

Arlene Tavani

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Mr. Stoldt;

The package before your Board this week references (by Mr. Moore) a letter that I sent to the Cedar Street Times about the Pure Water Monterey project, though I note that the letter published is not actually enclosed. To give the Board members a more complete picture of the communications, I hope you will forward this to them.

Below is the text of that letter. Thanks again for the great work you, your agency, and your board are doing.

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Last week Mr. Moore made a lot of accusations and raised a lot of questions about the Pure Water Monterey water recycling project which will supply our area with about one third of the water we need. While I do not intend to get into a back and forth with him in this paper, having served on the Monterey One Water Board of Directors for five years as this project was going through the initial review, planning, approval, and construction process, I believe there is a great deal of misinformation in his comments and would like to address those.

This is NOT a direct potable reuse project as Mr. Moore claims. Direct potable reuse is when a water agency puts advanced purified recycled water right into the water delivery system. That system then provides water directly to your home. This project is INDIRECT because it utilizes an "environmental buffer". The injected water slowly moves through the aquifer before being extracted 10 to 12 months later and then put into the water delivery system. During the time the water is in the aquifer it will be monitored and the results reviewed by the State's Division of Drinking Water (which regulates and monitors all drinking water systems throughout our state). This organization – and the many professionals who work there – have decades of experience ensuring that Californian's are provided with clean potable water and that public health and safety is not endangered.

We need reasonable water projects which will reduce the local reliance on the over drafted aquifers and Carmel River. Getting the water that is needed from Pure Water Monterey will allow us to leave more water in the aquifer AND take less than we currently do from the Carmel River. In order to make that happen we actually have to do something. In the past people have rejected a reservoir and a dam; and Cal Am halted their previous desal plant project because of internal conflicts of interest. Because of those actions we have aquifers which are being overused, the Carmel River has been negatively impacted, and the state has ordered Cal Am to stop what we were doing to the Carmel River.

Because of the lack of storage capacity, this (wet) year alone 13 years-worth of water went out of the mouth of the Carmel River unusable by our communities. Not doing a water project is no longer an option, and this is a safe, cost effective, and environmentally responsible project.

I would hope Monterey County residents have some faith in the experts who have been providing us with clean, safe drinking water for decades. I would hope they have some faith in those who have worked with water delivery and safety as a career. I think they know something about what they are doing and they do not go about risking the public's health. In addition, if anyone wishes a tour of the demo facility – and an opportunity to drink the water – they may contact Rachel Gaudoin at Monterey One Water to schedule a visit.

Rudy Fischer
Former Pacific Grove Council and Monterey One Water Board Member