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United States, Bureau of Reclamation
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Subject: Support for the Pure Water Monterey Project

Dear Ms. Erath:

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

In short, PWM will produce 3,500 AFY of purified recycled water for injection into the Seaside Groundwater Basin. This project will provide up to 33 percent of the existing Monterey Peninsula's water supply plus it will diversify the area's water supply portfolio and improve groundwater sustainability.

Another benefit of the Project is that during wet and normal precipitation years, the Project will produce and inject an additional 200 AFY to create a drought reserve. This reserve will be built up for at least five years in order to create additional surplus of 1,000 AF for local water supplies.

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 Project for many years. This project will meet 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 this Project to meet or exceed all human health and safety concerns as it pertains to water quality within the Basin.

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

Sincerely,

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