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Mr. Andrew Barnsdale
California Public Utilities Commission
c/o Environmental Science Associates
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San Francisco, CA 94108

Submitted via email to MPWSP-EIR@esassoc.com

RE: Supplemental Comments on Draft EIR for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project

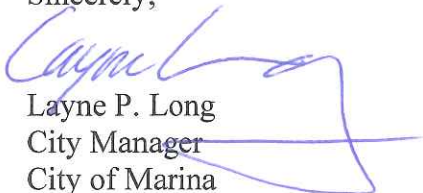
Dear Mr. Barnsdale,

The City understands that the California Coastal Commission has recently reviewed the information provided by Geoscience regarding the drawdown experienced in Monitoring Well #4 and the required shut down of the test slant well. Based on local media accounts, the Coastal Commission concluded that the drawdown was caused, at least in part, by the test well pumping.

Based on this new information, the City would like to supplement its previously submitted comments on the MPWSP DEIR as follows.

The City feels that this information substantiates and confirms the City's previous concerns regarding circulation of the DEIR prior to completion of test pumping. This is exactly the type of information the City and the public need to understand the full extent of project-related effects of the MPWSP. The Coastal Commission's conclusions prove to some extent that the information in the DEIR related to groundwater impacts is inaccurate and/or incomplete and confirms the uncertain nature of groundwater modeling. The effects of test pumping approaching permit limits and requirement that revised permits be obtained prior to continued operation of the test well indicate that project related effects on groundwater resources could be more severe than currently stated in the DEIR. The DEIR should be revised to incorporate the information developed through test well pumping and must be recirculated so that responsible agencies and interested parties have an opportunity to review and comment on that critical information.

Sincerely,


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City of Marina

Cc: Mayor Bruce Delgado
Theresa Szymanis, Acting Director, Community Development Dept.