



Commissioners
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING AND COMMISSIONER BOHN'S
ALTERNATIVE FOR THE COASTAL WATER PROJECT
AGENDA ITEMS ID #9870 AND #9871

Dear Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula has reviewed the proposed decisions with a focus on the governance issue. Our position on governance related to water planning follows:

The LWVMP believes that an agency responsible for planning and implementing a water supply project should be directly elected and that voting should be on an at-large basis. League members believe that the agency should be local and have boundaries that generally coincide with the service area boundaries of the water purveyor and water supply sources, i.e., Carmel River and Seaside Aquifer. The League believes that planning and implementation for "new water supplies" should be the primary responsibility of one agency. The League supports the requirements of voter approval for major water supply projects.

Based on these positions, we have long supported the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) and its role in water management for the Monterey Peninsula. While there are several League positions that speak directly to the Regional Project and its lack of accountability to voters on the Monterey Peninsula, we will focus on meaningful representation for the District on the Advisory Committee.

We are pleased to see that the Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision would give Party status to the Municipal Advisors (city representatives), and we urge the Commission to approve that recommendation over Commissioner Bohn's recommendation which excludes the cities from this role. However, we are extremely disappointed in recommendations in both decisions to exclude the MPWMD from a meaningful role in implementing the Regional Project.

Without District participation as a Party to the Advisory Committee, residents in unincorporated

Monterey County have no representation. Over 26,000 residents reside in unincorporated areas which include Carmel Valley, significant areas surrounding the City of Carmel, the Highlands, Pebble Beach and areas along the Highway 68 Corridor. The table below provides a breakdown of population within the cities and unincorporated areas.

POPULATION BY JURISDICTION WITHIN THE MPWMD

Jurisdiction	Population	Data Source
Carmel-by-the-Sea	4,053	California Department of Finance (DOF) 1/1/10 pop. estimates
Del Rey Oaks	1,649	DOF
Monterey	29,455	DOF
Pacific Grove	15,683	DOF
Sand City	329	DOF
Seaside	34,628	DOF
Unincorporated	26,203	DOF (city total subtracted from District total)
District Total	112,000	MPWMD 2007

Unincorporated areas have the third largest population of all jurisdictions, exceeded only by Seaside and Monterey. Only the MPWMD directly represents residents in unincorporated Monterey County within its boundaries. We urge the Commission to correct this omission by making the District a Party to the Advisory Committee. This would begin to address some of our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis Mar
President