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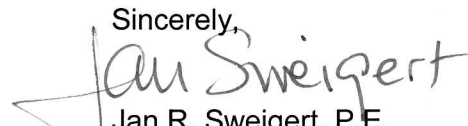
Attention: Linda McIntyre, Moss Landing Harbor District
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People's Moss Landing Water Desalination Project
Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report

The State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water (Division), Monterey District Office, received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report for the People's Moss Landing Water Desalination Project. The project involves the construction of a desalination facility with ocean intakes, data center, transmission piping for raw and treated water and other necessary appurtenances for treating seawater for the production of potable drinking water. The Division has the following comments:

1. The Division has the responsibility of ensuring that public water systems comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act and other regulations, including the California Waterworks Standards. These statutes and regulations require that water utilities provide an adequate quantity and quality of water to customers. The project identified in the NOP is intended to provide a domestic source of supply to customers in Monterey County, and must therefore be reviewed and approved by the Division, and a domestic water supply permit issued prior to use. Please note that a domestic water supply permit is required for both wholesale water systems (that only sell water to other permitted water systems) and water systems that provide drinking water directly to customers
2. The source of seawater will be direct intake from the Monterey Bay. Therefore, the project must be designed, constructed and operated to meet all requirements of the California Code of Regulations Title 22 Chapter 17 - Surface Water Treatment Rule.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the NOP for the People's Moss Landing Water Desalination Project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (831) 655-6934.

Sincerely,

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Division of Drinking Water

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