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Mr. Andrew Barnsdale
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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 – resolution of our water-supply issue is important to retaining the character of the City of Monterey. I would like to reinforce a comment from our earlier letter:

The Monterey Pipeline alignment, 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 URS 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. We request 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be reversed in the DEIR such that the proposed alignment is shown in the body of the DEIR as preferred, and the outdated alignment is included as an alternative alignment that was considered. It appears that Cal Am prefers the alternative which runs the pipes through General Moore Blvd.

Another alternative that should be thoroughly explored is the right of way where the current Cal Am ASR pipelines run from the Carmel River to the Seaside Basin where surplus water is stored during the rainy season.

My point is to insure that any alignment for the supply pipelines from the desalination facility to Pacific Grove carefully evaluates and resolves any impacts on streets, neighborhoods, and the environment at large in the City of Monterey prior to construction.

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

Sincerely,

Clyde Roberson
Mayor