



Monterey Peninsula Groundwater Replenishment Project

Providing A Safe And Sustainable Water Supply

A smart addition to the DEIR Regional Project Alternative

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Monterey Coastal Water Project (CWP) provides analysis of the environmental impacts of the CWP and its alternatives. An alternative supported by many is the “Regional Project.” The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) is very supportive of the Regional Project concept yet believes the Monterey Peninsula Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR Project) offers enormous benefits to our region and Cal-Am Water Company’s rate payers. The GWR Project is compatible with the overall Regional Project and will actually enhance it. Monterey Peninsula needs **diverse** sources of water that provide our communities with a more secure future for residents and businesses. The major benefits for supporting its addition to the First Phase implementation of the Regional Project are summarized below:

- ◆ **ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS**
 - The GWR Project is one of the two projects reported in the DEIR to provide environmental benefits.
 - Reduce or eliminate discharge from MRWPCA’s regional treatment plant into the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.
 - Full utilization of highly treated recycled water - a resource that’s too valuable to waste.
 - Smaller carbon footprint.

- ◆ **SMART-SIZED PROJECT**: Would help optimize the Regional Project and therefore reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- ◆ **DROUGHT PROOF**: GWR Project source water is not dependent on rain or river flows but provides a **sustainable, locally controlled water supply**.

- ◆ **COST EFFECTIVE**: Less costly than other water supply options, saving rate-payer dollars.

- ◆ **TIMELY IMPLEMENTATION**: Can be online delivering water to the Monterey Peninsula in 4-5 years. Adding GWR to Phase I will not delay implementation of the Regional Project.

- ◆ **DIVERSIFICATION OF WATER SOURCES**: The GWR Project adds another **reliable** water source to the Regional Project.

- ◆ **HELPS PREVENT SALT WATER INTRUSION IN THE SEASIDE AQUIFER BASIN**

- ◆ **CLEARLY ADDRESSES PROJECT OBJECTIVES**: The GWR Project directly benefits the water users and groundwater aquifer resources on the Monterey Peninsula by providing a new, reliable, cost effective and environmentally smart water portfolio option. These objectives are key to addressing Order 95-10 and the Seaside Basin Adjudication requirements.

- ◆ **SAFE WATER**: Repurified water is safe. This has been proven world-wide, including Orange County Water District, California where repurified water has been recharging drinking water aquifers for 20 years.

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