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Subject: Oral Communication on Non-Agendized Item – October 18, 2021 Board Meeting

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Board of Directors

Marina Coast Water District

11 Reservation Road

Marina, CA 93933

Dear Directors:

re: Oral Communication on Non-Agendized Item – October 18, 2021 Board Meeting

I previously submitted written questions and requests for documents under provisions of the Public Record Act on September 16, 2021 and September 22, 2021.

I have not received any response nor any document from the District. While the General Manager informed a MCWD Director that my requested documents would be provided under the provisions of the Public Record Act, no document was provided as of today.

My questions are very important to all ratepayers and deserve prompt response by Marina Coast Water District (MCWD). One of the questions is whether MCWD has provided adequate fire flows as required by Marina Fire Department for the last 51 years, from 1970 to 2021.

Marina Coast Water District issued a Press Release on March 22, 2021 claiming the addition of 3 million gallons of water storage at a cost of 15 million dollars. Does this mean that Marina Coast Water District has not provided sufficient water storage for both consumption and fire protection for the last 51 years from 1970 to 2021? The Board approved Water Master Plan seems to confirm this assessment. The District engineering consultant, AKEL Engineering Group, calculated that the existing water storage requirements are 3.30 million gallons, while the existing water storage capacity is only 2.25 million gallons.

The problem of not providing adequate fire flows surfaced in July 2019 and Marina Coast Water District Board of Directors has not addressed this issue for the last two years. The press release on March 22, 2021 on the construction of two (2) new water

storage tanks on CSUMB property appears to misled the ratepayers in believing that these two new water tanks will provide adequate fire flows for the City of Marina.

There is absolutely NO engineering calculation that proves that these two new water tanks will provide adequate fire flows for the City of Marina. In fact, MCWD engineering consultant alluded to this deficiency and false belief in the Board approved Water Master Plan. Section 7.2, Fire Flow Analysis, of the approved Water Master Plan states “The hydraulic model identified several areas throughout the District’s existing distribution system that experience minimum residual pressures less than 20 pounds per square inch under fire flow conditions. A majority of these deficiencies are located within the City of Marina and are due to small diameter mains that are unable to carry high flows during a fire event.” Additionally, the practice of Marina Fire Department to pump water from fire hydrants to suppress fires may cause damages to the existing pipes due to excessive water velocities.

I request that my above comments read at the Board meeting on October 18, 2021 under the public comment section on non-agendized item and also be placed in the official records of this regular Board meeting.

The District’s responses to all my questions will also benefit all Marina ratepayers in providing accurate information and avoid any fake news circulating around. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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