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CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS GUARANTEE SOURCE WATER TO MONTEREY ONE WATER FOR PURE WATER MONTEREY EXPANSION PROJECT

MARINA, Calif.–September 9, 2020: Marina Coast District (MCWD) is both a member entity of Monterey One Water (M1W) and a partner with M1W in the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) project. MCWD provides this background information relating to source water rights for the proposed Expansion of the PWM project being considered by the M1W Board to correct false information that has been circulated by opponents of the expansion.

Multiple contractual agreements guarantee source water for an expansion of the PWM project administered by M1W, the wastewater treatment provider in northern Monterey County.

The following key agreements describe M1W's rights to source water:

- The overarching agreement providing water rights to M1W for the PWM groundwater replenishment project is the Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement (ARWRA)—a contract between M1W and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), approved by the M1W Board in October 2016.
 - The ARWRA assigns MW1 rights to new source waters for recycling, including excess municipal wastewater, Reclamation Ditch and Blanco Drain surface water, agricultural wash water, and City of Salinas urban runoff/ stormwater.
 - The ARWRA provides M1W the first right for up to 4,381 AFY (of 8,701 AFY total) of the new source flows—which alone is more than enough for the PWM base project without any use of other available wastewater—and the ARWRA gives M1W additional rights to approximately 7,378 AFY (of 9,378 AFY available) of wastewater that is substantially more source flows than the 2,778 AFY needed for expansion.
- In August 2019, M1W and MCWRA executed Amendment No. 1 of the ARWRA, extending M1W's rights to new source waters, even though some conditions specified in Section 16.5 pertaining to facilities have yet to be satisfied. M1W's rights to wastewater per the ARWRA as well as new source waters also remains in effect.

- A contract between M1W and the City of Salinas, executed October 2015, assigned rights to MW1 for diversion and use of agricultural wash water specifically for the "Pure Water Monterey Replenishment Project."
- A 1992 agreement between M1W and MCWRA was instrumental in enabling the PWM project by providing for the construction and operation of the Salinas Valley Reclamation Plant (SVRP). With the SVRP, M1W provides treated wastewater for agricultural irrigation to the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP).

The bottom line: Expansion of the PWM project needs an estimated 2,778 AFY of wastewater flows to produce 2,250 AFY of finished water. The contracts described above assure that M1W has more than sufficient new source water flows and wastewater rights for the PWM base project and the PWM Expansion.

PWM consists of improvements and operations that have developed high-quality replacement water for existing urban supplies and increased flows for agricultural irrigation. While the PWM project utilizes existing proven technology, it is the first of its kind to utilize not only wastewater, but also stormwater, food industry processing water, and impaired surface waters. To learn more, visit: <https://purewatermonterey.org/>

Copies of the agreements are available by contacting Keith Van Der Maaten at (831) 384-6131 or email kvandermaaten@mcwd.org

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