



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date: January 19, 2017  
 To: Board of Directors  
 From: Director Dennis Allion  
 Subject: January 17, 2017 Special Districts Association Meeting

The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met on January 17, 2017 at the Shoreline Community Center in Marina. General Manager Tim Flanagan and I represented the District at the meeting.

David Stoldt, general manager for Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), Keith Van Der Maaten, general manager for Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), and David Chardavoigne, general manager for Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), gave presentations on Monterey County water issues. The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act requires preparation of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) for critical basins by 2020. Mr. Stoldt reported the Carmel River aquifer does not require a GSP because it is considered subsurface flow nor does the Seaside aquifer because it is already regulated by the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. Mr. Van Der Maaten reported the population served by MCWD is expected to increase from 32,000 to 70,000 by 2035. MCWD is working with the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency to provide recycled water from the Pure Water project pipeline and is considering construction of a 6,000 acre-foot Armstrong water storage facility north of Marina. Mr. Chardavoigne reported the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin Planning Process is made up of various stakeholders and made a recommendation to create a Joint Powers Authority to serve as the Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) for the Salinas River Basin. He indicated one option for MCWRA's future role would be to absorb the role of the GSA and some current responsibilities would be transferred from MCWRA to Monterey County Resource Management Agency. He also reported the proposed Interlake Tunnel project to connect the two county reservoirs could provide up to 20,000 acre-feet of additional water per year.

Kate McKenna, Executive Director of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County, reported the City of Greenfield is detaching from the fire protection district surrounding the city and will create a new city fire department. She reported the updated Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence Study was adopted in December for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, Northern Salinas Mosquito Abatement District, Moss Landing Harbor District and Resource Conservation District. The MSRs for Pebble Beach and Santa Lucia Community Services Districts will be considered at the January LAFCO meeting.

Chris Palmer, California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Public Affairs Field Coordinator, reported the Little Hoover Commission is concentrating on healthcare districts, how special districts are addressing climate change and the role of LAFCO. He also reported the CSDA Assembly Member of the Year will be local representative Mark Stone.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center in Marina.

Dennis Allion