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FORUM ON THE FUTURE OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY

Monterey, CA – Proposed water projects to help solve the peninsula's impending water supply shortage will be explained during a public forum on **Wednesday, Oct. 26** from **6:00 – 10:30 p.m.** at the **Monterey Conference Center** in the **Steinbeck Forum**. The Monterey Peninsula Water Forum, hosted by the City of Monterey on behalf of the six peninsula cities, is free and seating is available on a first-come basis. Free parking is available after 5 p.m. in the Downtown West Garage on Tyler Street between Del Monte and Washington streets.

Five organizations with water supply solutions will discuss their plans, including how much water will be generated, the cost of the water, the timeline for delivering water, the mechanics of the solution, and the status of environmental reviews. Presentations will be made by California American Water (Cal-Am), DeepWater Desal, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA), and the People's Moss Landing Water Desal Project.

A question and answer session will follow the presentations with a panel of local journalists asking questions submitted by the audience.

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The projects being presented at the Water Forum include the following:

California American Water will present the results of an RBF Consulting technical analysis of 11 alternative water supply options to meet the Monterey Peninsula's water shortage. The analysis was developed to examine the technical feasibility of the 11 alternatives in a uniform manner to provide community stakeholders an objective look at each option.

DeepWater Desal LLC plans to build a 25-million gallon per day desalination plant at Moss Landing that will supply potable water to water agencies in both Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. The feed water will be drawn deep from the Monterey Submarine Canyon that comes inshore at Moss Landing because this water is clearer and cleaner than ground water and contains less marine life than shallow sea water sources.

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District: To address the water supply gap, the District has approved five projects for further investigation. These include Aquifer Storage and Recovery (both the existing Phase 1 and additional phases), a small local desalination facility, support and assistance with the MRWPCA Groundwater Replenishment project, and creating additional capacity at the Los Padres Dam.

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency proposes to construct a 2,700 acre feet per year Groundwater Replenishment Project that would recharge the Seaside Aquifer. This project will utilize the same state-of-the-art advanced water treatment technology successfully used for the last 35 years by the Orange County Water District.

The People's Moss Landing Water Desal Project proposes a 10,700 acre feet per year desalination plant on 60 acres of its property in Moss Landing which already has intake and outfall pumps and pipes and a permit to process 60-million gallons of water per day, and 14 storage tanks having 44-million gallons capacity.

The forum will be broadcast live on Comcast cable channel 25. A live video stream will be viewable on the web at www.monterey.org/tv . The forum will be re-broadcast on Ch. 25 and will be available to view as video-on-demand on the web.

Information about the Water Forum is available at www.monterey.org/waterforum

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