Form F

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #:		
Project Title:Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water System and District Boundary Adjustment		
Lead Agency: Mo	onterey Peninsula Water Management District	
Contact Name:		
Email: <u>comments</u>	@mpwmd.net	Phone Number: (831) 658-5600
Project Location:	Monterey, Seaside, Sand City, Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea; Monterey County	
	City	County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

As instructed by the voters pursuant to Measure J, the District is proposing to acquire the Monterey Water System (MWS), that serves the Monterey Peninsula and outlying areas within unincorporated Monterey County and within the District's jurisdiction; the acquisition and subsequent operation of this water supply system by the District represents the proposed project. The existing system is currently owned and operated by California American Water Company (CalAm), a subsidiary of the publicly-traded company, American Water Works Company, Inc. The District's proposed acquisition of the MWS would include all associated assets (i.e., real, intangible, and personal property) including, but not limited to: water systems and production wells; utility plants; water rights; water supply contracts; and records, books, and accounts. In addition, the proposed project includes the District's subsequent operation and maintenance of the MWS. The District is proposing only to acquire and operate the existing MWS, and is not proposing changes or expansion to the physical MWS or to the associated water rights.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The EIR addresses the potential physical environmental effects of the proposed project for each of the environmental topics outlined in the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G. The EIR also addresses the cumulative impacts resulting from other past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects. The EIR focuses on potential environmental impacts to the following resource areas: Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, and Utilities. The project would result in significant but mitigable impacts related to Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Implementation of Mitigation Measure GHG-1 (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan for Operational Emissions) would be required to reduce impacts to less than significant. The EIR did not identify any significant and unavoidable project impacts. Portions of the project corridor include sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The proposed project is the result of Monterey Peninsula voters passing Measure J, as described in more detail in Draft EIR Section 2, Project Description. While 23,757 (53.81 percent) voters were in favor, 18,810 (44.19 percent) were opposed. The project would require the purchase of the MWS, which CalAm has not offered for sale. Therefore, the project would potentially involve establishing a price and procedure for the proposed transfer of assets from CalAm to the District. Additionally, water supply and use in the Monterey Peninsula region has historically been the subject of heightened public interest and disagreement. There is known controversy regarding the assets and water rights that the District could obtain through the proposed project, including the proposed construction of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) Desalination Plant north of the City of Marina. However, that project has undergone a separate environmental review and the environmental effects of the MPWSP are not within the scope of this EIR. For a description of additional issues raised during the Notice of Preparation comment period, refer to Table 1-1 in Section 1, Introduction of the Draft EIR.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Discretionary actions required by the District include the following approval: approval by the District Board of Directors for acquisition of the MWS from CalAm. In addition, if the MWS is acquired through a negotiated purchase, the District will need to obtain approval from the CPUC for transfer of ownership and operation of the MWS from CalAm to the District. Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County, acting as a CEQA responsible agency, is anticipated to use the EIR in considering any proposed sphere of influence amendments, annexations of lands into District's jurisdictional boundary, activations of latent services or powers pursuant to Government Code section 56000 et seq., or other similar requested LAFCO approvals that effectuation of the project may entail. Further, per Government Code Sections 56824.10-56824.14, the District also needs to obtain LAFCO approval to exercise its "latent power" to provide retail water service to customers in the entire MWS, which involves submitting and obtaining LAFCO approval for a plan of services, etc. In addition, the Monterey County Department of Environmental Health may review and/or issue permits to the District for the District's operation of a drinking water system. Finally, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and/or SWRCB would review the District's operation of the drinking water system as part of permit issuance in compliance with the Statewide General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for Discharges from Drinking Water Systems.