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Commentary on Cal-Am Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Draft EIR.

It's stated on Page 7-9 "The Other Plan B Component was placed in a "hold" Category. Water purchased from the Central Valley (CVP) and from Humboldt Bay are both currently infeasible since they relied on construction of the import pipeline by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency and that Agency has decided not to pursue the Import Pipeline Project."

It is important to remind the developers of this draft document that water which was saved for but not used by Pajaro Water District could be redirected to the Peninsula. It could be delivered by a pipeline built by Cal-Am from the San Felipe project to Seaside. There would be no need for desal or at least, reduced need for desal. No cost calculation on pipeline or other water costs have been done. It has been stated by Wise Engineers that "Water from a pipe gets cheaper every year and water from desal plants get more expensive every year!"

In addition, water could be delivered without a pipeline by using South fork of Pacheco Creek to deliver San Luis Reservoir Water Project and recovering it at Hiway 1 at the mouth of Pajaro River.

This water could be delivered from either (CVP) water not used by Pajaro Valley water Agency or any of the many willing sellers in the Sacramento Valley. This water could be used directly or delivered in winter and stored as ASR in the Seaside ground water basin. It could be pumped into percolation ponds at Fort Ord for recreation and ground water charge.

This approach is an order of magnitude cheaper than any desal project.



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