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PREFACE

This combined document comprises the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency's Final Consolidated Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR Project) (SCH No. 2013051094), as well as the resolution and notices from the hearing for the Final EIR and Pure Water Monterey Project approval (October 8, 2015). The Final EIR has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.), and in accordance with the Guidelines for Implementation of CEQA (14 CCR 15000 et seq.). The Consolidated Final EIR is organized in the following volumes:

- Volume I contains the full text of the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project EIR with changes to the Draft EIR as a result of comments received during the public review period (see September 2015 Final EIR) and minor edits in the Errata to the Final EIR (October 5, 2015). Changes to the Draft EIR are shown as stricken text (i.e., strikeout) where text is removed, and by underlined text (i.e., <u>underline</u>) where text is added for clarification.
- **Volume II** contains the complete set of Appendices to the Consolidated EIR, including those appendices added to the EIR as part of the September 2015 Final EIR preparation.
- **Volume III** contains the Final EIR as published in September 2015, including comments received on the Draft EIR and responses thereto including Master Responses.
- **Volume IV** includes documents associated with the EIR certification and project approval, including the following:
 - Notice of Public Hearing and Availability of the Final EIR,
 - Staff Report by staff and letters from the public prior to and during the EIR certification and project approval hearing on October 8, 2015,
 - Presentation at the October 8, 2015 hearing,
 - MRWPCA Resolution 2015-24 (certifying the EIR, approving the project, approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, adopting Findings of Fact and a Statement of Overriding Considerations),
 - Signed and stamped Notice of Determination and receipts documenting filing and California Department of Fish and Wildlife fee payment with the County Clerk and the State, and
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