

## **Final**

## RESOLUTION NO. 2024-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT SUPPORTING CLOSURE OF OPEN WATER PERMITS BY IMPLEMENTING A ONE-TIME AMNESTY PERIOD

WHEREAS, District Rule 23 requires a final inspection from the District upon completion of a project that has a Water Permit. If the completed project varies from the permitted project, application for an amended Water Permit is required; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 1,500 permits are in an "open" status with no final inspection, and District staff are sending letters requesting the owner schedule the final inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, another 50+ properties have Notices of Non-Compliance due to water fixtures having been added without amending the Water Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, there are inspections that occurred for a transfer of ownership prior to 2017 that did not have a Water Permit on file, but unpermitted water fixtures were found on inspection; and

WHEREAS, the District is approaching the allocation of water from the Pure Water Monterey Expansion (PWM), and the Water Demand Division staff are focused on clearing up what are called "open" permits; and

WHEREAS, to enable closure on these open permits, staff is proposing an "amnesty" period through September 2025, where open permits could be expeditiously cleared utilizing suspension of several rules to provide the property owner the opportunity to clear the violation(s) without hardship. The result will be significant compliance of permits that would otherwise remain in an "open" status indefinitely.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Water authorizes an amnesty period through September 30, 2025, that suspends certain rules for a specific class of Water Permits to enable the completion of these permits expeditiously. Water Permits issued prior to October 1, 2022, that are in an "open" status in the District's permit database, as well as properties that did not have a Water Permit on file and unpermitted water fixtures were found during a pre-2017 inspection, shall make up this group.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Water recognizes that water from an allocation is required before an amended Water Permit can be issued, and for the amnesty period the use of the District Reserve Allocation is warranted to close the books. Properties that have a previously

purchased Entitlement (e.g., Pebble Beach and Malpaso) shall be required to use their Entitlement before using the District Reserve.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Water suspends the following rules for this class of Water Permits through September 30, 2025:

- Rule 21 (Applications), Section B-2, requiring Complete Construction Plans for modifications found on final inspection.
- Rule 23 (Process), Section A-1-k requiring collection of a Capacity Fee.
- Rule 23 (Process) Section A-1-m requiring staff to stamp construction plans, except for required Landscape Water Permits and their amendments
- Rule 24 (Calculation of Water Use Capacity and Capacity Fees) Section A-1-e-(1) (Residential Calculation of Water Use Capacity) and Section B-1-g-(1) (Non-Residential Calculation of Water Use Capacity).
- Rule 60-K (Fees Related to Permit Modification or Enforcement).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 21st day of October 2024, on a motion by Director Paull and second by Director Edwards, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:** 

Adams, Eisenhart, Paull, Edwards, Riley and Anderson

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

Oglesby

I, David J. Stoldt, Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, hereby certify the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

Dated: October 22, 2024

David J. Stoldt,

Secretary to the Board

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