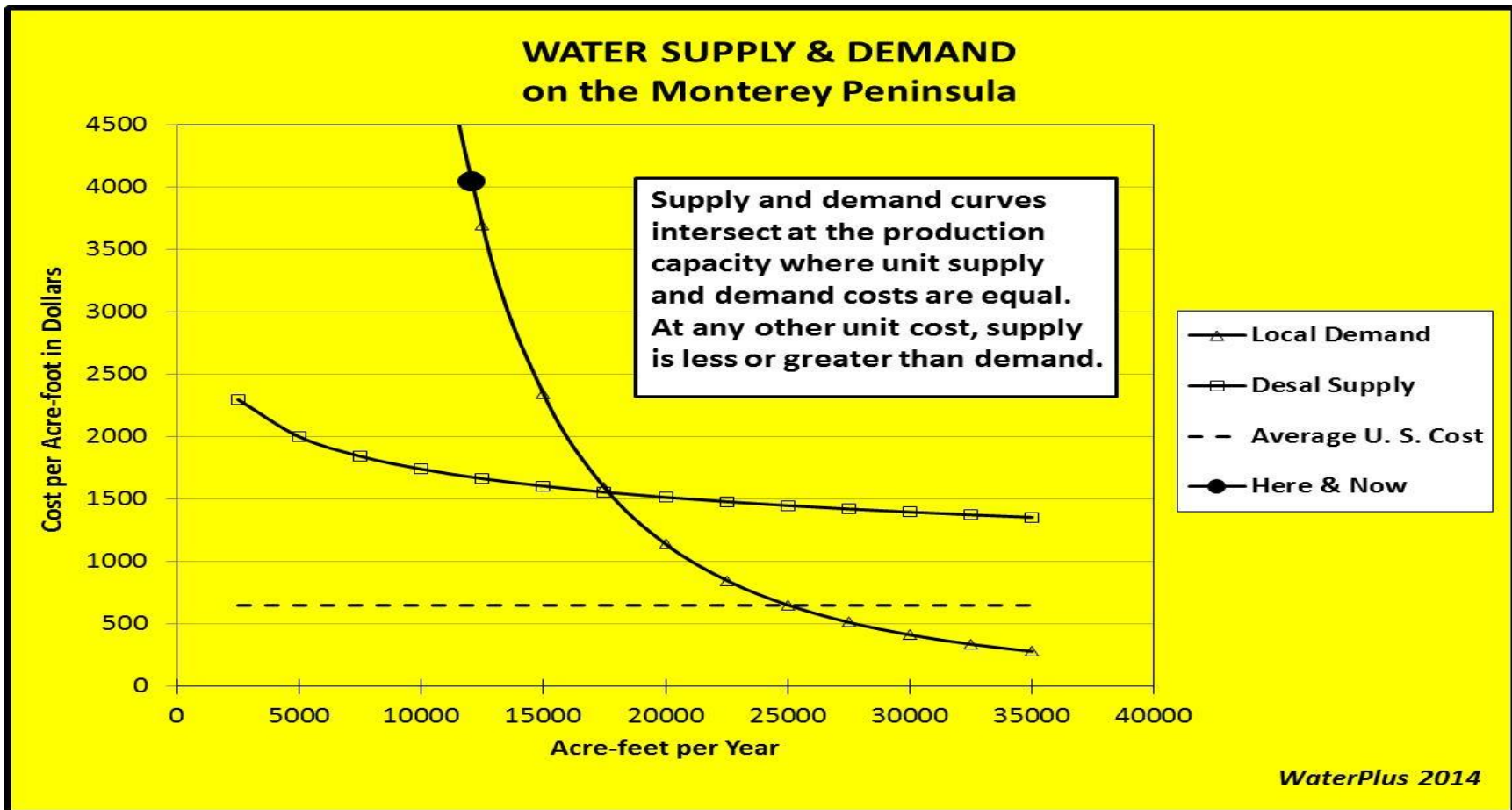
- A. Prepare and report a study of the use of solar panels to provide all or part of the power required by the project. This study should compare relative costs and effects on the environment in a cost-benefit analysis supporting the project's choice.**
- B. Consider using a hybrid of open-ocean and sub-surface intake based on the condition of returning all the fresh-water component of the drawn sub-surface water to the Salinas Valley. The plan now is to provide a large portion of product water to the valley. The source water for this use could be drawn from sub-surface aquifers via vertical wells on site because the site has the required water rights.**
- C. Justify plant sizing by use of a supply-demand graph like the one attached, rather than the unscientific method used by the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.**

**Thank you for your attention to these suggestions.**

**Very respectfully,**

**Ron Weitzman**

**President, Water Ratepayers Association of the Monterey Peninsula**



### WHAT THIS GRAPH TELLS US

1. The amount we are paying for each unit of water we use is over
  - a. Six times what the average U. S. water customer pays
  - b. Two and one-half times what we could pay for desalinated water
2. If we build a desal plant capable of producing 17,500 acre-feet per year, we could
  - a. Fulfill our entire demand for water, even in a drought year
  - b. Pay less than 40% of what we pay now with no over-supply of water
  - c. Be rid of the tiered rate structure that makes us vulnerable to spiked bills