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California Department of Water Resources
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Subject: Support for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project

Dear Ms. Ore:

On behalf of the Seaside Basin Watermaster, we support Monterey One Water's new project, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion (PWMX) Project.

In short, the PWMX Project will increase the amount of purified recycled water that the existing PWM project provides for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The PWMX Project will provide a large percentage of the existing Monterey Peninsula's water supply and it will diversify the area's water supply portfolio and improve groundwater sustainability.

As the Court-appointed body responsible for carrying out the requirements of the Adjudication Decision governing the Seaside Groundwater Basin, the Seaside Basin Watermaster has been involved with the PWM Project for many years. It meets the rigorous water quality standards and regulations from both the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State of California's Division of Drinking Water. We expect the PWMX Project will also meet or exceed all human health and safety concerns as it pertains to water quality within the Basin.

We are pleased to support the PWMX Project which will benefit the Basin by providing an additional supplemental source of water to help mitigate over-drafting conditions.

Sincerely,

Paul Bruno
Chair, Seaside Basin Watermaster

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