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Item 15

Dear MPWMD Board Members and General Manager:

I am currently a volunteer for the Public Water Now initiative. I would like to share with you my primary reasons for working to have our local water publically owned.

Since first residing in Monterey in 1986 I have seen the developments associated with the local waste and recycle programs and improvements. Our local Monterey Regional Waste Management District, whose organization and systems have been recognized among the best in the nation, has created and managed programs that educate the public as well as meet primary goals of reuse, recycle, and reclaim. I have benefitted as a local resident in ways to numerous to mention, both direct and indirect. The agency is a wonderful example of what a public agency can accomplish.

I believe that similar high quality programs under a publically run organization can be done with our local water. We need to find ways to save money on water, a resource becoming scarcer in our local area. We can be the national model on how to manage water resources for the benefit of the entire community. With public ownership I can foresee a time when the local water resources will be managed creatively and at a lower cost for all us—private citizen, public agency or commercial endeavor.

I encourage the Board and the General Manager to give strong consideration and support to the efforts that would allow our water to be managed by a NOT FOR PROFIT organization that has the primary goals of water resources protection and development at a low cost.

This is a critical time to show the leadership expected from a public agency faced with the issues of vital importance to all members of our current community and future generations. I hope that one day we will be able to say that when we had a water crisis the MPWMD lead the process to more than recovery, but also to building systems and programs that would be notable examples of conservation, cost containment and collaborative construction.

Thank you for time and attention.

Sincerely,

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