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**From:** Andy Bell <amacbell@redshift.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 12:32 PM  
**To:** MPWSP-EIR  
**Subject:** Comment of Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project DEIR

Dear CPUC and ESA Staff:

I wish to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for California American Water's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, Application 12-04-019. Information on project costs and estimated costs to customers, now missing from the DEIR should be included in the recirculated Draft EIR.

In a September 10, 2015 article in the Monterey Herald, it is reported that the Draft EIR will be issued jointly with a Draft Environmental Statement headed by the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The article states in part,

"In addition to the analysis of the alternative desal projects, the review will consider the desal project's impacts on marine resources, particularly as a result of the brine discharge and the effects on the bay's seabed, as well as coastal erosion and socioeconomics including 'environmental justice, commercial fishing, marine transportation, and recreation.'"

Environmental justice includes the economic effect of water rates on customers. In any case, a Draft EIR should include information on what a project will cost. This is a basic element of the impacts of a project.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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