

APPENDIX G

Scoping Meeting Flipcharts

**TABLE G
WRITTEN TRANSCRIPTION OF THE VERBAL COMMENTS RECEIVED
DURING THE SCOPING MEETINGS HELD OCTOBER 24 AND 25, 2012**

Comment Letter Code¹	Commenter, Affiliation	Method Received²	Comments
Public Scoping Meeting October 24, 2012; 6:30-8:30 p.m.			
ScopingMTG1-01	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater from the Salinas Valley
ScopingMTG1-02	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR should address No Project Alternative and identify potential impacts of implementing the No Project Alternative, including vegetation loss, housing, agriculture, water supply, employment/hospitality, vehicle miles traveled. No Project Alternative would be the enforcement of Cease and Desist Order.
ScopingMTG1-03	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with other CEQA Lead agencies, i.e. Pacific Grove, DeepWater Desal
ScopingMTG1-04	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination with NEPA process, Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary
ScopingMTG1-05	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What if CPUC approves CalAm Project and Pacific Grove approves the People's Project (cumulative, growth inducing). Who pays for both projects? Could more than one project be approved; if not, who approves it locally and on what basis?
ScopingMTG1-06	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR should address whether project would supply Clark Colony or purchase other supplies
ScopingMTG1-07	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR should compare alternative projects. For the EIR, how do you get adequately detailed information to compare with the proposed project?
ScopingMTG1-08	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR should consider sizing and conveyance facilities for the potential reduction in CalAm Carmel River diversions below their existing entitlements (i.e. if Los Padres Dam were removed). Concern is that conveyance pipelines may need increased capacity to avoid inefficient spending and environmental impacts associated with resizing in the future.
ScopingMTG1-09	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIR should address cumulative projects and actions
ScopingMTG1-10	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern regarding additional take of water from Carmel River for aquifer storage and recovery. EIR should address whether there is capacity to pump from Carmel River to ASR. Is the pipe large enough?
ScopingMTG1-11	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project area should include the entire existing CalAm service area as it relate to degradation of soils, water quality, and salt balance/salinity.

¹ Comment letters are coded for organizational purposes. "ScopingMTG1" denotes comment letters from the Public Scoping Meeting on October 24, 2012; 6:30-8:30 p.m. "ScopingMTG2" denoted comment letters received Public Scoping Meeting on October 25, 2012; 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m. "ScopingMTG3" denotes comment letters received from Public Scoping Meeting on October 25, 2012; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

² Comments were received verbally during the question and answer period at the scoping meeting.

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ScopingMTG1-12	Doug Wilhelm	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address impact on snowy plover.
ScopingMTG1-13	Doug Wilhelm	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address longevity of wells relative to corrosion and whether they must be moved often.
ScopingMTG1-14	Doug Wilhelm	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address whether the ocean water intake will be strong and fast enough to erode or move soil.
ScopingMTG1-15	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address impact on water prices
ScopingMTG1-16	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should consider recycled water so we do not have to desalinate.
ScopingMTG1-17	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address cumulative impacts of brine from many desalination plants on Monterey Bay.
ScopingMTG1-18	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address whether higher salinity would produce more red tide and algal blooms.
Public Scoping Meeting, October 25, 2012; 1:30p.m. – 3:30p.m.			
ScopingMTG2-01	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR Project description needs to address electric power (PG&E) transmission lines and associated construction impacts.
ScopingMTG2-02	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Description of People's Project is incomplete. What about the water to other North County, etc.?
ScopingMTG2-03	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DeepWater Desal Description in NOP is out of date.
ScopingMTG2-04	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make sure you do all required federal permitting.
ScopingMTG2-05	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the environmental review at "program" and "project" level.
ScopingMTG2-06	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that all alternatives are studied to the highest level so we don't have to do the process again.
ScopingMTG2-07	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should include numeric values of water in acre-feet per year, in addition to description of million gallons, so there are comparable units of measurement.
ScopingMTG2-08	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance: keep County in control.
ScopingMTG2-09	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should include Marina Coast Water District 1.5 – 3.0 MGD desalination plant.
ScopingMTG2-10	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diffusion of brine will be complicated by addition of Marina Coast outflow.
ScopingMTG2-11	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should rename "People's Project" to Pacific Grove Project because City will take over the project through a JPA.
ScopingMTG2-12	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agency Act does not distinguish between fresh versus brackish groundwater. The EIR must clarify this definition of groundwater.

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ScopingMTG2-13	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address impacts on snowy plover.
ScopingMTG2-14	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address snowy plover.
ScopingMTG2-15	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wells require coordination with City of Marina for Local Coastal Program.
ScopingMTG2-16	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to address NEPA issue. National Marine Sanctuaries representative Brad Dimmick was part of State Desal Task Force.
ScopingMTG2-17	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would the test well be transitioned into production?
ScopingMTG2-18	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slant wells are within National Marine Sanctuaries jurisdiction and since this is a federal agency, document must be a joint EIR/EIS. Separating the document or not doing NEPA could result in schedule delay. Need to identify appropriate lead agency early, and sync the CEQA and NEPA schedules to avoid project delay. NEPA document would need to look at the whole of the action.
ScopingMTG2-19	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should properly identify the demand the project is intended to serve. If the plant is downsized, it cannot satisfy demand; if it is upsized, there is growth potential.
ScopingMTG2-20	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address cumulative effects of incremental projects like Groundwater Replenishment, ASR, others.
ScopingMTG2-21	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per capita demand is declining to reduce demand. Tiered rates have had a significant effect on the elasticity of water. If the project assumes today's demand it will be off.
ScopingMTG2-22	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the footprint of the slant wells on the beach? EIR should address open space, beach access, reduced footprint to minimize intrusion in beach areas. EIR should address future zoning issues.
ScopingMTG2-23	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relative to slant wells, EIR should address marine biological species, including birds and seals and their migratory habitat, variable habitat by season and year.
ScopingMTG2-24	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address concentration of brine discharge. Will EIR have a comparative study of brine discharges at existing plants?
ScopingMTG2-25	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance: private ownership is a public health and safety issue. Want to avoid a future repeat of the San Clemente Dam issues.
ScopingMTG2-26	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timing of NEPA decision relative to the EIR preparation.
ScopingMTG2-27	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIR should evaluate discharge in anticipation of future/expected regulations.
ScopingMTG2-28	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will capital cost (and subsequent rates) be affected by not having power source near the desalination plant site.
ScopingMTG2-29	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there an option to expand facilities and increase water availability without increasing the footprint?
ScopingMTG2-30	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there relevant studies to conclude effects of discharge?

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ScopingMTG2-31	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned that more water will be taken out of the Seaside aquifer than put in because the aquifer leaks. Also use of aquifer for groundwater replenishment project. EIR should address rate of leakage and how long water will be stored.
ScopingMTG2-32	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address construction in roads in Seaside (La Salle, Hilby) and include road repaving, not just patching.
ScopingMTG2-33	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is limited on-street parking in Seaside. EIR should address staging and parking areas for construction workers, which should be off-street in Seaside. This is an issue for neighborhood parking, especially south of La Salle Avenue. Potential to use local school parking lots during summer (first week in June to first week in August; no summer school sessions).
ScopingMTG2-34	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address emergency response times for fire department (station at Yosemite and Broadway, Seaside). Acceptable response times (approximately 5 minutes) are defined in the City of Seaside General Plan. Primary emergency access routes are Yosemite, La Salle, Broadway because they are larger thoroughfare streets. EIR needs to address response times if there are lanes closures. Paul Blaha is Seaside Fire Department Captain; Ryan Dempsey Interim Chief.
ScopingMTG2-35	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address access for residents during construction.
ScopingMTG2-36	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address aesthetics of the Terminal Reservoir. Terminal Reservoir will be set back off of General Jim Moore. Consider lowering/partially submerging the tank underground.
ScopingMTG2-37	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design for the overflow capacity for the Terminal Reservoir should incorporate detention basin. City of Seaside worked with CalAm on a park conceptual design for area around Terminal Reservoir to integrate park space and address aesthetic impacts. BLM owns land behind the Terminal Reservoir site.
ScopingMTG2-38	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terminal Reservoir site is zoned/designated for residential. CalAm may have to initiate a City of Seaside General Plan amendment for open space. Otherwise, only a City of Seaside use permit is required. Not implementing a park conflicts with the City's vision of that part of the city. Tim O'Halloran is the City's Public Works Department Services Manager.
ScopingMTG2-39	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CalAm will need a right of entry permit from Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FOR A). Site is being cleaned up to address unexploded ordinances. There are different levels of cleanup required depending on planned land use. There is less cleanup required for park uses versus residential uses. Recommend developing Terminal Reservoir area as park space. ESCA (cleanup program) coordinator Cathy Reimer would know status, schedule, and extent of cleanup efforts.
ScopingMTG2-40	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The appearance of injection wells and buildings needs City Planning approval.
ScopingMTG2-41	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address timeframe of cleanup of Fort Ord vis a vis construction of the Terminal Reservoir (area is currently not planned for cleanup for some time).
ScopingMTG2-42	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should evaluate a larger pipeline and more water treatment for the growing needs in the Peninsula.

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ScopingMTG2-43	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should consider reduction in wastewater volume going to the recycling facility.
ScopingMTG2-44	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should consider well and treatment plant relocations in Seaside to reduce pipeline length.
ScopingMTG2-45	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing system us leaking 500,000 gallons per month; will this be corrected with the new project? CalAm has a history of not maintaining its facilities. The leaks could address the water needs.
ScopingMTG2-46	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggests better/more effective use of CalAm's existing systems.
ScopingMTG2-47	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address sustainable design elements.
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ScopingMTG3-01	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ghyben-Herzberg relation of the freshwater to saltwater: consider this principle.
ScopingMTG3-02	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No wells of any kind; only open water intake. Preferred solution is to reduce consumption to 4,500 acre-feet.
ScopingMTG3-03	Not Given	Verbal Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EIR should address pros and cons of each alternative, using parameters like technical feasibility, cost, location.

ALTERNATIVES

10/29/12 (CARMEL) 1/2

GROUNDWATER FROM THE SALINAS VALLEY -

NO PROJECT ALT

JONAS
MINTON

- POTENTIAL IMPACTS

- VEG, HOUSING, AC, SUPPLY

- ENFORCEMENT OF CDO

EMPLOYMENT/
HOSPITALITY
VMT

NOLAN

COORD. W/ OTHER CEDA LEAD AGENCIES, i.e. Pac. Grove, Deep Desal

COORD W/ NEPA PROCESS, MBM mine S...

ALTERNATIVES CARMEL 10/24/12 2/2

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What if CPUC approves CalAM
and P.G. approves People's Project?

Who pays for both?

Could more than one project be
approved; if not who approves it
locally, and on what basis?

JONAS

CLARK COLONY
SUPPLY OR PURCHASE
OTHER SUPPLIES

DRA

How Do you COMPARE ALT PROJECTS,
i.e. getting adequately detailed into to
compare w/ PROPOSED PROJECT?

- EIR should **OVERVIEW** consider **10/24/** sizing conveyance facilities for the potential reduction in CalAm Carmel River diversions **below** ~~beyond~~ their existing entitlements (i.e., if Los Padres Dam were removed). Concern is that conveyance Rs may need ↑ in capacity to avoid inefficient spending & env. impacts assoc. w/resizing in future.

— **CUMULATIVE PROJECT/ACTIONS**

- SOUTH OF RD CARMEL VALLEY
- concern re additional take of water from Carmel River for ASE
 - is there ~~ability~~^{capacity} to pump fr. Carmel River to ASR →: is pipe large enough?
 - why does project area not include the entire existing CALAM service area as relates to:
 - degradation of soils - the quality
 - salt balance/salinity

① IMPACT ON SNOWY PLOVER

LONGEVITY OF WELLS - MOST (CORROSION ETC.)
THEY BE MOVED OFTEN?

WILL THE SUCK INTO THE WELLS
BE ~~STRONG~~^{FAST} ENOUGH TO ERODE OR
MOVE SOIL?

IMPACT ON WATER PRICES?

RECYCLE WATER SO WE DON'T HAVE
TO DESAL.

CUMUL. IMPACTS OF BRINE

FROM MANY DESAL. PLANTS ON MONT. BAY
WOULD HIGHER SALINITY PRODUCE
MORE RED TIDE? / ALGAL BLOOMS?

DOUG W. HELM

ELECTRIC POWER

THURSDAY 1:30 ALTERNATIVES

TRANSMISSION LINES: IMPACT
WHEREVER THEY ARE NEEDED
FOR DESAL SITE



DESCRIPTION OF PEOPLE'S PROJECT
IS INCOMPLETE: WHAT ABOUT THE
WATER TO OTHER ^{NORTH} COUNTRIES etc?

DEEPWATER DESAL DESCRIPTION
IN NOP IS OUT OF DATE.

MAKE SURE YOU DO ALL
REQUIRED FED. PERMITTING.

~~What~~ IS THE ENVIRO. REVIEW
AT "PROGRAM" OR "PROJECT" LEVEL?

ENSURE THAT ALL ALTERNATIVES
ARE STUDIED TO HIGHEST LEVEL,
~~and~~ SO WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THE
PROCESS AGAIN.

DESCRIBE IN AFY ^{AS WELL AS}
MGD.

THURSDAY 1:30

ALTERNATIVES

□ GOVERNANCE: KEEP COUNTY (2)
IN CONTROL SO WE DON'T GET
ANOTHER HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE LIKE
SAN CLEMENTE DAM.

△ ADD MARINA COAST TO LIST OF
ALTERNATIVES. 1.5-3 MGD.

□ DIFFUSION OF BRINE WILL BE COMPLICATED
BY ADDITION OF MARINA COAST OUTFLOW.

□ Rename "People's" to Pac-Grove Project
because Pac Grove would take over
City JPA

□ AGENCY ACT DOESN'T DISTINGUISH
BETWEEN FRESH OR BRACKISH GROUND-
WATER
⇒ MUST CLARIFY THIS DEFINITION OF
GROUND WATER.

Alternatives

10/25 1:30 pm

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- Well require coordination w/ City of Marina for Local Coastal Program.

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10/25/1:30 SoNo Res Rd

- TIMING OF NEPA DECISION REL. TO EIR PREP.
- HOW TO EVAL. DISCH. IN ANTIC. OF FUTURE/~~B~~ EXPECTED REGS.
- HOW WILL COST BE AFFECTED BY NOT HAVING POWER SOURCE NEAR DE-SAL SITE?
- HOW WILL THAT AFFECT RATES?
- IS THERE AN OPTION TO EXPAND FACILITIES & INCR. WATER AVAIL W/OUT INCR. FOOTPRINT?
- ARE THERE RELEVANT STUDIES TO CONCLUDE EFFECTS OF DISCH.?

10/25 1:30 No/So Res Rd

- Concern that more water will be taken out of the Seaside Aquifer than put in because the aquifer leaks (also use of aquifer for gw replenishment project)
- not
- rate of leakage, how long will water be stored?
- La Salle, Selby - construction in road need roads repaired in Seaside
- where would staging areas be
- Off-site parking for construction workers (concern w/ neighborhood parking) esp. south of La Salle
- Fire Dept on Yosemite / Broadway - concern re emergency access esp. Yosemite, La Salle Broadway at hill 5-min response (GP).
- access for residents during construction
- aesthetics of ~~the~~ terminal reservoir consider: lowering tanks, submerge partially
- detention basin - use potential dual use for park (open space)
- Conceptual plan for Goul Moore area

So. of Reservation Road

1/25/12 1:30
So
Res Rd

□ - appearance of injection wells / bloop
City Planning Approval

□ address time frame of cleanup of Ft. Ord
vis a vis construction of terminal reservoir
(currently not planned for cleanup for some
time)

Evaluate larger pipeline / more water treatment for the growing needs in the Peninsula

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Existing system is leaking 500,000 gallons per month, will this be corrected with the new project?

ALAM has a history of not maintaining its facilities. The leaks could address the water needs.

Suggest better / more effective use of CALAM's existing systems

What sustainable design elements are part of the project?

North/South of Res. Rd. - Thursday Evening

ScopingMTG3

☐ GHYBEN-HERZBERG;
CONSIDER THIS PRINCIPLE

10/25/12 6:30 Overview

- pros/cons of project

THURSDAY 6:30

- Comment:

- No wells of any kind

- only open water intake

- Preferred solution:

- reduce consumption

to 4,500 acf