

LAFCO *of Monterey County*

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Sphere of Influence, Annexation, and Activation of Latent Powers Proposal

The Local Agency Formation Commission has received an application from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for: (1) a proposed Sphere of Influence amendment and district annexation totaling approximately 138.74 acres; and (2) a proposed activation of latent powers to provide and maintain potable water production and distribution services for retail customers throughout the District's territory. *LAFCO File #21-01.*

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District provides water management, water augmentation, water reuse and reclamation, water conservation, and environmental protection and mitigation services within its District boundaries, which include the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley. This proposal would expand the area in which the District is authorized to provide these services and would activate a new power to proceed with the potential public acquisition of the California American Water Company's Monterey Water System.

The proposed Sphere of Influence expansion and annexation includes two areas adjacent to the District's boundaries in the Yankee Point and Hidden Hills areas in unincorporated Monterey County totaling approximately 138.74 acres. The proposed activation of latent powers would apply to the entire District's existing boundaries, which encompass the Monterey Peninsula and Carmel Valley, and to the proposed 138.74 annexation area. A map of the proposal area, and other detailed information about the proposal is available on LAFCO's website: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov

As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for this proposal on October 29, 2020 (available on the LAFCO "Resources" webpage at <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/government-links/lafco/resources>). Acting as a Responsible Agency regarding the District's proposed activation of latent powers, Sphere of Influence amendment and annexation, the Commission will consider the EIR findings made by the District's Board of Directors for this proposal pursuant to CEQA.

If you have any questions or would like to receive additional information, please contact LAFCO Senior Analyst

Notice is hereby given that LAFCO will hold a public hearing to consider the actions listed below. All persons wishing to speak regarding the proposed actions will be heard.

On **Monday, October 25, 2021, at 4:00 PM:**

The Commission will consider approval of the: (1) proposed sphere of influence amendment and annexation; and (2) proposed activation of latent powers described above. The agenda and Executive Officer's Report for this public hearing will be available by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at LAFCO's web site: www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov

Based on guidance from the State of California aimed at minimizing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, ***the Commission will hold the meeting electronically only, without a physical location for public participation.*** The meeting will be accessible by online video conference or by telephone. The meeting agenda, when posted, will include instructions for viewing or participating in the public meeting online or by telephone. The meeting agenda will also include instructions for submitting written comments in advance of the meeting.

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