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SUBJECT: Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project Public Hearing – Comments Received and Planned Engineering Report Revisions

Dear Sherly,

Thank you for your guidance and help preparing for the August 22, 2016 Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project Public Hearing. We appreciated the presence of Division of Drinking Water (DDW) staff during the demonstration facility tour and involvement at the public hearing. Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency's (MRWPCA) extensive efforts at public outreach and noticing for the hearing were evident based on the hearing attendance, participation, and comments received on the Pure Water Monterey Project (Project). The feedback assists us in identifying issues of concern within the community and providing suitable public outreach and technical responses to address those concerns.

There were approximately 75 attendees at the hearing. During the hearing, 15 attendees provided oral comments and 10 submitted comment cards. After the hearing, MRWPCA received 8 letters during the designated public comment period. MRWPCA assigned a designation letter to each person that provided comments whether they submitted a single written comment or both a comment card and a letter. MRWPCA identified 22 topics/questions (Letters A-H) related to the "Revised Draft Engineering Report: Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (July 1, 2016)." The topics are addressed in Attachment 1 along with MRWPCA's response, location of relevant information in the Engineering Report, and references to MRWPCA's revisions (if needed)

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to the Engineering Report. For brevity, comments were paraphrased and similar comments were combined. All written comments received during the public comment period are provided in Attachment 2 (Letters A-O). Letters A-H include topics related to the Engineering Report. MRWPCA is preparing responses to the remaining public hearing comments (Letters I-O) that will be posted along with the Engineering Report comments (Letters A-H) on the agency's website (www.mrwpca.org) by September 30, 2016.

The Engineering Report revisions are shown as underline/strikethrough text in Attachment 3. In addition to these technical changes, MRWPCA will be revising the Engineering Report to include the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for chromium (VI) in accordance with DDW comments. The timeline for regulatory review and funding approvals is critical to project success. Therefore, we respectively request your review of these proposed revisions as quickly as possible. After receiving approval, MRWPCA will finalize the Engineering Report for your records. The current project schedule is based on adoption of the Water Recycling Requirements at the December 8, 2016 Central Coast Regional Water Board Hearing to assist with timely project funding and meeting the region's needs for replacement water supplies in compliance with State Water Board Orders.

Please contact Bob Holden at (831) 372-3367 or <u>bobh@mrwpca.com</u> if you have any questions about the comments, MRWPCA's responses, and the Engineering Report revisions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- (1) MRWPCA Responses to August 22, 2016 Public Hearing Comments Related to Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project Engineering Report
- (2) August 22, 2016 Public Hearing Comment Cards and Letters Received (A to O)
- (3) Excerpted Pages showing Revisions to the "Revised Draft Engineering Report: Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (July 1, 2016)"