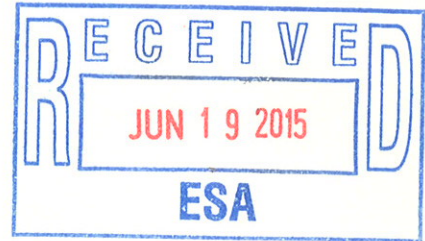




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Dear Mr. Barnsdale,

The City of Monterey has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Cal Am Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. Thank you for all your work on this important project for the Monterey Peninsula. The City of Monterey supports this project with the alternative that includes the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project.

The proposed project is a key to helping resolve the peninsula's water supply issues. The City offers the following comments on the DEIR:

1. The 36-inch pipeline will impact City infrastructure and require possible relocation of storm drain and sewer lines. Be advised that significant portions of the City's sewer system have exceeded their design life and some portions are in excess of 100 years old. Great care will be needed in the vicinity of these pipelines. These potentially conflicting pipeline design and relocation issues need to be coordinated with the City.
2. The City of Monterey Public Works Encroachment Permit and/or design coordination issues that are of concern to the City relative to construction of the proposed 36-inch pipeline include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Construction hours of work
  - Temporary and/or any permanent parking impacts
  - Staging areas and equipment/material storage areas
  - Haul roads
  - Dewatering methods and discharge plans
  - Vehicles, pedestrian and bicycle detours, including ADA-accessible paths of travel during and post construction
  - Locations of above-ground water pipeline blow-offs and air release/air vacuum valves
  - Locations of any above-ground and/or surface-accessed pressure reducing valve vaults, cathodic protection facilities, and/or other vaults

- Compliance with all storm water regulations in effect at the time of permit issuance

All Permit conditions shall be subject to approval of the City's Building Official. All design coordination issues shall be subject to approval of the City Engineer.

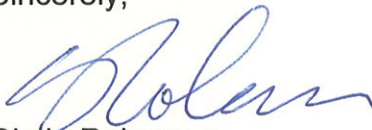
3. The Monterey Pipeline alignment shown in Figure 3-9 along Del Monte Boulevard and Franklin appears to be described in the DEIR as the preferred alignment. An alignment (along Mark Thomas Drive, Fairground Road, and Fremont Street) is described as an alternative. This alternative alignment appears to match the alignment shown in the 2014 plans available on the GWR Project Website. Please provide updated alignment figures in the EIR and address all impacts associated with the proposed pipeline alignment. Suggest that these alignments be reversed in the DEIR, such that the proposed alignment is shown in the body of the DEIR as preferred, and the outdated alignment is included as an alternative alignment that was considered.
4. Figure 3-10 identifies the location of the "Ryan Ranch-Bishop Interconnection Improvements (Proposed)" within the City limits. The precise alignment and impacts do not appear to have been addressed in the DEIR.
5. The preliminary plans, prepared by URS and dated May 2, 2014, identify that the proposed pipeline will be installed in a bridge at the Mark Thomas/Highway 68 intersection, and that the pipeline will be installed via jacking and boring below Route 218/Fremont. However, it appears that the remainder of the alignment across the City of Monterey will be via open cut trenching. The following locations should be considered for jacking and boring as well:
  - The Hartnell Gulch crossing
  - Intersection of Munras Avenue/Webster Street
  - Intersection of Fremont Street and Camino El Estero
  - Below Highway 1 bridge along Camino Aguajito between Glenwood Circle and Mark Thomas Drive
  - Intersection of Fremont Street and Dela Vina Avenue
  - Intersection of Fremont Street and Ramona Avenue
  - Intersection of Fremont Street and Casanova Avenue
  - Other signalized intersections as appropriate
6. Please include the location, number, and types of street trees that will be removed as part of construction and an appropriate mitigation measure for re-planting.
7. The Traffic and Transportation mitigation includes a requirement for a Traffic Control and Safety Assurance Plan which is required to be coordinated with

local agencies. The City of Monterey has major detours planned for the Highway 1/68 Roundabout project and a major Sewer Rehabilitation project in the City of Monterey. The construction management schedule will need to be carefully coordinated with the City of Monterey to ensure adequate circulation during the construction period.

8. A major new pipeline will cause significant disturbance to existing paved areas (streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, driveways, curb ramps, etc.). The City will require that all surfaces be restored to existing conditions following current City standards, including ADA requirements. Asphalt pavement will need to be restored such that full travel lanes will be resurfaced without seams along wheel or bike paths.
9. Please coordinate with the military installations in the City of Monterey.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the DEIR for the Cal Am Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

Sincerely,



Clyde Roberson  
Mayor