

APPENDIX B

Notice of Preparation Postcard



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF EIR AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) proposed by the applicant California American Water Company (CalAm) in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The MPWSP is comprised of various facilities and improvements, including: a seawater intake system; 9-million-gallons per day (mgd) desalination plant;¹ desalinated water storage and conveyance facilities; and expanded Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) facilities. The MPWSP EIR will serve as a subsequent CEQA document to the CPUC's EIR for the CalAm Coastal Water Project (SCH #2006101004) that was certified by the CPUC in December 2009. The proposed MPWSP is needed to replace existing water supplies that are constrained by legal decisions affecting the Carmel River and Seaside Groundwater Basin water supplies: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Order No. WR 95-10 (Order 95-10) and the Monterey County Superior Court's adjudication of water rights in the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Both rulings reduce the availability of CalAm's use of its two primary sources of supply for the Monterey District. The scoping period begins October 10, 2012 and closes at 5:00 p.m. November 9, 2012.

An electronic copy of the NOP is available at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Environment/Current+Projects/esa/mpwsp/index.html>

Requests for hardcopies of the NOP should be sent to MPWSP-EIR@esassoc.com. The NOP is also posted at several Monterey County Library branches (Aromas, Pajaro, Prunedale, Castroville, Marina, Buena Vista, Carmel Valley, Gonzales, and Seaside), and the John Steinbeck, Cesar Chavez, El Gabilan, and CSU Monterey Bay Libraries.

¹ As an alternative to the 9-mgd desalination plant, the EIR will evaluate a 5.4-mgd desalination plant coupled with a purchase agreement for 3,500 acre-feet-per-year of water from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency's proposed Groundwater Replenishment Project.

Input on the scope of the environmental analysis may be submitted either at the Scoping Meeting or in writing via mail, fax, or email. Please send comments, and include a name, address, and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject to:

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Public scoping meetings to provide opportunity for the public and regulatory agencies to ask questions and submit comments on the scope of the Draft EIR will be held on:

October 24, 2012: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Rancho Canada Golf Club, 4860 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923

October 25, 2012: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Oldemeyer Center, Blackhorse Room, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

October 25, 2012: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Oldemeyer Center, Laguna Grande Hall, 986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955