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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT – ORD COMMUNITY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT AND ANNEXATION PROJECT

December 20, 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marina Coast Water District (“MCWD”) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15072, for the Ord Community Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation Project (“Project”). MCWD is situated in the northwest corner of Monterey County, California. The Proposed Project location includes the current service area of MCWD known as Central Marina and the Ord Community service areas within the former Fort Ord. The Initial Study/ Negative Declaration and referenced documents are available for review on the MCWD website (www.mcwd.org) at the following address:

Marina Coast Water District
11 Reservation Road,
Marina, CA 93933

The MCWD will consider this Project at the MCWD Board meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 211 Hillcrest Avenue, Marina, California at 6:30PM.

Project Description: The Proposed Project is the MCWD’s Ord Community Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment and annexation of territory into the MCWD’s service area in accordance with relevant codes and ordinances of the District and local jurisdictions, and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000¹. MCWD proposes to amend their SOI and expand their service area to include a portion of the former Fort Ord, the development of which is guided by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and the Fort Ord Reuse Plan, and the adopted planning documents of underlying jurisdictions. The District currently provides service to this area as outlined in the Water/Wastewater Facilities Agreement between FORA and MCWD (1998) as further described in the Assignment of Easements on Former Fort Ord and Ord Military Community, County of Monterey, and Quitclaim Deed for Water and Wastewater Systems, between FORA and MCWD, dated October 24, 2001. The Proposed Project will allow water and wastewater service to the identified areas to continue and will provide customers that are registered to vote within the MCWD boundary the ability to vote for the MCWD Board of Directors.

The Proposed Project study area totals approximately 8,869 acres, including 1,658 acres of the existing service area and 3,116 acres of the existing Sphere of Influence (SOI) area. A total of 5,753 acres area included in the proposed SOI amendment and annexation territory. Project areas include portions of the Cities of Marina and Seaside and unincorporated Monterey County within the Ord Community, including property under ownership by the U.S. Army (U.S. Department of Defense), California State University Monterey Bay, University of California Monterey Bay Education, Science and Technology Center and

¹ The District circulated a previous IS/ND on an earlier project for public review in 2011 (State Clearinghouse Number 2011101074). The proposed SOI and annexation area under this IS/ND significantly reduce the areas proposed for annexation and SOI amendment. The proposed changes to the Proposed Project are not significant alterations (e.g., new or expanded project proposal).

Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD). In addition, two smaller properties (Seaside High School and a small church property within Central Marina) are proposed for annexation outside the Ord Community and within the City of Seaside and City of Marina, respectively.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**We welcome your comments during the 30-day public review period; all comments on this Initial Study/
Negative Declaration must be submitted by 5pm on January 19, 2018.**

You may submit your comments in hard copy to the address below.

Address all written comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration to:

Marina Coast Water District
Attn: Mike Wegley
11 Reservation Road,
Marina, CA 93933

Re: Ord Community Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation Project

MCWD also accepts comments via e-mail but requests that you follow these instructions to ensure that MCWD has received your comments. To submit your comments by e-mail, please send a complete document including all attachments to: MWegley@mcwd.org

An e-mailed document should contain the name of the person or entity submitting the comments and contact information such as phone number, mailing address and/or e-mail address; include any and all attachments referenced in the e-mail. To ensure a complete and accurate record, we request that you also provide a follow-up hard copy to the name and address listed below. If you do not wish to send a follow-up hard copy, then please send a second e-mail requesting confirmation of receipt of comments with enough information to confirm that we received the entire document. If you do not receive e-mail confirmation of receipt of comments, then please submit a hard copy of your comments to ensure inclusion in the environmental record or contact MCWD to ensure MCWD has received your comments.

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