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CENTRAL COAST DISTRICT (SANTA CRUZ) DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For the

February Meeting of the California Coastal Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 8, 2008

TO: Commissioners and Interested Parties
FROM: Charles Lester, Central Coast District Deputy Director
SUBJECT: *Deputy Director's Report*

Following is a listing for the waivers, emergency permits, immaterial amendments and extensions issued by the Central Coast District Office for the February 8, 2008 Coastal Commission hearing. Copies of the applicable items are attached for your review. Each item includes a listing of the applicants involved, a description of the proposed development, and a project location.

Pursuant to the Commission's direction and adopted procedures, appropriate notice materials were sent to all applicants for posting at the project site. Additionally, these items have been posted at the District office and are available for public review and comment.

This report may also contain additional correspondence and/or any additional staff memorandum concerning the items to be heard on today's agenda for the Central Coast District.

REGULAR WAIVERS

1. 3-07-036-W City of Monterey, Attn: Stephen B. Scheiblaue, Harbormaster (Monterey, Monterey County)

DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

1. 3-07-052-W Heron Crest Development (Oceano, San Luis Obispo County)
2. 3-08-009-W City of Monterey, Attn: Andreas Baer (Monterey, Monterey County)

EMERGENCY PERMITS

1. 3-08-006-G City of Seaside, Attn: Barbara Nelson, Planning Services Manager (Monterey, Monterey County)

IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS

1. A-3-SNC-05-010-A2 City of Sand City (, Monterey County)

TOTAL OF 5 ITEMS

DETAIL OF ATTACHED MATERIALS

REPORT OF REGULAR WAIVERS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 13250(c) and/or Section 13253(c) of the California Code of Regulations.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
3-07-036-W City of Monterey, Attn: Stephen B. Scheiblaue, Harbormaster	Five year (i.e. until February 8, 2013) repair and maintenance of City-owned harbor and waterfront structures including: east moorings and outer harbor; Fishermen's Wharf, the commercial wharf, and associated City-owned wharf buildings; the City marina and its supporting structures; the marina and landfill launch ramps; the ADA boarding dock; harbor-area navigational aides, and; the portions of the Navy and Coast Guard pier and floats that are under the control of the City. Specifically, the five-year repair and maintenance program allows repair and replacement in kind of: 1) up to 50 bearings, 100 fender piles, and 10 guide piles; 2) up to 300 linear feet of caps, 1000 linear feet of stringers, and 20,000 square feet of decking and asphalt; 3) up to 2000 linear feet of bull rail and safety railing; 4) the wharves' fire sprinkler systems; 5) the marina's electrical system; 6) wooden elements of the marina; 7) the waterfront's two launch ramps, and; 8) the City's mooring equipment.	Harbor And Waterfront Areas, Monterey (Monterey County)

REPORT OF DE MINIMIS WAIVERS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 30624.7 of the California Coastal Act of 1976.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
3-07-052-W Heron Crest Development	Construct three 1,600 square foot single-family affordable housing residences with attached 600 square foot garages on three roughly 4,000 square foot parcels.	660 and 666 Airpark Drive, Oceano (San Luis Obispo County)
3-08-009-W City of Monterey, Attn: Andrcas Baer	Abandon wastewater connection to Ocean Harbor House, consolidate 3 storm drain beach outfalls into one single outfall, install new storm water filtration system, construct new break-away headwall, remove existing rip-rap adjacent to old beach outfalls including one 175' long revetment. Construction method will involve subsurface directional drilling. This project replaces and supersedes the project that was authorized under 3-06-045-W.	Del Monte Beach (parallel to Tide Avenue between Beach Way and Surf Way, Monterey (Monterey County)

REPORT OF EMERGENCY PERMITS

The Executive Director has determined that the following developments do not require a coastal development permit pursuant to Section 13142 of the California Code of Regulations because the development is necessary to protect life and public property or to maintain public services.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
3-08-006-G City Of Seaside, Attn: Barbara Nelson, Planning Services Manager	Remove sand from Roberts and Laguna Grande outfall opening on the beach (at end of Humboldt Street next to Monterey Beach Hotel) to allow drainage to flow in order to prevent flooding that would result in hazardous conditions and property damage.	Monterey State Beach (end of Humboldt Street), Monterey (Monterey County)

REPORT OF IMMATERIAL AMENDMENTS

The Executive Director has determined that there are no changes in circumstances affecting the conformity of the subject development with the California Coastal Act of 1976. No objections to this determination have been received at this office. Therefore, the Executive Director grants the requested Immaterial Amendment, subject to the same conditions, if any, approved by the Commission.

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Project Location</i>
A-3-SNC-05-010-A2 City Of Sand City	Amend the permit for the Sand City Water Supply Project to allow it to connect into the existing California American Water (Cal-Am) Company system, to eliminate storage tanks and new water distribution pipes east of Highway 1, to modify certain timing requirements and minor project components, and to add a permit condition to require that water produced by the desalination facility in excess of Sand City water demand be used to reduce pumping of the Carmel River and Seaside Basin aquifers. Such pumping reduction would vary from 300 AF/y initially to 94 AF/y in the long term should full Sand City buildout occur.	Both sides of Highway One within the City of Sand City, Monterey County

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**NOTICE OF COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT WAIVER**

DATE: January 25, 2008
TO: City of Monterey, Attn: Stephen B. Scheiblaue, Harbormaster
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver Number 3-07-036-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13252 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: City of Monterey, Attn: Stephen B. Scheiblaue, Harbormaster

LOCATION: Harbor And Waterfront Areas, Monterey (Monterey County)

DESCRIPTION: Five year (i.e. until February 8, 2013) repair and maintenance of City-owned harbor and waterfront structures including: east moorings and outer harbor; Fishermen's Wharf, the commercial wharf, and associated City-owned wharf buildings; the City marina and its supporting structures; the marina and landfill launch ramps; the ADA boarding dock; harbor-area navigational aides, and; the portions of the Navy and Coast Guard pier and floats that are under the control of the City. Specifically, the five-year repair and maintenance program allows repair and replacement in kind of: 1) up to 50 bearings, 100 fender piles, and 10 guide piles; 2) up to 300 linear feet of caps, 1000 linear feet of stringers, and 20,000 square feet of decking and asphalt; 3) up to 2000 linear feet of bull rail and safety railing; 4) the wharves' fire sprinkler systems; 5) the marina's electrical system; 6) wooden elements of the marina; 7) the waterfront's two launch ramps, and; 8) the City's mooring equipment.

RATIONALE: The five-year repair and maintenance program applies to existing permitted development in the harbor and waterfront areas for which such a program is appropriate, and does not include repair and maintenance to development that raises questions as to whether significant upgrades/alternatives are more appropriate (e.g., riprap, bulkheads, seawalls, parking lots, drainage facilities, pathways, landscaping, etc.). In addition, the program includes explicit construction best management practices to avoid construction-related coastal resource impacts, including requirements with respect to in-water work (e.g. driving pilings into place with the use of a flexible skirt to reduce turbidity, containment measures to prevent foreign materials from entering ocean waters, etc.). In terms of piling work specifically, piling replacement generally will be done using either concrete-filled steel pipe pilings, pre-stressed concrete pilings, or steel-reinforced plastic pilings. Because bearing pilings located under wharf buildings will need to be trimmed, these pilings will be replaced with chemically-treated, plastic-dipped, wooden pilings (i.e., pilings that are fully encased/sealed).

In sum, the repair and maintenance program will protect and maintain the public access and recreation, commercial fishing and boating, and public safety components of the City's harbor and waterfront areas, and the program's potential adverse impacts on coastal resources otherwise will not be significant.

IMPORTANT: This waiver is not valid unless the site has been posted AND until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the

Commission at the meeting of February 6-8, 2008, in San Diego . If three Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,
PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director


By: DAN CARL
District Manager

cc: Local Planning Dept.

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DATE: January 25, 2008
TO: Heron Crest Development
FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 3-07-052-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: Heron Crest Development

LOCATION: 660 and 666 Airpark Drive, Oceano (San Luis Obispo County) (APN(s) 061-044-34, 061-044-35)

DESCRIPTION: Construct three 1,600 square foot single-family affordable housing residences with attached 600 square foot garages on three roughly 4,000 square foot parcels.

RATIONALE: The project is an affordable housing planned unit development located between existing homes on an already developed residential street. There are no significant coastal resources located on the site. In addition, the project includes appropriate water quality protection measures to be implemented during and after construction and includes a landscape plan utilizing non-invasive native plant species appropriate to the site and surrounding areas. As proposed, the affordable housing project does not have the potential for adverse effects on coastal resources, including public access, and it increases the availability of affordable housing stock in the coastal zone. As such, the project is consistent with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

IMPORTANT: This waiver is not valid unless the site has been posted AND until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of February 6-8, 2008, in San Diego. If four Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,
PETER M. DOUGLAS
Executive Director

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By: DAN CARL
District Manager

cc: Local Planning Dept.
Westland Engineering, Inc.

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DATE: January 25, 2008
 TO: City of Monterey, Attn: Andreas Baer
 FROM: Peter M. Douglas, Executive Director
 SUBJECT: Waiver of Coastal Development Permit Requirement:
Waiver De Minimis Number 3-08-009-W

Based on project plans and information submitted by the applicant(s) named below regarding the development described below, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby waives the requirement for a Coastal Development Permit, pursuant to Title 14, Section 13238 of the California Code of Regulations.

APPLICANT: City of Monterey, Attn: Andreas Baer

LOCATION: Del Monte Beach (parallel to Tide Avenue between Beach Way and Surf Way, Monterey (Monterey County))

DESCRIPTION: Abandon wastewater connection to Ocean Harbor House, consolidate 3 storm drain beach outfalls into one single outfall, install new storm water filtration system, construct new break-away headwall, remove existing rip-rap adjacent to old beach outfalls including one 175' long revetment. Construction method will involve subsurface directional drilling. This project replaces and supersedes the project that was authorized under 3-06-045-W.

RATIONALE: The proposed development protects/improves coastal water quality by consolidating three existing stormwater beach outfalls into one single outfall and by routing stormwater runoff through a filtration device capable of removing sediment and trash. Public access and recreation will be enhanced by removal of the abandoned outfalls and piping and by removal of approximately 6,740 cubic feet (500 tons) of existing riprap that is adjacent to the old outfalls and that extends 175 linear feet along the beach. The construction method will involve subsurface directional drilling and thus will not disturb sensitive dune habitat.

In sum, the proposed project will improve public recreational access, water quality, and the public beach viewshed. As such, the project is a coastal resource enhancement project that will not have any potential adverse effects on coastal resources, and the project is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

IMPORTANT: This waiver is not valid unless the site has been posted AND until the waiver has been reported to the Coastal Commission. This waiver is proposed to be reported to the Commission at the meeting of February 6-8, 2008, in San Diego. If four Commissioners object to this waiver, a coastal development permit will be required.

Persons wishing to object to or having questions regarding the issuance of a coastal permit waiver for this project should contact the Commission office at the above address or phone number prior to the Commission meeting date.

Sincerely,
 PETER M. DOUGLAS
 Executive Director

By: DAN CARL
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EMERGENCY PERMIT

Emergency Permit Number 3-08-006-G

Issue Date January 31, 2008

PERMITTEE

City of Seaside
440 Harcourt Avenue
Seaside, CA 93955

LOCATION OF EMERGENCY

Monterey State Beach (adjacent to the Monterey Beach Hotel at the end of Humboldt Street),
Monterey (Monterey County) (APN 011-421-11).

EMERGENCY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

Remove sand from Roberts and Laguna Grande storm water outfall opening on the beach (next to the Monterey State Beach parking lot and Monterey Beach Hotel at the end of Humboldt Street) to allow winter runoff flows to drain out to sea in order to prevent flooding adjacent to the inland lagoons that would result in hazardous conditions and property damage.

This letter constitutes approval of the emergency work that you have requested as described above. I understand from the information that you submitted that an unexpected occurrence in the form of excess storm water runoff has occurred which represents "a sudden unexpected occurrence demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss or damage to life, health, property or essential public services." (Definition of "emergency" from §13009 of the California Administrative Code of Regulations.) Specifically, I understand that the proposed work is necessary to prevent imminent loss or damage to property, roadways, and persons adjacent to Roberts Lake and Laguna Grande Lake on the inland side of Highway One. Therefore, the Executive Director of the Coastal Commission hereby finds that:

- (a) An emergency exists which requires action more quickly than permitted by the procedures for administrative or ordinary permits and the development can and will be completed within 30 days unless otherwise specified by the terms of this permit; and
- (b) Public comment on the proposed emergency action has been reviewed if time allows.

The work is hereby approved, subject to the conditions listed on the attached pages.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Douglas
Executive Director

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By: Dan Carl
Central Coast District Manager

Copies to: Cal Parks; MBNMS; ACOE; RWQCB; City of Monterey

Enclosures: Emergency Permit Acceptance Form

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. The enclosed emergency permit acceptance form must be signed by the permittee and all owner(s) of property where the emergency development authorized by this permit is located and returned to the California Coastal Commission's Central Coast District Office within 15 days of the date of this permit (i.e., **by February 15, 2008**). This emergency permit is not valid unless and until the acceptance form has been received in the Central Coast District Office.
2. Only that development specifically described in this permit listed above is authorized. Any additional development requires separate authorization.
3. The work authorized by this permit must be completed within 30 days of the date of this permit (i.e., **by March 1, 2008**) unless extended for good cause by the Executive Director.
4. The measures authorized by the emergency permit are only temporary. In recognition of this, and in recognition of the recurring nature of the potential flooding concerns at Robert's Lake and Laguna Grande, within 90 days of the date of this permit (i.e., **by April 30, 2008**) the permittee shall submit a completed application for a regular coastal development permit (CDP) to both recognize the emergency work and to implement a plan to address the long term management of the storm water outfall. The CDP application must include a clear evaluation of alternatives to mechanical manipulation of the beach and sand berm, including assessing the potential to re-route storm water overflow to the sanitary sewer and/or re-establishing natural tidal flow from the Pacific Ocean to the inland lakes. In addition, the application must include clear protocols for manipulating the sand berm at Monterey State Beach, if necessary, when storm water flows threaten to exceed the capacity of the Robert's Lake and Laguna Grande Lake and flood the surrounding area, unless other alternatives negate the need for such manipulation.
5. In exercising this permit, the permittee agrees to hold harmless the California Coastal Commission, its officers, agents, and employees against any and all liabilities for damage to public or private properties, personal injury, claims, demands, damages, costs (including costs and fees incurred in defense of such claims), expenses, and amounts paid in settlement arising from any injury or damage that may result from exercising this permit, and that any adverse effects to property caused by the permitted project shall be fully the responsibility of the permittee.
6. This permit does not obviate the need to obtain necessary authorizations and/or permits from other agencies (e.g., California State Lands Commission, California Department of Fish and Game, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Parks and Recreation, etc.). The Permittee shall submit to the Executive Director copies of all such authorizations and/or permits upon their issuance.
7. Unless the Executive Director allows minor modifications for good cause, the flowing development requirements shall apply:
 - (a) All development areas (i.e., sand bulldozing areas) shall be minimized to the maximum extent feasible in order to minimize construction encroachment on both the beach and beach access points, and to have the least impact on public access. All construction areas

shall be demarked by temporary fencing designed to allow through public access and protect public safety to the maximum extent feasible.

- (b) Construction activities and equipment shall avoid waters of the Pacific Ocean and minimize beach disturbance to the maximum extent feasible.
 - (c) All work shall take place during daylight hours and lighting of the beach area is prohibited.
 - (d) Construction work or equipment operations shall not be conducted below the mean high water line unless tidal waters have receded from the authorized work areas.
 - (e) Equipment and materials shall not be stored on the beach. All construction materials placed on the beach during construction shall be placed beyond the reach of tidal waters and removed when construction is not ongoing.
 - (f) All construction activities that result in discharge of materials, polluted runoff, or wastes to the adjacent marine environment are prohibited. Equipment washing, refueling, and/or servicing shall not take place on the beach. Any erosion and sediment controls used shall be in place prior to the commencement of construction as well as at the end of each work day.
 - (g) The construction site shall maintain good construction housekeeping (e.g., clean up all leaks, drips, and other spills immediately; keep materials covered and out of the rain (including covering exposed piles of soil and wastes); dispose of all wastes properly, place trash receptacles on site for that purpose, and cover open trash receptacles during wet weather; remove all construction debris from the beach).
8. The development area, including but not limited any construction access routes, shall be restored to its pre-development condition and all debris removed within 3 days of completion of the emergency development authorized. Beach sands within the development area shall be re-contoured to a smooth condition in order to facilitate maximum public access.
9. Within 30 days of completion of the development authorized by this permit, the permittee shall submit information clearly identifying the work completed under the emergency permit (comparing any previously permitted condition to both the emergency condition and to the post-work condition), with a narrative description of all emergency construction activities undertaken pursuant to this emergency permit. Before and after photo documentation shall be included.
10. Failure to comply with the conditions of this approval may result in enforcement action under the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Coastal Act.
11. The issuance of this emergency permit does not constitute admission as to the legality of any development undertaken on the subject site without a coastal development permit and shall be without prejudice to the California Coastal Commission's ability to pursue any remedy under Chapter 9 of the Coastal Act.

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As noted in the conditions above, the emergency development carried out under this permit is at the Permittee's risk and is considered to be temporary work done in an emergency situation. If the Permittee intends to have the temporary emergency development recognized, a regular coastal development permit (or waiver thereof) must be obtained. A regular permit application is subject to all of the provisions of the California Coastal Act and may be conditioned or denied accordingly. If you have any questions about the provisions of this emergency permit, please contact the Commission's Central Coast District Office at 725 Front Street, Suite 300, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (831) 427-4863.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT AMENDMENT**

TO: All Interested Parties
FROM: Peter Douglas, Executive Director **BY PDG/ML**
DATE: January 25, 2008
SUBJECT: **Proposed Amendment to Coastal Development Permit (CDP) A-3-SNC-05-010**
Applicant: City of Sand City

Original Description

Construction and operation of a public reverse osmosis desalination facility (subsurface - no ocean intake or discharge) and potable water distribution system capable of delivering 300 acre feet per year (AF/y) of water to City residents and businesses (the "Sand City Water Supply Project"). The project includes placement of piping and wells west of Highway One within City-owned street right-of-ways, the desalination plant and storage tanks located east of Highway One on Shasta Avenue, and distribution pipes throughout the inland side of the City of Sand City (Monterey County).

Proposed Amendment

The Executive Director of the Coastal Commission has reviewed a proposed amendment to CDP A-3-SNC-05-010, which would result in the following changes:

Amend the permit for the Sand City Water Supply Project to allow it to connect into the existing California American Water Company (Cal-Am) system, to eliminate storage tanks and new water distribution pipes east of Highway 1, to modify certain timing requirements and minor project components, and to add a permit condition to require that water produced by the desalination facility in excess of Sand City water demand be used to reduce pumping of the Carmel River and Seaside Basin aquifers. Such pumping reduction would vary from 300 AF/y initially to 94 AF/y in the long term should full Sand City buildout occur.

Findings

Pursuant to Title 14, Section 13166(b) of the California Code of Regulations, this amendment is considered to be immaterial and the permit will be amended accordingly if no written objections are received within ten working days of the date of this notice. If an objection is received, the amendment must be reported to the Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting. This amendment has been considered immaterial for the following reason(s):

Currently, water use in the City of Sand City is 94 AF/y, and at full City build-out it would be 300 AF/y. The Sand City Water Supply Project (SCWSP) was designed to produce up to 300 AF/y to serve City of Sand City uses, including future buildout. The Commission's original approval would have resulted in all SCWSP water being physically used within the City of Sand City, and Sand City going "off the grid" and no longer requiring Cal-Am water service. The result would have been that the amount of water that Cal-Am would have supplied to Sand City (94 acre feet based on the existing allocation), could instead be applied to reduce pumping on the currently over-tapped Carmel River and the Salinas Basin Aquifer



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systems. Any future water needs within Sand City, up to 300 AF/y at buildout, would come from the SCWSP and not Cal-Am.

The proposed amendment would change the original concept by keeping Sand City on the Cal-Am water service grid, and instead putting the 300 AF/y of SCWSP water produced directly back into the Cal-Am system. In return, Cal-Am would provide up to 300 AF/y of potable water as necessary to serve existing (94 AF/y) and appropriately permitted new and/or expanded uses and development (206 AF/y) located within the City of Sand City (only). The SCWSP water put back into the Cal-Am system and not used by the City for future development would be applied to and result in an equivalent reduction in the volume of pumping of the Carmel River and the Seaside Basin Aquifer. In the immediate term scenario, based on the current potable water use within the City, the reduction in pumping would be 300 AF/y (i.e., 300 AF/y SCWSP water – 0 AF/y allocated to new/expanded uses and development). In the full City buildout scenario, the reduction in pumping would be 94 AF/y (i.e., 300 AF/y SCWSP water – 206 AF/y allocated to new/expanded uses and development). It is unclear when or if this additional development (and water use) may occur. In other words, as opposed to the original concept that provided for a 94 AF/y savings applied to these resources, the amended project would result in more savings, including initially a 300 AF/y savings. Given buildout uncertainty in the City, this initial savings (or at least a significant portion of it) would be applied for the foreseeable future. Thus, the volume of pumping of the Carmel River and/or the Seaside Basin Aquifer per year would be reduced by at least 94 AF/y and up to 300 AF/y due to the SCWSP.

The proposed amendment includes minor modifications that are mostly technical in nature to affect this change, and includes a new special condition that explicitly identifies and requires that the SCWSP and all associated documentation by and between the City and Cal-Am, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other similar agencies reflect the required Carmel River and the Salinas Basin Aquifer pumping reduction, including the increment up to 300 AF/y.

Thus, the proposed SCWSP, as amended, will have a positive environmental benefit by reducing the amount of water diverted from both the Carmel River and Seaside Basin aquifers which are both in over-draft. The proposed amended project is an improvement over the original approved project, and the proposed amendment will not have any adverse impacts on coastal resources. The amended project will help offset pumping in a meaningful way, ranging from 94 AF/y to 300 AF/y, significantly decreasing adverse pumping impacts on Carmel River and Seaside Basin coastal resources consistent with Coastal Act objectives.

If you have any questions about the proposal or wish to register an objection, please contact Mike Watson at the Central Coast District office.

