



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CERTIFY THE FINAL EIR FOR THE PURE WATER MONTEREY GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT PROJECT, ADOPT FINDINGS AND A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS, APPROVE A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM, AND APPROVE THE PROJECT OR AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR Project). The MRWPCA Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider certification of the EIR, adoption of findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations, approval of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approval of the GWR Project or an Alternative to the GWR Project at a special meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the MRWPCA administration office at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California.

Project Description: The proposed GWR Project would create a reliable source of water supply for northern Monterey County. The GWR Project would consist of two components: 1) purified water for recharge of the Seaside Groundwater Basin, and 2) recycled water to augment the existing Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's agricultural irrigation supply. Water supplies proposed to be recycled and reused by the GWR Project include municipal wastewater, industrial wastewater, urban stormwater runoff, and surface water diversions. The GWR Project is being proposed by MRWPCA in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (Water Management District). The GWR Project would be located within northern Monterey County and would include new facilities located within unincorporated areas of the Salinas Valley and within the cities of Salinas, Marina, Seaside, Monterey, and Pacific Grove.

Final EIR: The Final EIR consists of the oral and written comments received on the Draft EIR, and presents responses to environmental issues raised in the comments. In addition to the responses to comments, the Final EIR contains revisions, updates, and clarifications in response to public comment on the Draft EIR. The Final EIR is available at the project website (www.purewatermonterey.org), the MRWPCA website (www.mrwPCA.org), the MRWPCA administrative office at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, CA 93940, and the Water Management District administrative office at 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, Ca 93940. The Final EIR is also available at the following libraries during normal business hours: Seaside Public Library, Marina Public Library, Salinas Public Libraries, Castroville Public Library, Monterey Public Library, Carmel Valley Public Library, and Harrison Memorial Library (Carmel).

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