



Supplement to December 11, 2023 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters sent and/or received between **November 1, 2023** and **November 30, 2023**. These letters are listed in the Monday, December 11, 2023 Board Packet under Letters Received.

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Melodie Chrislock	MPWMD Board	11/21/2023	Response received from Mike McCullough RE: Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in water supply

From: mwchrislock@redshift.com
To: [Alvin Edwards](#); [Amy Anderson](#); [George Riley](#); [Karen Paull](#); [District 5](#); [Marc Eisenhart](#); [Ian Oglesby](#); [Dave Stoldt](#); [Sara Reyes](#)
Subject: Pine Cone Letter - MA Coppernoll
Date: Sunday, November 12, 2023 8:10:50 PM

<http://pineconearchive.fileburstcdn.com/231110PC.pdf>

Carmel Pine Cone / November 10, 2023

Cal Am buyout a 'public necessity'

Dear Editor,

The recent Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) public hearing on the Cal Am buyout was a resounding success. The public spoke two to one in favor of the buyout and the board gave well thought out reasons to proceed with eminent domain. It provided 83 "Findings with Evidence" confirming the substantial reasons for the eminent domain action, based on Measure J's voter mandate and expert-verified feasibility.

Cal Am has been acquiring out-of-the-area water systems at hugely inflated prices and adding those costs to the Peninsula's extremely high water rates. Cal Am receives profit on these newly purchased capital assets. In addition, Cal Am adds conservation surcharges for water not sold, miscellaneous "charitable" and advertising costs, capital costs, infrastructure costs, etc. For example, Cal Am charged Peninsula rate payers for its Hawaii location's operating costs. Water costs are more than fifty percent higher for the Monterey Peninsula than for other California water districts.

Cal Am's unaffordable, unfair rates are a burden for many Peninsula customers. Its continued focus on increasing profits for American Water shareholders at the expense of Peninsula customers has reached an unsustainable level.

The only common-sense, critical-thinking conclusion is that the MPWMD Resolution of Necessity action to buyout Cal Am is a public necessity!

We applaud MPWMD for honoring, and acting on behalf of, “We the People”. Chapeaux! Bravissimo!

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll, Marina



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11/13/2023

Mary Adams
Board Chair
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, California

Dear Mary:

We are pleased to notify you that your annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 qualifies for GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

When a Certificate of Achievement is awarded to a government, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement (AFRA) is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for its having earned the Certificate. This award has been sent to the submitter as designated on the application.

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and give appropriate publicity to this notable achievement. A sample news release is included to assist with this effort.

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michele Mark Levine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michele Mark Levine
Director, Technical Services

From: [Dave Stoldt](#)
To: [Sara Reyes](#)
Subject: Correspondence Received
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:33:45 AM

From: Michael Baer <mgbisme@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 9:52 AM
To: Dave Stoldt <dstoldt@mpwmd.net>; dave@laredolaw.net
Subject: public comment for tonights closed session

Good morning Daves,

I have a 5pm appointment tonight so I am writing my comments in advance of your 5pm closed session.

I would like to comment on your agenda item in the wake of the LAFCO preliminary decision. I did review the 30+ page document. The salient points are that the decision to deny latent powers was vacated (Yay!), but that MPWMD failed to prove bias of any of the commissioners. Judge Wills did not consider the necessity of LAFCO approval for latent powers as it was raised by Cal Am which was outside of their scope of participation.

One of the things we learned from the last two federal Speakers of the House (Pelosi and McCarthy) is the importance of counting votes. It is pretty clear that the District is still on the short end of a 4-3 vote at LAFCO, and to return to that agency for a do-over would be foolish, opening you up to further delay.

It is my opinion that it is the interest of the district and the public to proceed with eminent domain with expediency. I imagine that the latent powers issue will be raised by CalAm in that venue, so lets get on with it.

Please include these comments into the record

I look forward to hearing more about that tonight at the regular meeting.

Regards,

Michael Baer

From: [Nina Beety](#)
To: [Thomas Christensen](#); [Sara Reyes](#)
Cc: [Alvin Edwards](#); [George Riley](#); [Marc Eisenhart](#); [Karen Paul](#); [Amy Anderson](#); [Ian Oglesby](#); [George Riley](#); nbeety@netzero.net
Subject: Fish "tag" info request
Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 2:14:02 PM

Dear Mr. Christensen:

Regarding the recent Monterey County Weekly article, would you please send me the specifications/spec sheets for the various fish "tags" MPWMD is using, including devices' dimensions, frequencies, power, power source, and manufacturer?

The article indicated that these are active RF devices. Is that correct? If so, how often do they transmit?

Also, would you please send me the specs on the "electrofisher" you use to stun fish?

Thank you.

Nina Beety

From: Thomas Christensen
To: Nina Beety; Sara Reyes
Cc: Alvin Edwards; George Riley; Marc Eisenhart; Karen Paull; Amy Anderson; Ian Oglesby; George Riley
Subject: RE: Fish "tag" info request
Date: Friday, November 17, 2023 10:23:48 AM
Attachments: MERCK-PRODUCT-JS1001-Reader-9-2020-1.pdf

Dear Ms. Beety,

The manufacturer of the Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags is Biomark Inc. A link to their website is below.

https://www.biomark.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAu9yqBhBmEiwAHTx5p4ipozbeAsV7qNEJivqSbVul5rSWIzVD0zzeMaKNMrKGifye4A7FNhoChz0QAvD_BwE

The fish counting station is comprised of an array that works with a Radio Frequency (RF) of ISO 134.2 kHz that then detects the PIT tags as it passes through the field. This allows for detection up to a couple feet away. These data are collected by a data logger next to the river that is run on Solar DC power (see attached spec sheet).

The electrofisher (model LR-24) is manufactured by Smith-Root Inc. When we rescue juvenile steelhead and carry out population surveys, we work in direct current (DC) mode so there are no frequencies created. Below is a link to their website.

<https://www.smith-root.com/electrofishers/lr-24>

Here are the specifications for the electrofisher.

LR-24 Electrofisher Specifications

Output Power	400W continuous, 39,600W peak
Output Voltage	50 to 990V in 5V steps
Output Frequency	0 to 120Hz in 5Hz steps, Gated burst up to 1000Hz
Duty Cycle	0% to 99% in 1% steps
Output Current	40A peak max, 4A continuous at 100V
Output Waveforms	Smooth DC, Pulsed DC, Burst of Pulses DC
Waveform Storage	Save voltage, frequency, duty cycle and pulse type for 10 different waveforms
Operational Duty Cycle	40% Max. (192 seconds on 288 seconds off) at 40° C ambient 400VA output
Overload Protection	Excessive peak current, average current or over-temperature will shutdown the unit before damage can occur. Resets automatically when condition is corrected
Output Indicator	Audio tone for 30VDC and greater and increasing pulse rate for output power, Flashing red light, Status display for output voltage both average and peak, output current both average and peak and output power
Metering	Peak and average output current, Peak and average output voltage, Peak and average output power, Battery voltage, Battery current, Battery fuel gauge, Timer, Waveform settings, Error messages, Fault conditions
Output On Timer	0 to 999,999 seconds, resettable via menu
Environmental Requirements	Operational altitude: -400 to 3000 meters Relative humidity: 10% to 90% noncondensing Operating temperature: 0° to 40° C Storage temperature: -15° to 50° C
Construction	Sealed molded polyethylene and ABS case NEMA 4, IP 65
Safety Devices	Output indicator Tilt switch: Forward 50°, backward 40°, sideways 45° all ± 10° Immersion sensor Electrode out of water sensor Electrode pole switch Emergency stop switch Battery compartment interlock Battery fuseable link
Battery	Choice of 24V lithium or lead-acid batteries
Battery Life	40 minutes continuous at 100W with 7Ah lead-acid battery
Size and Weight	Height: 27.5 in (69.9 cm) Width: 14.5 in (36.9 cm) Depth: 14.5 in (36.9 cm) Weight: 20.35 lb. (9.23 kg) without battery or accessories
Certifications	UL STD 61010A-1 CAN/CSA C22.2 STD NO. 1010.1

We operate under permits from NOAA Fisheries and California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Best,
Thomas

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Subject: Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in water supply
Date: Saturday, November 18, 2023 7:15:30 AM

EPA detected "forever chemicals" in water systems serving 46 million. Is yours on our map?

<https://news.yahoo.com/epa-detected-forever-chemicals-water-100344697.html?.t1013>

This map <https://data.usatoday.com/epa-pfas/> shows Cal Am has 7 pollutants over the EPA limit in our water, but it doesn't show which ones. How can we find out if there are PFAS in our water or what the seven pollutants are?

Melodie Chrislock
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Sara Reyes

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Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:00 AM
To: Alvin Edwards; Amy Anderson; George Riley; Karen Paull; District 5; Marc Eisenhart; Ian Oglesby; Dave Stoldt; Sara Reyes
Subject: Response from M1W on Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in water supply

FYI

From: Mike McCullough <MikeM@my1water.org>
Date: Monday, November 20, 2023 at 11:47 AM
To: "mwchrislock@redshift.com" <mwchrislock@redshift.com>, Paul Sciuto <Paul@my1water.org>
Subject: RE: Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in water supply

Melodie,

If you go to this link

<https://www.montereyonewater.org/332/Annual-Reports>

and click on the 2022 Annual Report, you will see that no PFAS or PFOA was detected in the water leaving the Advanced Water Purification Facility. That is found on Table 80 a on page 177 of the 712 page pdf.

If you look at the groundwater sampling from the Seaside Groundwater Basin – Table 112 – page 226 of the 712 page pdf, you will see no detects in that as well.

The laboratory equipment can detect PFAS in very small quantities. The information from our reporting is that we aren't finding it from the water produced from PWM.

Mike McCullough, MPA

Director of External Affairs

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Subject: Forever Chemicals (PFAS) in water supply

Paul and Mike,

Does the four-step process for PWM remove all the PFAS?

Melodie

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