



## Supplement to August 19, 2024 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters sent and/or received between **July 15, 2024** and **August 14, 2024**. These letters are listed in the Monday, August 19, 2024 Board Packet under Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
<b>Robert S. Smith</b>	MPWMD Board	7/10/2024	Letter of Gratitude to MPWMD
<b>Coalition of Peninsula Businesses</b>	MPWMD Board	7/15/2024	Position Statement on Early Relief From the Cease and Desist Order



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Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
c/o Board of Directors  
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Dear Directors:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF GRATITUDE TO MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

As the Commanding Officer of Naval Support Activity Monterey (NSAM), I want to express my gratitude to General Manager David Stoldt and the hardworking team at the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) for assisting the Navy with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Environmental Assessment of a proposed Naval Innovation Center.

In August 2023, NSAM requested MPWMD act as a partnering agency for this assessment, and MPWMD staff was instrumental in providing feedback and substantive comments for the Navy's consideration of this large project's environmental impact. Your contributions regarding water and water policy were invaluable, and we appreciate the subject matter expertise provided in MPWMD's thoughtful feedback.

We look forward to working with Mr. Stoldt and staff again during the forthcoming water allocation process, and we appreciate your continued support and consideration of the Navy and its mission needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. S. Smith", is positioned above the typed name.

ROBERT S. SMITH  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

**COALITION OF PENINSULA BUSINESSES**  
**Position Statement on Early Relief From the**  
**Cease and Desist Order and Related Construction Moratoria**  
**July 15, 2024**

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses (CPB) supports the effort to persuade the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to lift the 1995 Cease and Desist Order (CDO) early-in recognition of community efforts to develop alternative water supplies and reduce water use to levels to prevent overuse of Carmel River water. The Coalition's support is contingent on continued progress and completion of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP). If completion of the MPWSP is delayed, frustrated or impeded, or if proponents of the 'lift the CDO' effort use this action to in any way argue or suggest that the MPWSP is no longer needed, the Coalition's support is rescinded.

Finding a permanent and sustainable source of water to lift the CDO and its related construction moratoria has been the highest priority of the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses since its founding. That is why the Coalition supports completion and operation of the MPWSP as the only means of securing a sustainable and permanent source of water for the Peninsula to replace water taken in excess of 3,376 acre-feet per year from the Carmel River. The anticipated completion of the Pure Water Monterey expansion does not provide the permanent and sustainable water supply

The SWRCB specifies in the CDO that lifting the CDO requires a certification from Cal Am that it has found and substituted a permanent source of water to replace water taken in excess of 3,376 acre-feet per year from the Carmel River and that the SWRCB Deputy Director for Water Rights must concur in writing. The CDO does not specify any alternative for lifting the CDO.