



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CERTIFY THE FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL EIR FOR THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE PURE WATER MONTEREY GROUNDWATER REPLENISHMENT PROJECT, ADOPT CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS; APPROVE MITIGATION MEASURES AND A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM; ADOPT A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS; AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS WITH CONDITIONS

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Monterey One Water (M1W) has prepared a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR) for the Proposed Modifications to the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (“Proposed Modifications”). The M1W Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider certification of the Final SEIR; adoption of California Environmental Quality Act findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; approval of mitigation measures and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approval of the Proposed Modifications with Conditions during its regularly-scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on **Monday, April 27 2020, 6:00 p.m. which will be held remotely (no on-site participation will be available) via Zoom Webinar in accordance with the County of Monterey and the State of California.**

Project Description: The Proposed Modifications to the approved Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project would increase the project yield so that the expanded project can serve as a back-up to the California American Water Company (CalAm) Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project desalination project in the event that the desalination project is delayed beyond the Cease and Desist Order deadline of December 31, 2021. The Proposed Modifications would provide expanded quantities of purified recycled water for recharge of a groundwater basin that serves as drinking water supply. The Proposed Modifications would increase the amount of purified recycled water produced by the approved PWM/GWR Project by 2,250 AFY using the following new and modified facilities located within unincorporated Monterey County and City of Seaside: (1) improvements at the approved Advanced Water Purification Facility to increase peak capacity; (2) new product water conveyance facilities; (3) new and relocated injection well facilities, including monitoring wells; (4) new CalAm potable water facilities consisting of four new extraction wells, related pipelines and appurtenances, and treatment facilities; and (5) new CalAm potable water conveyance facilities. The Proposed Modifications are being proposed by M1W in partnership with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Final SEIR: This Final SEIR contains a list of the comments submitted on the Draft SEIR, copies of the comment letters received on the Draft SEIR during the public review period, responses to the environmental points raised in those comments, revisions to the Draft SEIR made as a result of the public review process, and new and revised appendices. This document, together with the Draft SEIR, constitute the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project. The Final SEIR is available online at the Pure Water Monterey Project website (www.purewatermonterey.org) and the M1W website (www.montereyonewater.org). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and County and State shelter-in-place orders, hard copies of the Final SEIR will not be available for public viewing. If needed, please contact Rachel Gaudoin at purewatermontereyinfo@my1water.org or (831)645-4623 to arrange an appointment for pick-up of a CD of the document. The CD copy, or the file downloaded from the website, can be used to produce a hard copy at local printing stores. To avoid unnecessary exposure to the public and M1W staff and to minimize environmental impacts, online viewing is strongly encouraged.

Public Hearing: The M1W Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider certification of the Final SEIR; adoption of California Environmental Quality Act findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations; approval of mitigation measures and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approval of the Proposed Modifications with Conditions at its regular meeting to be held **Monday, April 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m. which will be held remotely (no on-site participation will be available) via a Zoom Webinar.** A copy of the meeting agenda and access to the zoom webinar will be available on April 21, 2020 at the Board of Director’s public meeting website at: http://montereyonewater.org/about_meetings.php.

For additional information regarding the PWM Project, Proposed Modifications, or the Final SEIR, you may contact: Rachel Gaudoin, M1W Public Outreach Coordinator, at purewatermontereyinfo@my1water.org.