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**Appeal A-3-MRA-19-0034  
(California American Water Co., Marina)  
&  
Coastal Permit 9-20-0603  
(California American Water Co., Monterey Co.)**

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**CORRESPONDENCE  
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From Interested Parties**

**From:** [Alfrieda Wilkins](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAmDesalination Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:19:27 AM

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For years Marina citizens have worked to get the Cemex plant closed and our beach restored for public use, which the termination agreement provided.

Now Cal Am wants to put it's slant wells on that spot, once again denying Marina citizens recreational usage.

Not only that, the proposed project would pull Marina groundwater into the slant wells and promote seawater intrusion into *our* aquifers.

Pure Water Monterey's demonstrated ability to provide necessary water for the near future can certainly give Cal Am the space to research and locate a desal plant elsewhere in their service area, if the longer term requires one.

Please deny the permit.

Alfrieda Wilkins  
3202 DeForest Rd  
Marina, CA 93933  
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**From:** [JIM RIESENFELD](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [kass.schwin](#)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:18:13 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

We are Cal Am customers, and we oppose Cal Am's desal project, because it is not needed. Adequate water for the foreseeable future can be provided by the expansion of Pure Water Monterey.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet/yr more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet/yr, without Cal Am's desal.

Cal Am's proposed desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. It would raise our already-high water bills by at least 50%.

We also oppose the siting of desal slant wells in Marina, which would get none of this water, but would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from seawater intrusion.

Finally, this plant would produce massive greenhouse gas emissions and would consume a great deal of power.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Kass Schwin and Jim Riesenfeld  
8545 Carmel Valley Rd  
Carmel, CA 93923

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**From:** [Joanne Noto](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:08:58 AM

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To whom it may concern

I SUPPORT the desal project. Water is a basic need for life and the desal project will assist in preventing future water shortages.

Regards,

Joanne Noto

**From:** [Pat Rosburg](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:05:40 AM

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Please do not approve CalAm desalination plant. They should not even be operating here any longer but they have managed to hang on.

They are overpriced as we have very expensive water.

I tried to report a water leak in Pacific Grove and the person I talked to did not know where it was. In addition, the leak had been reported 3 weeks prior and nothing was done about and still has not been done some 12 weeks later.

At a time of drought it is too bad to have this company providing our water.

Do not allow them to make costly decisions for our water.

Thank you

Pat Rosburg

**From:** [Richard Utting](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** STOP CALAM DESALINATION  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:05:32 AM

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Pure water Monterey expansion project is  
adequate. Please do not drain our bank accounts!!!

Richard Utting  
Monterey resident

**From:** [Karen Hewitt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please don't approve CalAm desal project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 9:00:15 AM

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The California American Water desalinization plant proposal is based on a dubious and unproven design. Indeed, CalAm has a long history of actions that don't mesh with good stewardship of our water supply but do produce extraordinarily high water rates. Please don't approve their desal permit.

Thank you

Karen Hewitt

154 11th Street

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

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Karen Hewitt 217-898-2657

**From:** [Hardenstein, Arleen](#)  
**To:** [Luster, Tom@Coastal](mailto:Luster_Tom@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Coastal Commission Approval for Monterey Peninsula Desal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 8:46:35 AM

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Dear Mr. Luster,

This letter is written to urge the approval of the desalination plant to complete the Monterey Water Supply Project. This project is necessary to enable our community to fulfil its commitment to reduce the pumping of the Carmel River to the legal amount thereby providing for fish spawning, renewal of the conditions needed to protect endangered species, watershed vibrancy as nature intended.

The plant provides the only water supply not **impacted by drought** to feed the Seaside Basin Aquifer at a time it requires sustained recharge to remain a healthy, reliable water supply system for the people of the water community. That community benefits by finally being able to provide homes for workers who now travel twice daily to and from the Peninsula by automobile. The carbon emissions of those workers is replaced by people who have a better quality of life by eliminating commutes. When the goals of mitigating prolonged drought, aquifer sustainability, reduction of carbon emissions and housing needs all are satisfied by one project I urge you to approve that project.

I grew up in Monterey and have lived here all of my life. I have lived here during multiple drought years but the extreme drought we are in now (statewide) is extremely scary and chances are our droughts when become more frequent and remain for longer periods. During the mid 70's, when the Monterey Peninsula was going thru a severe drought and we were under mandatory water rationing - I would take a shower and save the tub water. My father would come home from his pig ranch, dusty and dirty, and take a luke-warm bath in my saved water. Then we used that same shower/bath water for flushing our toilet and watering plants. We pulled out our lawns, we conserved our water usage, we retrofit our plumbing fixtures...we've tried everything and it's hard to believe this is where we are headed again. The drought we are in scares the hell out of me, because I fear it is only going to get worse and we won't have water to live here.

Please, please, please approve this desal. The history of denying new water sources has to stop. I urge and beg you to move our community into a sustainable future and approve this desal project.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Arleen Hardenstein

**Arleen Hardenstein** Realtor®



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**Realtor of the Year**, MCAR 2019

**President**, Rotary Club of Pacific Grove 2022/2023

**Director**, CA Association of Realtors - 2012 to date

*If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way!*

Martin Luther King

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**From:** [Gail Bower](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:55:17 AM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

Vote to delay any action on a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the CalAm desalination facility because it lacks critical information about the project and its alternative, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion; or  
Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmental impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Regards,

Gail Bower  
Carmel CA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [D. WILDAY](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** no desal plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:45:55 AM

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We are categorically against CALAM plans to build a desalination plant and will protest all efforts to do so.

*Deborah Wilday, Ph.D.*  
*Charles Wilday*

**From:** [cvpatree](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal-- Cal Am  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:25:34 AM

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To: the Coastal Commission

I write this note in hopes that the Commission votes AGAINST Cal Ams request to build a desal plant. I have lived on the Peninsula for 70 years and the only hope that i have seen is Pure Water Monterey. Please consider the vote of the people and stay out of the political decision. There is absolutely NO reason to permit Cal Am to to build desal plant at huge expense when we all pay the highest cost of water, and have Pure Water Monterey.

Regards, patricia taylor

**From:** [David Hall](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 7:23:31 AM

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Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Regards,

David M. Hall  
Carmel Valley, CA

**From:** [Nancy Harray](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Cal-Am Desal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 6:40:34 AM

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I oppose Cal Am's planned desalination plant because I believe there are better, cheaper solutions.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Harray  
1107 W. Franklin St.  
Monterey, CA 93940

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Joyce Ryder](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this diesel project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 5:39:50 AM

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I deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this diesel project.

Joyce Ryder

East Garrison

**From:** [Kelly Keir](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** De sal project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 5:06:46 AM

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Dear Coastal Commission,  
Please **deny Cal Am's permit to build their desal.**  
We don't need higher water bills.  
Thank you,  
Kelly Keir  
Monterey



**From:** [Susan Spiegel](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please Deny Cal Am Desal Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:36:46 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is a feasible alternative that the Coastal Commission must consider. The staff report is in error. It did not consider either the Monterey Peninsula Water Management or the Marina Coast Water District supply and demand reports. These reports cannot be ignored. Please review them thoroughly. They both show the Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has already allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. Where is the proof that we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet from Cal Am's desal project?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? The extreme cost of this water is an environmental injustice issue for low-income residents. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. No one on the Peninsula can afford to add the cost of this desal water to our extremely high Cal Am water bills.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

**Susan Spiegel**  
Carmel, CA 93923

**From:** [Paola Berthoin](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:25:51 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution. Given that the CA Coastal Commission's mission, as defined in the California Coastal Act, is "to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the environment of the California coastline", this desal project meets none of those goals.

As a coastal Californian, **I do not agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume.** I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not. It really is an outrageous proposition, especially in light of the climate chaos we have set in motion and have not done much at all to address it.

The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is a feasible alternative that the Coastal Commission must consider. The staff report is in error. It did not consider either the Monterey Peninsula Water Management or the Marina Coast Water District supply and demand reports. These reports cannot, and must not, be ignored. Please review them thoroughly. They both show the Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has already allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River. Note that CAL AM did not work to make this happen, in fact, they did the opposite.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. Where is the proof that we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet from Cal Am's desal project?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot! Why is this desal water so expensive? The extreme cost of this water is an environmental injustice issue for low-income residents. It would raise water bills by at least 50%.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the threatened Western Snowy Plover and the risk to its aquifer, already degraded/endangered by seawater intrusion.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project. Again, given that the **CA Coastal Commission's mission, as defined in the California Coastal Act, is "to protect, conserve, restore, and enhance the environment of the California coastline"**, this desal project meets none of those goals.

Sincerely,

Paola Berthoin  
25440 Telarana Way  
Carmel, CA 93923

831.624.9467

**From:** [veruka salt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:23:10 PM

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Hello.

We do not need desal. We have other alternatives and we certainly don't need higher water bills to pay for it. Our bill has continually increased so many times in the last couple of years, I have lost count.

Our electrical grid cannot support what we have already in this state, these type of plants use quite a bit of electricity, so while we can't charge our cars during certain hours, what will happen when the desal is using more of the electricity and we can't charge our cars at all?

Thank you,  
Veruka

**From:** [Cindy Graham](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cynthia Graham - Deny Cal-Am Desal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 9:40:47 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff.

This is truly a case of NOT IN MY BACKYARD, as that's exactly where it's going to be – and I will continue to fight to keep this from happening. There is no need for this to even be considered. I can't believe the California Coastal Commission had the audacity to change their stance and recommended approval of this project.

My name is Cynthia Graham; I have been a resident of Marina for over 40 years. My dad was in the military and I grew up here, attending Marina Vista, Los Arboles, Fitch Jr High and Seaside High. I moved away briefly, twice, but returned because this is home and always will be. I retired after 37 years in Civil Service, 33 of those years at the Naval Postgraduate School. Every day after work, I would stop at the beach to unwind and let the waves take away the stresses of the day. Prior to retiring, I was unsure as to whether I would be able to remain in the area due to the cost of living. I could not imagine not being near “my ocean”. But I got lucky and was able to buy a house in Marina the year I retired. I live just across the freeway from beach, and love the fact that I can regularly hear the roar of the waves crashing. My mom and dad used to take drives to the beach daily and eat their lunch. When my dad came to live with me, we continued those rides, and these days, the dogs and I still take our daily ride Marina Beach.

Marina is a nice, quiet city. We aren't made up of the rich and powerful, so that group of constituents thinks it's ok to use our land (because heaven forbid, they should have such an “atrocious” in their part of the world) and then take the water for themselves. Not only would the desal plant threaten to diminish and contaminate Marina's water supply, it also threatens endangered species as well as over 35 acres of our beaches, which we have worked so hard to protect over the years.

Marina is NOT an industrial city, nor do we want it to become that. Yet we already have more than our share of industrial facilities that serve the entire peninsula, to include the sewage plant and garbage landfill, as well as contaminated lands left by the former military base (which no other city within our county is volunteering to help clean up). Let's spread the wealth around and let someone else take on the location and responsibility of the desal plant.

Expansion of the already-functioning recycle water project (Pure Water Monterey) would meet the long-term needs of the peninsula, thus making the need for Cal-Am's desal plant TOTALLY UNNECESSARY.

Cal-Am's desal plant would take over property and habitat areas that, in accordance with The Cemex Settlement Agreement, ensures that the property be restored and forever dedicated to conservation and low-impact recreation.

Additionally, allowing a foreign, for-profit company to steal our water is just morally wrong and must not be allowed.

I implore you - deny the Cal-Am desal project in it's entirety (in Marina), and prevent this environmental injustice from becoming a reality.

Regards,  
Cynthia Graham  
111 Redondo Ct  
Marina

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Martin Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal-Am's desalination permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 9:39:26 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I was born in Monterey in 1958. I remember the droughts of the 1970s that led to the creation of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

The mission of MPWMD was to find and develop new sources of water for the Monterey Peninsula. However, for over thirty years the only tangible thing they accomplished was to develop and maintain a bureaucratic system of "water credits" which amounted to a permanent water shortage codified into law.

Finally, one election year the mayors of the Peninsula cities placed an advisory measure on the ballot asking the citizens whether MPWMD should be dissolved. The vote was two-to-one in favor of dissolution. This result was dutifully forwarded to the California State Legislature. In response, MPWMD hired a lobbyist in Sacramento – using OUR MONEY – to convince the Legislature to ignore the desires of the people and to leave MPWMD intact.

The only good thing that came out of this was that MPWMD finally seemed to get the message, and they promptly started sending out newsletters and glossy mailers touting how much progress they were (finally) making toward developing a new source of water. This continued for a few months and then the mailers stopped and MPWMD went back to doing whatever it was they actually did.

Then a few years ago MPWMD started making all kinds of noises about wanting to buy Cal-Am. I don't know what makes them think that they can do a better job than Cal-Am does since for four decades MPWMD has never provided us with ONE DROP of water.

Lately I've received numerous unsolicited emails from MPWMD touting a new water-reclamation project they have apparently been developing. I watched their video presentation on the subject, hoping to gain some kind of overview of how the system will work, where it will be located, how the water that it reclaims will be fed into the distribution system, etc., but there is no such information, only glowing testimonials by various local officials about how this vaporware system – which won't be completed for another TWO YEARS – will supposedly solve our water shortage. Meanwhile, MPWMD continues to vitriolically attack Cal-Am's proposed desalination plant.

Given this history, to say that I have zero confidence in MPWMD is to put it mildly. For the last forty years, Cal-Am has dutifully done its best to provide us with water while MPWMD has rationed that water and denigrated Cal-Am at every opportunity.

Cal-Am has decades of experience and expertise in providing water and in maintaining the infrastructure that distributes it. MPWMD has no such experience in either of those fields. If MPWMD wishes to pursue their project, I have no objection (particularly since I'm being forced to pay for it anyway) and if they can actually complete a functioning reclamation system I will welcome it. In the meantime, kindly approve Cal-Am's desalination permit so that we may finally have a solution to our problem.

Many thanks.

Martin A. Schmidt  
24587 Guadalupe St.  
Carmel, CA 93923



**From:** [William G](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Marina CalAm De-Sal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 9:12:14 PM

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Hello,

I am a fifteen year resident of Marina. I am writing in opposition to the proposed De-Sal slant well project on the Cemex site in Marina.

While I understand the important need for water in our area, I think this proposed project is not an equitable solution. I hope the Coastal Commission will consider the feedback from residents such as myself who are opposed to this project.

Thank you,

William Grallo

**From:** [John Kern](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Oppose Cal Am Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:47:03 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

It's pretty simple. We don't want the proposed desal project because we don't need it. Also it's expensive and energy intensive. I believe reclaimed water is a good solution, along with conservation. Sustainable, climate-friendly landscapes don't use a lot of water (and the energy it takes to deliver it).

John Kern  
Pacific Grove

**From:** [Terri Beatty](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Oppose desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:28:17 PM

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Theresa Beatty  
Carmel Valley  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jim Staples Jr.](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [mwchrislock@redshift.com](mailto:mwchrislock@redshift.com)  
**Subject:** STRONGLY OPPOSE CAL AM's DESAL PROJECT  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:26:28 PM

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I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not. **Where is all the electricity coming from to run this plant when CA is asking residents to not charge their cars. This is insanity and reckless. This Governor does not have a handle on the electrical crisis at all and it's clear by asking PGE to extend the retirement of Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.**

**Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.**

Sincerely

Jim and Sandra Staples

PO Box 221516  
Carmel, CA 93923

**Residents for over 30 years of this community – authentic stakeholders in this critical issue**

**From:** [Marilyn Upshaw](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [marilyn.upshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:marilyn.upshaw@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:14:02 PM

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Dear CA Costal Commissioners  
Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff.

My name is Marilyn Upshaw. I am a retired longtime resident of Marina. I have lived her since 1968. My parents lived and died in Marina and my son and his family, and my granddaughter and her family grew up and continue to live here in Marina. We love this city and its small town atmosphere. Marina is a great city but has always been treated as the “red-headed stepchild” by the wealthier peninsula cities. This attitude continues toward us now with CalAm attempting to steal our water from our aquifer. CalAm, a private foreign water company, wants to take our water and sell it to the wealthier cities at a large profit for themselves. This is morally wrong. This is our water and we would not be getting any water from it. It will also threaten our aquifer with salt water intrusion.

Please take a minute and think about how you would feel if you lived in Marina and some foreign company came in and tried to steal your water and you could not stop it. This plan is just plain morally wrong. They have other options. Please deny the CalAm project that will harm my city and my family.

Thank you.

Marilyn Upshaw

**From:** [Jackie Gardner](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Marina coastline beach  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 7:34:52 PM

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Please protect our beautiful coast in Marina. The snowy plover nest very near. This beach has suffered because of a very outdated sand plant had been aloud to operate too long. This desalination plant is not needed and should not be aloud in our town. Please listen to the people of Marina, we just want to protect our coast line. Thank you for considering.

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [robert chapin](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 7:01:44 PM

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As a 55 year resident of Monterey (who remembers when Cal Am was locally owned) I urge you not to build the desal plant, which is an overkill.

It's obvious that this will primarily benefit the hospitality/hotel sector, at the expense of the middle-class homeowners of the Cal Am service area.

Sincerely.

Robert Chapin



**From:** [Ellen Jahn](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** De-sal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 6:46:32 PM

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Dear friends,

No, no, no - a thousand nos.

We do not need this! Local agencies are making great progress on water solutions. More time should be given for these to bear fruit before foisting an expensive project on rate payers.

I beg you do not approve this!!

Ellen Jahn

**From:** [Carl Magnuson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desal, Please  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 6:34:54 PM

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Good evening,

My wife and I live in Pacific Grove. We feel, if the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's facts are correct about the Pure Water Monterey project and its pending expansion, there is no need for the desal plant, the subsequent rate increases passed to rate payers and the environment impacts building and operating the facility will have on an already stressed coastal ecosystem.

Thank you,

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**Carl Magnuson, VP Client Relations | Translation by Design, Inc.**

[carl@tbdinc.com](mailto:carl@tbdinc.com)

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**From:** [Michael Cate](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No on the desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 6:32:48 PM

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Please do not approve the permit for Cal Am's extremely expensive, as well as unnecessary, slant wells for their proposed desalination plant.

The tertiary water treatment plant is and will continue to supply the peninsula with sufficient water.

The cost to consumers for the desal plant is obscene and should not be allowed. Coupled with that, the oceans of this planet are already troubled due to pollution, over fishing and underwater noise pollution.

Please deny Cal Am's permit request.

Preserve our oceans, the coast and our local environment.

Thank you.

Mike Cate  
Carmel

**From:** [Ray Bennett](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal AM desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 6:23:32 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am adamantly against the building of Cal Am's desal plant. The State of California has continually allowed this company to gouge us with the highest water rates in the country and now the construction of this plant will drastically increase our water bills again. We've been taken advantage of enough. It's time for California to put the well-being of its residents above any special interest group.

Please deny Cal Am's permit to built this unwanted, unnecessary, and expensive desal plant.

Ray Bennett  
Seaside resident

**From:** [John Hale](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 6:01:29 PM

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Having two properties in Carmel and being part of the Hacienda Carmel Retirement Community in Carmel, CA, I would not support a desalination plant being built on the Monterey Peninsula to provide water at this time.

John Hale  
158 Hacienda Carmel  
Carmel, CA 93923

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Nyere](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Resident of Carmel Valley  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 5:59:15 PM

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I, John Nyere, strongly oppose the desalinization proposal. It is not needed.

**From:** [Krygsman, Vail@Coastal](mailto:Krygsman.Vail@Coastal)  
**To:** [Luster, Tom@Coastal](mailto:Luster.Tom@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Low Income Ratepayer"s story  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 5:55:41 PM

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I am out of the office Tuesday, 11/8/22 through Thursday, 11/10/22. I will respond upon my return to work Monday, 11/14/22. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**From:** [Mary Glover](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 5:02:00 PM

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I am all for it! We need water



**From:** [Myrna Hampton](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 4:51:48 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

With the passage Measure J, we citizens indicated we were interested in a publicly owned water system, not one owned by a corporation like Cal Am that treats the Peninsula like a cash cow. The building of an incredibly expensive and unnecessary desal plant sets us up for further milking!

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 6,250 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$6,000 an acre-foot. How can any company justify this cost? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. I cannot afford to add the cost of this extraordinarily expensive desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Coastal Commission please represent your coastal citizens not a foreign owned corporation. Please please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Thank you,

Myrna C Hampton

Carmel, CA

**From:** [Kent SAUNDERS](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 4:46:47 PM

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Members,

As a resident of Carmel Valley, I am opposed to this project! I recently retired and am on a fixed income. If you approve this very costly project, I will not be able to afford my water usage! There are other adequate water sources available. Please DO NOT approve this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
Kent Saunders  
Carmel Valley

**From:** [ecklesmpg@aol.com](mailto:ecklesmpg@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desal proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 4:35:00 PM

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Dear Members of the Ca Coastal Comm.

This to illustrate the gravity of the position residents of the Monterey Peninsula are subjected.

Within the extremes of war by oligarch Putin in contrast to the protracted strategies of clinging to the control of our public resource by CalAM LIES the common endeavor off an ASSAULT UPON DEMOCRACY.! Peninsula resident's skirmish began by CalAM parading a person before the media proclaiming what a bad deal was made to BUY out CalAm. As a former resident of Felton I went and spoke to residents in town at random and every one said they could not understand how this person could take such a position. Unanimously they expressed their satisfaction for what they had accomplished.. There are the issues of the "misplaced" salinity sensor, magnetic sensor evidence of salt water intrusion, wildlife sanctuary, coastal access, Marina's water supply imperiled, a facility to be built upon the the site most subject to coastal erosion on the coast of CA. Any project owned by CalAM would cost half again more than by the public and resident's including those employed by the "hospitality industry" would without question pay the most for their PUBLIC resource. In any shape or suggested form a desal plant owned by CalAM would engender a new word: CALAMITY.

Sincerely,

Mark Eckles  
Pacific Grove

**From:** [Zoya Scholis](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** NO DESAL  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 4:33:50 PM

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**From:** [George Scarmon](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please oppose the desal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:49:21 PM

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We are very concerned about Cal Am's desal project as proposed. It appears to be very harmful to existing groundwater supplies, etc for the City of Marina and residents. It will also likely result in a marked increase in water rates. Monterey One is able to provide good water available now to Cal Am customers. Please consider the greater good to the environment and people when voting on this project.

George Scarmon  
Jeanne Clark

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Ismael Esquivel](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:30:39 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commission, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff:



My name is Ismael Esquivel and I have lived in Marina for 11 years and we are second generation of Mexican. I and my wife have two wonderful children who all attend Marina Public Schools. I was in the Army and stationed at the Presidio of Monterey and now I work full time in the Ag Industry. Since I work long hours I won't be able to speak at the November meeting but I hope that you will make the right decision for Marina. Thank you!

Please deny the CalAm Slant Well project!

Thank you,  
Ismael Esquivel

**From:** [Jeff Barca-Hall](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No to desalinization  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:26:27 PM

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Please do not allow CalAmWater to build their desalinization plant. I prefer the water purification and recycling approach of Pure Water Monterey, as recommended by the MPWMD directors.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Barca-Hall  
11790 Saddle Rd  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [NICK GILARDONI](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:23:12 PM

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Please build the Desal plant as soon as possible!

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Juli Hofmann](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm's Slant Well Desalination Project Permit at the CEMEX Site  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:10:06 PM

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November 9, 2022

Dear Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Juli Hofmann and I am a Marina resident. I strongly oppose the CalAm Slant Well Desalination Project that is seeking permit approval sited on the CEMEX property.

This project had numerous critical flaws that the Coastal Commissioners and staff reviewed during the first application hearing in September of 2020. It appears that the only significant changes to the application is the smaller footprint of the proposed project.

None of the fatal flaws of damages to environmentally sensitive habitat and impacts to Environmental Justice have been adequately addressed by simply offering a scaled down project. I understand that the issues of water rights, ballooning project costs and viability as the best regional water solution for the area are not under the CCC review, but each of these matters adds to the burden that will ultimately affect everyone on the peninsula.

The phased development path offered by CalAm does not fix any of the negative impacts of this development—it only spreads the disruption and damages over a longer time frame. None of the conditions recommended by the staff will fix the unavoidable degradation of the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat—the project is simply not consistent with Coastal Commission doctrine. In the current proposed location there will be irreversible habitat and open space loss to future generations.

CalAm has shown a dismal ethical record for water management with decades of over-draft in the Carmel River and then the Seaside aquifer. Approving this application gives a for profit water company a path to privatize local water sources from Carmel Valley to Castroville.

Pure Water Monterey has diligently provided incontestable data on how the current expansion project can provide water to the Peninsula for many years. Yet the CC staff recommendation appears to only review the project applicants figures as the only facts. Who has the most profit incentive to promote a flawed project, and, deliberately devalue contradictory evidence? Even now CalAm delays signing a recycled water purchase agreement for the necessary expansion of Phase 2 water recycling.

Our region needs collaborative, publicly owned and supported water projects. Please support the denial of the application for CalAm's slant well desalination project.

Most respectfully,

Juli Hofmann

**From:** [Rick Bragdon](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** I support the DeSal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 3:01:47 PM

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Though I am sending this email via a link sent to me by your DeSal opponents, I fully support the project and encourage the Coastal Commission to approve it. I note all major projects are opposed by people without foresight, as the Golden Gate Bridge was thought to be a disaster before it was built. For the future of our community and it's people, please do all possible to ensure that the DeSal project is built.

Sincerely,

Richard Bragdon  
301 Granite Street  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
415 385-5760

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Ann Kihara](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:58:21 PM

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Hello,

As a local home owner, I am not interested in a desal plant and I do not believe that Cal Am has done their due diligence. I would much prefer for the water to be managed locally by a public water group.

I say NO to Cal Am Desal request!

Thank you,

Ann Kihara  
675 Cypress St  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [Cathy Wooten](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm Desal Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:27:04 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask that you deny CalAm's request for permission to build a desalination plant.

1. Using the Monterey One water, we will not need another water source for many years.
2. The area has not yet implemented water saving devices and processes to the fullest extent possible; for example, widespread implementation of grey water infrastructure, required replumbing of low flush toilets, hospitality restrictions, agricultural innovation, etc.
3. New technology may provide new water sources, for example fog/dew catchers.
4. Any construction of a desal plant in Monterey Bay would mean the total devastation of the bay environment and our precious coastal beauty and wildlife. Please consider the impact plants in other countries have had on the environment.

I agree we need to plan for future needs, but not at the expense of irreversible harm to the bay.

Sincerely,

Catherine Wooten  
Pacific Grove resident

**From:** [Maxwell Roberts](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Proposed Cal Am Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:23:44 PM

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Hello,

I am writing in support of the proposed Cal Am Desalination plant in Marina. Opponents of the project have cited concerns over environmental impact, cost, and disproportionate impact on local communities. The project should be carried out in such a way as to address these concerns, as with the use of slant wells rather than an open pipeline to draw water, but we should not allow the perfect to be the enemy of the good when considering water supply for the Peninsula. California needs more water, more housing, and more development, to build a state that works for all Californians, not just a few who bought into the system fifty years ago and would like to preserve it the exact same way forever. Cal Am's plant is a reasonable choice to increase water supply for the long-term future of the peninsula.

Best regards,

Maxwell Roberts  
Pacific Grove, CA

**From:** [Barbara Christian](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm's Desalination Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:21:18 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commisioners, ED John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Barbara Christian. I own a home and reside in Seaside. and have been a resident of the Monterey Peninsula for 40 years. I am a single woman, retired and live off a set income.

I pay my property taxes and am a patron of local businesses. I am proud and honored to live in this beautiful part of the country. I intend to live out my years here if I can afford the costs.

Please deny CalAM's Desal Project. We already have the most expensive water in the entire country. This project is estimated to raise water costs as much as 70%. Due to rising costs, it is likely to be much more. I appreciate and congratulate those of you who can afford those costs, however, I implore you to consider your core constituents, your children and their children.

Thank you for your service and your consideration of other viable alternatives from local people who care about this area.

Sincerely  
Barbara Christian  
1086 Highland St  
Seaside, CA 93955

**From:** [Rudy Gnekow](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** NO DESAL  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:18:52 PM

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We cannot afford to pay for this system. Why should we have a system that we don't need when a system is in development as we speak and will provide enough water for the Monterey peninsula. The real reason Cal American Water is pushing to develop a desal plant is so they can make a profit for American Water and their share holders.  
Rudy Gnekow

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [elixir.donegal.0g@icloud.com](mailto:elixir.donegal.0g@icloud.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desal Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:14:53 PM

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Most of us do not want a Desal plant. We already know the story.

Cal Am builds it and we pay for it.

Then when CalAm finally decides to sell their company, it is worth more and we pay more for it. Cal Am wins and water users local residents lose.

No thanks.

Dr. Jacqueline Fobes

**From:** [Nan Hutton](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No on Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 2:02:26 PM

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I'm not sure what to say other than it does appear that a desal facility is not necessary. I'm against it. I'm a registered voter in Pacific Grove, CA and again, I say NO DESAL!

Thank you,

Nan Hutton

**From:** [kenwilson@kenwilson.us](mailto:kenwilson@kenwilson.us)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No, please  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:38:20 PM

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Do not subject us to more American Water Systems larceny. They are shamelessly avaricious.

Kenneth L. Wilson  
11975 Saddle Rd  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [Michael Wilson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:35:54 PM

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I agree that the evidence today shows a questionable future need for a desal plant. Spending hundreds of millions for this project now is unwise since presently we appear to have enough water resources. This can always be revisited in the future if the need arises.

Mike Wilson  
Carmel resident

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Patty Lakamp](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** NO on Cal Am  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:32:44 PM

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I do not want Cal Am's water project to be approved. It is a power grab and a money grab. Please vote NO.

**From:** [larissa](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:29:23 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is a feasible alternative that the Coastal Commission must consider. The staff report is in error. It did not consider either the Monterey Peninsula Water Management or the Marina Coast Water District supply and demand reports. These reports cannot be ignored. Please review them thoroughly. They both show the Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has already allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. Where is the proof that we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet from Cal Am's desal project?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? The extreme cost of this water is an environmental injustice issue for low-income residents. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. No one on the Peninsula can afford to add the cost of this desal water to our extremely high Cal Am water bills.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Larissa Yakovleva

Monterey, CA

**From:** [Larry Bacon](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Opposition to CalAm's Desal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:28:43 PM

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We are residents of Carmel Valley with a home on the banks of the Carmel River, long the major source of water for the Monterey Peninsula. Not for years, but for decades, CalAm has failed to offset its gross over-drafting of the river, causing environmental degradation, and has failed to provide a new source of water for its customers.

Recently Pure Water Monterey, despite stiff opposition from desal proponents, has moved ahead to invest in a two-stage project that will supply the peninsula's water requirements for years to come.

Simply stated, but adequately documented, we don't see the need for CalAm's expensive proposed desalination plant at this time, even as down-sized in capacity.

Moreover, approval of CalAm's project would interfere with on-going consideration of a public operator for this area's water supply. Since the community has voted to study replacing a private company with a public operator, authorizing CalAm to proceed with the project at this time could saddle its rate-paying customers with significant stranded costs.

We ask the Commission to deny CalAm's application for a desal plant as unneeded and untimely.

Sharon and Larry Bacon  
27175 Meadows Road  
Carmel, CA 93923

**From:** [Frederic Roussel](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desalination hearing.  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:22:11 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing to you so I can voice my concerns and opposition to the desalination plant.

It is a known fact that the desalination project carries issues that cannot be ignored nor set aside:

- Environmental issues. I don't have to explain to you what they are. The topic has been rehashed to death, but clearly not enough.
- Economical issues. The monstrous cost of a plant that will be reflected on consumers monthly bill, as well as on the whole peninsula economy.

Of course, any corporation will have a plan to keep the process under control and the environment safe. But being a corporation their foremost goal is profit. What does that tell us?

- Any endeavor has its own set of risks. Those risks have to be evaluated and planned for. Corporations do have a plan to control the desalination plant risks.
- Eventually an issue does arise that overcomes any plan.  
This is NOT just a nay-sayer doom scenario. The examples are many, in other areas where risks are important. Think of pipeline leaks, offshore oil spills, fracking induced sink holes, etc.
- In every case the corporation in charge had a plan to, supposedly, prevent it. There is no such thing as an infallible plan.  
The failure, too often, happens with corporation cost cutting measures.  
I'm sure that you remember the PG&E tragedy in San Carlos.

However, we live at a time where the planet as a whole is in ecological free-fall.  
Do we want to take a chance with the environmentally riskiest solution?

There is also the cost issue. The plant costs are staggering. And the future costs to maintain the intricate machinery developed for that process must be considered. Those costs will be growing and cannot be realistically announced.  
All those costs will be reflected onto the consumer and weigh on the peninsula economy.

Now, there are alternative solutions with better prospects, developed, namely, by Pure Water Monterey.



Can you explain to your children why the Commission would make a gamble that could potentially deprive them of the natural wonder that is the seashore ? And make drinkable water an unaffordable luxury ?

My name is Frederic Roussel. I live in Seaside. I am an engineer with a Master degree and a strong scientific background. I am not a Water industry specialist, but I can spot a problem where there is one. Desalination plant is the wrong solution. I hope you will make the right decision.

Thank you for your time,

Best regards

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**Frédéric R. Roussel**

**From:** [Peyton Huck](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Peyton Huck : Deny Cal-Am Desalination Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:20:45 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth, and staff,

My name is Peyton Huck and I am a student at California State University Monterey Bay and a resident of Marina, CA. I am an undergraduate studying Biology with a focus on ecology. I am quite confused as to why Cal-Am is proposing to build an experimental desalination project on the Cemex sand mining plant in Marina when the majority of residents in Marina will not reap any of the "benefits" from this project. Instead, this limits and negatively affects the citizens of Marina and future students of CSUMB. I came to CSUMB because of its beautiful landscape and its natural beauty. This project would limit public access to our local beaches and create a major disturbance to our ecosystem on top of the major disturbances that we have already created from pollution and construction. We are already trying to restore so much native land, so why are we trying to destroy any progress we have made?

Looking at the "science-based evidence" Cal-Am has provided, it is embarrassing. There is little to no peer review research which is one of the key features of any scientific research. Based on this information, it would be an embarrassment to the scientific community to call their research and evidence reliable.

There has been no viable reason why we should have this desalination project in Marina, especially because we do not know how this will affect our ecosystem and the citizens of Marina will not reap any "benefits" of the project while also being limited to their public access to the beaches. Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina. Thank you.

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Best,

Peyton Huck | She, Her, Hers

Biology Major | Ecology focus

Associated Students Vice President of Internal Affairs

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**From:** [Herb Schueneman](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DeSal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:18:38 PM

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As a ratepayer in the Monterey Peninsula Water District, I am firmly against the proposed building of a salt water desalination plant to supply water to this district. There are much more feasible alternatives available at a fraction of the cost.

Sincerely,

Herbert Schueneman  
1235 Aguajito Rd.  
Monterey CA 93940

**From:** [Robert Cox](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:13:21 PM

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Don't think we need a desal plant if Pure Water Monterey can supply more water that needed with its current and future completion of purification plant. This seems a more affordable alternative

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*Bob*  
*Robert R Cox*

**From:** [jacqueline.ogata](mailto:jacqueline.ogata)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:08:59 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

my name is Jacqueline J.R. ogata and reside at 311 Johnson Place in Marina since 1980 and am a widow of a retired US Army Veteran. I am appalled to hear about the above mentioned project reappearing, not to mention the draining of my city's revenues in litigation/lawsuits. Please put this matter to rest once and for all, do what is right for our city and let the residents' voices be heard-we certainly do not need the water or project in our town, nor do we need some rich and powerful corporation telling us what we have to do. Please remember you work on behalf of California residents/citizens. Thank you kindly, JJROgata  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Tina Cole](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:02:54 PM

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California Coastal Commission Energy and Ocean Resources  
Unit 445 Market Street, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94101

ATTENTION: Mr. Tom Luster  
Dear Commissioners:

Regarding: Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Item 7a: Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 (California American Water Company) Item 8a: Coastal Permit Application No. 9-20-0603 (California American Water Company) I would like to submit comments on Item 7a, Continued Appeals, California American Water Company, and Item 8a, Coastal Permit Application, California American Water Company, of the Commission Agenda of the meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

My comments, shown in bold and underline, are as follows:

1. As described in the Staff Report, shown below, Marina residents bears all the adverse impacts of this proposed project and receives no benefit whatsoever. The proposed mitigation measures suggested by Cal Am are totally inadequate. The Commission needs to apply its adopted Environmental Justice policies more effective and creates special conditions for this project that truly provide Environmental Justice to Marina residents. "The Project's well field and some of its pipelines would be sited within the City of Marina, which is not in Cal-Am's service area but would be burdened with many of the adverse coastal resource impacts discussed herein. Marina is already disproportionately affected by other industrial uses, including a regional landfill, regional composting facility, regional sewage plant, a municipal airport, a contaminated site listed on the U.S. EPA's national priorities list, and the former CEMEX sand mining facility, which has ceased its operations. This Project affects several environmental justice communities in the region. While the Project provides a benefit to the Monterey Peninsula by providing a secure water source and helps to avoid future over-withdrawal of water from Carmel River, it will disproportionately burden low-income ratepayers in the service area and residents in the City of Marina. Cal-Am proposed a number of measures to help offset costs to low-income ratepayers and provide community benefits for the City of Marina."

2. "Cal-Am has also modified its proposed wells so they will extend as far as feasible seaward and thereby reduce any potential impacts to the City's and District's groundwater resources. Several recommended Special Conditions also address these concerns – for example, Special Condition 11 would require Cal-Am to construct its wells to extend as far seaward as feasible to reduce their potential groundwater impacts." "Special Condition 11: Groundwater Protection. The Applicant shall install the Project's slant wells to extend at least 1,000 feet seaward of the proposed well head locations and shall screen the wells so they extract from the 180-Foot Aquifer as far seaward as is feasible and without penetrating the 400-Foot Aquifer. Any proposed changes to this approved installation must be reported to the Executive Director for a determination as to whether those changes would require an amendment to this permit." This Special Condition 11 appears unrealistic since the existing

test well experienced failures and could not extend beyond 900 feet during its construction several years ago. Assuming that Cal Am can extend the new slant wells at least 1,000 feet seaward, it does not make any financial sense since Cal Am stated that it will relocate these slant wells in 20 to 25 years which is the end of life of these slant wells. And Cal Am does not know where the location of the replacement slant wells is and what environmental and financial impacts of the new slant wells are. Cal Am did not propose and the Staff Report did not discuss the construction of new slant well heads beyond the 2040 or 2050 sea-level rise like the CCC approved Doheny desalination plant. Why not constructing the new slant wells similar to the Doheny project so that Cal Am does not have to address the relocation of its proposed slant wells and environmental impacts? The Coastal Commission can require Cal Am to construct a new slant well intake system similar to the Doheny intake system that the Commission approved a few months ago.

3. "Special Condition 12 would require Cal-Am to develop a comprehensive monitoring and reporting program to detect any potential groundwater impacts its Project would cause and identify measures it would implement before those impacts occur." But It appears there is no special condition and details that require the Applicant to continuously monitor and measure the actual percentage of potable water that Cal Am pumps from the slant wells and needs to be returned to users of Monterey County Water Resources Zone 2 and cannot be delivered to consumers of Cal Am. And there is no condition that requires Cal Am to post these potable water percentage or content measurements on its website for public review.

4. "The Project will have adverse effects on ESHA. Its construction and operation would directly or indirectly result in several dozen acres of both temporary and permanent impacts to terrestrial ESHA, most of it consisting of relatively rare coastal dune habitat. However, even with these Special Conditions, the Project would not be fully consistent with several Coastal Act and LCP policies that do not allow the type of disturbance and loss of ESHA that would result from Cal-Am's Project." Again, Marina residents suffered environmental injustice when the California Coastal Commission does not apply relevant Coastal Act and LCP policies on this project.

5. The Staff Report did not address the existing slant test well that was constructed near existing shore line several years ago and will be used for this project. This slant well is expected to fail before other new slant wells or in-operable before the 20-year time frame due to erosion and sea-level rise.

6. How can the public review and provide comments of various monitoring data that are required and described in the Special Conditions? Will the Commission require California American Water Company to post all monitoring data and information on its website and on the Commission website so that the public can review?

7. How can the public review documents, biological surveys, habitat monitoring and mitigation plans, construction plans, mitigation measures and other materials as specified in the project conditions and Special Conditions and provide comments? I do hope you will consider my comments seriously and thoroughly.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Cal Am Appeal and Coastal Permit Application.

**From:** [Patricia Hastings](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:59:21 PM

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As a ratepayer and concerned citizen, I ask you please do not approve this costly boondoggle and windfall profit-taking by a private corporation at the expense of California voters.

Patricia L. Hastings  
Attorney at Law  
Seaside, CA  
Cell: 727.468.4585



**From:** [Kenneth Gibson](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on November 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 9a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0005-22 (Federal Aviation Administration and National Park Service, San Francisco and Marin Counties)  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:55:15 PM

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Public Comment on November 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 9a - Consistency Determination No. CD-0005-22 (Federal Aviation Administration and National Park Service, San Francisco and Marin Counties)

The addition of man-made noise and light to the environments surrounding National Seashores and Recreation Areas should be constrained to protect the natural resources and/or to protect the break from the urban environment. Any air tour access to such areas should be noiseless and limited to daylight areas. Such access should be limited to the most affordable and localized type to maximize equity of access. Any air tour service should be by balloon and any fuel used should be limited to green hydrogen.

Kenneth Gibson  
Oakland CA 94602

**From:** [Sally](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:53:10 PM

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It seems the case has not been made to proceed on a desal plant. At the present time I am currently spending 66% of my bill on subsidizing who knows what. Only 1/3 of my bill buys water. Add another 50% to my bill (and estimates are always lowball and I will be paying 74% on this delivery system and less than 1/4 (or realistically far less) on WATER!

Not the way to run a RR.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ari Gmail](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:52:08 PM

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Approve Desal Plant, it's a must!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [burrow.comas.08@icloud.com](mailto:burrow.comas.08@icloud.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:49:06 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello,

I am against the construction of a desal plant by a private company on the Monterey Peninsula. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has determined that the desal plant is not needed at this time. Also, if a desal plant WERE needed in the future, it should be owned and operated by a public entity, not a private corporation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory de Silva  
Monterey Peninsula Resident, Taxpayer, and Voter

**From:** [John T. Heyl](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** NO CORPORATE DESAL  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:48:28 PM

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Cal Am has shown, particularly over the last 19-15 years, that their major interest continues to be profits for corporate shareholders, not water supply and distribution as a public utility service.

The desal plant and it's slant wells are above and beyond water resources needed to sustain managed growth and maintain supply for the next thirty years.

Through conservation and aquifer replenishment, MPWMD has a viable plan to meet the area's needs; the only problem seems to be that it won't increase Cal Ams profits.

The desal plant has other larger inherent design and environmental problems, too:

Who can definitively and under full liability certify that the slant wells won't negatively impact saltwater intrusion into the precious fresh water aquifers that support a \$4 billion agricultural industry? Cal Am won't take responsibility.

Who will accept responsibility for returning the concentrated salts byproduct from the osmosis process to the bay?

Once this plant is approved who will guarantee that there won't be continuing further rate hikes to upgrade the emerging desal technology?

Since Cal Am will use corporate tactics to avoid any liability, it looks like the responsible party will be the Coastal Commission...

I urge you not to approve this ill-conceived plan to permit a desal plant in the locally, state, and nationally protected waters of Monterey Bay.

John Heyl  
iPhone

**From:** [Richard Cicoletti](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:43:40 PM

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With the sever water shortage, I don't understand the opposition. Desalination plants have been successfully used around the world, including over 40 years at Catalina Island. It looks to me like MPWMD has some other agenda that has nothing to do with what's best for the citizens of Monterey county.  
Richard Cicoletti

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [quillserves@gmail.com](mailto:quillserves@gmail.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:42:49 PM

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California Coastal Commissioners,

The roster of the California Coastal Commission (“CCC”) website shows that of the 12 voting members of the CCC, not a single one resides in the water service area of California American Water (“CalAm”). Not a single Commissioner, in other words, knows the feeling of paying egregious amounts of hard-earned income to a private corporation for the provision of a basic need. And should CalAm’s proposed desal plant be approved, the dramatic increase in water rates for those of us who do pay these egregious rates—the highest water rates in the U.S.—may propel us into a new category of paying the highest water rates on planet Earth.

You will meeting in Salinas on November 17, “hear” the positions and concerns of both sides, take your vote, and then drive home to the Bay Area or other destinations without ever being subject to the economic hardships of those you left behind in CalAm’s water service area. Assuming that vote favors CalAm, the payment of those increased post-desal rates will not personally affect you, and so it will not be your problem. You will continue to pay the far lower rates where you live, and leave those of us who will actually bear the burden of your choice to suffer increased economic hardship. And all without the support of science or existing data owing to the fact that the Commission’s staff apparently cherry-picked only data that would justify an approval for this unnecessary desal plant.

We all know that Gavin Newsom likes the idea of desal plants, and will be closely watching your votes. Should the vote ultimately favor CalAm, then we will all know that his preferences outweigh the economic suffering of those who will be subject to CalAm’s rate increases. So, between these existing tensions, what is the right thing to do? Vote for future personal political security and ingratiate yourselves with the powers that be, or vote for alleviation of economic hardship for tens of thousands of people who must pay increased water rates to a private corporation, whose principals earn huge draws, bonuses, and deferred incomes. Perhaps Gavin can find a way for the State to finance desal plants along other areas of the coast, so the economic burden would be spread equally across 40,000,000 or

so citizens, rather than focusing this burden on those of us who are already paying the highest prices of CalAm and will suffer even more with an increase in those water prices. Food for thought, my friends, as are the related principles of fairness, justice, equal protection, and perhaps above all, the protection of the environment. So, think about it, *before* you vote.

Bill Quinn



**From:** [Mark Anicetti](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No De-Sal plant for Cal-Am  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:41:04 PM

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Staff,

Please do not approve Cal Ams de-sal plant: If Cal Am gets approval for their desal and builds it, everyone in the service area will be on the hook for a \$426 million project we don't need. And our water bills will increase 50% or more.

Thank you for listening!

Mark

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**From:** [Calvin Daks](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Sheila \(Sheppard\) Georis](#)  
**Subject:** Desalination  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:40:26 PM

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Desalination is a BAD IDEA!!!!  
Calvin Daks

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ammen.Breylen@Coastal](mailto:Ammen.Breylen@Coastal)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** FW: Cal Am Desal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:33:43 PM

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**From:** Scott Brown <sbmusic55@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 8, 2022 9:12 PM  
**To:** Ammen, Breylen@Coastal <breylen.ammen@coastal.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Project

## California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. I cannot afford to add the cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water

district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Scott Brown Seaside, CA

**From:** [Steven Wade](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Plant at Monterey  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:32:04 PM

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Strongly recommend the Coastal Commission DENY the Cal Am Desal Plant Proposal. The proposed plant is a redundant, hyper-expensive solution for water sourcing that is already being replaced by the approved Pure Water Now water project.

The corporate Cal Am desal plan is duplicating providing water supplies already becoming available without the enormous costs being projected by Cal Am. Additionally, Cal Am's historical cost overrun performance gives little assurances that it will be able to ever meet its projected delivery costs to consumers.

I do not want a 50% water bill increase to pay for Cal Am's redundant, environmentally risky, desal proposal.

Sincerely,  
Steve Wade

**From:** [jack@jackliebig.com](mailto:jack@jackliebig.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Jack Liebig](#)  
**Subject:** We Do Not Want Cal Am's Desal Plant Built  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:29:07 PM

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We are longtime residents of the Monterey Peninsula. We have experienced Cal Am's exorbitant water prices for the entire time we've been here and are sick of it.

We Do Not Want Cal Am's Desal Plant Built. We do not want this proposed eyesore on our coast. WE DO NOT WANT OUR WATER BILLS INCREASED AGAIN!

Alternate solutions need to be explored. Do not approve this proposed project as you have been much more strict on much, much smaller issues and you need to be consistent with this.

Sincerely,  
Jack and Tracey Liebig  
2984 Colton Road  
Pebble Beach, CA. 93953

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device  
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**From:** [Jeff's Home Email](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No on CalAm's Desal Application  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:28:48 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commission Staff:

As a customer of CalAm, I am always distressed that I pay the highest price for water in the USA! If CalAm is allowed to build and operate a desal plant for the Monterey Bay, I will be even more distressed that our rates will increase even more for expensive water that we do not need. We will have ample water from other sources that will allow CalAm to not over-pump the Carmel River. I live 100 yards from the Carmel River and hope to see it flow again year round.

Please deny the CalAm desal plant application as it is too expensive and not needed at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Cheers,

Jeffrey B Wood  
28051 Hawk Court  
Carmel, CA 93923  
831-917-0814

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Randy Woolwine](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Building new Desal facility  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:25:33 PM

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I would hope that you don't build this facility. Currently, the peninsula seems to have enough water. I would rather that you enact some more water conservation measures. ie: charge a lot more money per gallon about some certain level per day/per registered family member up to a maximum of 4. Charge the private golf courses on the peninsula more per gallon of water used for irrigation (ie: Pebble Beach and Monterey Peninsula Club). Collect and recycle ground water pumped out of properties with sump pumps.

Huge government projects almost never turn out to cost less than budgeted, most cost more and sometimes 3 - 4 times the initial budget. I think by really analyzing the problem and reviewing many solutions the Peninsula can solve the water issue and save money at the same time.

Thanks for your consideration.

Randy

Randy Woolwine  
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**From:** [sharon winkler](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DESAL  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:23:17 PM

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THIS IS NOT WHAT WE NEED!

**From:** [Cate Mulligan](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** My issues with Cal Am  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:21:15 PM

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The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide plenty of recycled water for housing and growth for at least the next 10-15 years, even in an extended drought.  
We do not need to pay Cal Am ANYMORE EVER AGAIN PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE THEY WON'T TAKE CARE OF US OR OUR WATER RESOURCES.

Sincerely

Cate Mulligan

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**From:** [Jacqueline Gualtieri](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Do Not Approve the Desal Plan  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:16:03 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Jacqueline Gualtieri; I am a resident of Seaside. After living here for several years, my husband and I were able to purchase our first house. We're hoping to expand our family here, but if the desal plan goes through, we may have to rethink that.

Please deny the Cal-Am project. We as a community cannot afford it, nor do we need it. It will have environmental impacts on our communities. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will provide plenty of water, not to mention jobs. What won't it do? Put money in Cal Am's pocket, which is why they've tried (and thankfully failed) to block its building. The Expansion should be completed in two years and provide water for decades.

We already have the most expensive water in the country. Cal Am's plan will double peninsula water bills. It's unaffordable, unsustainable, and unjust.

Please do right by our communities and vote no to the Cal Am project.

Thank you,

Jacqueline Gualtieri  
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From: [Myrleen Fisher](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Re: Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:14:09 PM

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Damn...should have run it past you, but you're so busy, I didn't. Let them figure it out!

On Nov 9, 2022, at 11:34 AM, Myrleen Fisher <[myrfisher@comcast.net](mailto:myrfisher@comcast.net)> wrote:

TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION:

Apparently being under pressure from the governor of the state to approve desal projects, the CCC staff has recommended the Commission to give "approval with conditions" to the California American Water proposed desal project. They do this now despite in 2019 having recommended denial of approval for the same project on the basis of a number of well-researched and considered reasons. None of those reasons for the staff's disapproval have changed. The staff's about-face is stunning and disappointing.

The only change to their plan by California American Water is the offer to down-size the project to produce only 4.8 afy of desal water. Even this smaller desal is not needed or wanted by the Monterey Peninsula. Nor has there been an EIR done to support this change. What's more, when suggested to them prior to their original EIR, Cal Am stated a 4.8 afy desal plant is not a viable option for them, lacking economy of scale. Now it's OK? At least they'd get their big foot in the door, then expand later.

Adequate drought-safe water for the Monterey Peninsula for at least the next 30 years will be available as soon as the expansion of Pure Water Monterey is completed, a 2-year project. It is a proven, viable source of new water! It has been delayed due to Cal Am's 2 years of refusal to sign a water purchase agreement, otherwise, 2,750 afy additional water would already be on its way to the Seaside Basin. Signing this agreement makes their desired desal project unnecessary. They are attempting to manipulate their way into making it happen anyway.

Even if approved, when would Cal Am's desal plant be completed and available? Given the extreme likelihood there would be many delays for permitting, since Cal Am has no rights to source water, no updated EIR, and they will be subject to massive litigation from Marina in its desperate attempt to save its aquifer. None of it makes any sense.

The sensible and right action is to support the soonest available and most environmentally safe option for new water for the Monterey Peninsula, and to reject the least environmentally safe and most harmful to local citizenry project. There should be justice for the disadvantaged community of Marina that has

already spent millions in legal fees to save their beach and their aquifer from Cal Am.

We will need desal in the more distant future and it should be a regional solution for the entire Monterey Bay Area. Not this mercenary attempt by Cal Am. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Myrleen Fisher  
Carmel, CA

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll  
Marina, CA

**From:** [Carolyn Southard](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](#); [outreach@mpwmd.net](mailto:outreach@mpwmd.net)  
**Subject:** Re: CALL TO ACTION!  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:11:47 PM

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I disapprove of the proposed desal plant for many, many reasons, NOT including the proposed costs - I live in affordable housing and the cost of water does not affect me. However, I find the whole concept of desalination offensive on soooooooo many levels that it would be impossible to list them here. The mere concept of sucking water out of the ocean to cater to an over-populated planet is enough to make me against it, and against anyone who is stupid enough to be for it.

But besides that, there's the very simple fact that the Peninsula is already overcrowded, and creating MORE homes that will need MORE water, which we don't have, is JUST PLAIN STUPID at best, and greedy and unconcerned about the beautiful Peninsula at worst. I was born and raised here, and it makes me sick to watch what's happening here, esp the over-crowding and massive amounts of new housing development in what used to be Fort Ord. I will NOT support any of it in ANY manner and will fight it in any way I can.

Thank you for listening, if indeed you are.  
Carolyn Southard  
Carmel, CA

On Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 11:44 AM MPWMD <[outreach@mpwmd.net](mailto:outreach@mpwmd.net)> wrote:



**On Thursday, November 17, the Coastal Commission will decide whether to approve or deny Cal Am's permit to build their desal.**

If Cal Am gets approval for their desal and builds it, we'll all be on the hook for a \$426 million project we don't need. And your water bill will increase 50% or more.

**EMAIL COMMENTS:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal.ca.gov)  
**Send before 5pm this Friday, November 11.**



**SPEAK at the Coastal Commission Hearing in Salinas in person or on Zoom on November 17. Starts at 9am**

Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chambers,  
[168 W. Alisal St., Salinas](#)

**SIGNUP LINK:** [coastal.ca.gov](https://coastal.ca.gov)

**Sign up before 5pm on Wednesday, November 16.**

Your comment should be one minute long or less.

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**From:** [Lyndon Schutzler](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Water  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:11:41 PM

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Please do not allow Cal AM to build an unneeded large desalinization plant with questionable methods and a huge cost. My water bill is already higher than the rest of the United States and it seems unreasonable that it could double local water users costs in the future. As a lifetime peninsula resident I have read about water need for 50 years. We now have a local solution that will be affordable for residents. The \$425 million desal plant will most likely cost \$500 million or more by the time it is finished and there are relatively few users who will be left to pay the enormous bill.

I urge you to deny this application in the best interest of Monterey Peninsula residents.

Thank you,  
Lyndon Schutzler  
2137 San Vito Circle  
Monterey  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Daniel Emerson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey water  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:02:14 PM

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We do not understand why you are pushing this expensive desalinization program that is not the best solution for our residents.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Molly Attell](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Comments regarding potential Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:01:58 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to go on record as opposing the desal plant proposed by Cal Am. There seems to be enough water now and into the considerable future with the Monterey One water infrastructure. Conservation of existing water sources should be the first priority before any desal plant is considered. Also, there are considerable environmental effects from desal plants, including brine deserts where brine gets dumped off shore in addition to what to do with all of the filtering equipment, etc. that will most likely end up in land fills. Lastly, I believe that water should be a public resource and not for the profit of investors at the expense of ratepayers. This often tends to lead to a lot of deferred maintenance so that investors get their profits first.

Sincerely,

Molly Attell  
Carmel, CA 93923  
(650) 245-3789

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Lauren Keenan](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-, Points for Coastal Commission Letters and Comments, 0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:00:39 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

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Lauren Keenan  
Salinas, Ca

**From:** [Grant Hunt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:58:40 AM

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I fully back the approval of the proposed desal plant. It's good public policy. It helps solve the Peninsula's continual water shortage. It's a good use of our California Coastline.

Vote yes.

Grant Hunt  
7498 Paseo Vista  
Monterey

**From:** [Steven White](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desalination Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:57:22 AM

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Coastal Commission,

The proposed desalination plant is exactly what the Monterey Peninsula needs, a long-term solution to an ever worsening water crisis. Organizations like WPWMD are shortsighted, focused on cost alone. An assured source supply will constrain costs over time. We need to invest in our future now.

Steven White  
PO Box 2175  
Carmel by the Sea, CA  
93921



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**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-, Points for Coastal Commission Letters and Comments, 0603 – Oppose  
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William Keenan  
Salinas, Ca

**From:** [Jesse Febus](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No to Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:54:55 AM

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Hello,

Local Pacific Grove resident and Cal Am customer here. MPWMD can deliver the water we need well into the future WITHOUT your planned (and expen\$\$\$ive) desal plant.

As a customer, I would much rather go with cleaner, recycled water than pay for this monstrous project, which we will undoubtedly be on the hook for.

Listen to the residents - Stop the Desal plan!

Thanks,

Jesse  
P.G.

**From:** [Howard Duff](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** The water bill  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:52:58 AM

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Please do not add any more costs to my water bill very high as it is I live it and Alvarado Street in Monterey and the water bill is excessive already

**From:** [Kelsi Compton-Griffith](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:52:09 AM

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Yes to the Desal plant!! We need a more sustainable resource for our future water use; relying on a natural water source that is literally at our doorstep is the exact solution we need. No longer can we rely on our rivers (local and not-so-local) nor run-off from the snow-pack. Climate change is real and is here.

I strongly support the desal plant for our area!

Kelsi Compton-Griffith, DPT, PT  
480-415-8867

**From:** [Dave Whipple](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please Deny CalAm's Desal Permit  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:50:18 AM

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CalAm's desal project is unneeded at this time, and likely for 50 years in the future. With the success and current operations of the Pure Water project we are covered for our current and future water needs.

Thank You.

Dave Whipple  
Monterey, Ca

**From:** [Laura Adame](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Support Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:46:38 AM

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I am a Monterey resident and I support building a desalination plant to provide more water to the peninsula. This makes sense! Please approve it!

Laura Fenwick  
946 W Franklin St  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [Charlotte Tolhurst](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:35:11 AM

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Sent from my iPhone



From: [Myrleen Fisher](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:34:20 AM

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TO THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION:

Apparently being under pressure from the governor of the state to approve desal projects, the CCC staff has recommended the Commission to give "approval with conditions" to the California American Water proposed desal project. They do this now despite in 2019 having recommended denial of approval for the same project on the basis of a number of well-researched and considered reasons. None of those reasons for the staff's disapproval have changed. The staff's about-face is stunning and disappointing.

The only change to their plan by California American Water is the offer to down-size the project to produce only 4.8 afy of desal water. Even this smaller desal is not needed or wanted by the Monterey Peninsula. Nor has there been an EIR done to support this change. What's more, when suggested to them prior to their original EIR, Cal Am stated a 4.8 afy desal plant is not a viable option for them, lacking economy of scale. Now it's OK? At least they'd get their big foot in the door, then expand later.

Adequate drought-safe water for the Monterey Peninsula for at least the next 30 years will be available as soon as the expansion of Pure Water Monterey is completed, a 2-year project. It is a proven, viable source of new water! It has been delayed due to Cal Am's 2 years of refusal to sign a water purchase agreement, otherwise, 2,750 afy additional water would already be on its way to the Seaside Basin. Signing this agreement makes their desired desal project unnecessary. They are attempting to manipulate their way into making it happen anyway.

Even if approved, when would Cal Am's desal plant be completed and available? Given the extreme likelihood there would be many delays for permitting, since Cal Am has no rights to source water, no updated EIR, and they will be subject to massive litigation from Marina in its desperate attempt to save its aquifer. None of it makes any sense.

The sensible and right action is to support the soonest available and most environmentally safe option for new water for the Monterey Peninsula, and to reject the least environmentally safe and most harmful to local citizenry project. There should be justice for the disadvantaged community of Marina that has already spent millions in legal fees to save their beach and their aquifer from Cal Am.

We will need desal in the more distant future and it should be a regional solution

for the entire Monterey Bay Area. Not this mercenary attempt by Cal Am.  
Thank you for your careful consideration.

Myrleen Fisher  
Carmel, CA

Margaret-Anne Coppernoll  
Marina, CA

**From:** [mibsmccarthy@comcast.net](mailto:mibsmccarthy@comcast.net)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603 - Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:31:13 AM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Mibs McCarthy  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

**From:** [Carol Collin](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal plant  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:26:13 AM

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## California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I strongly oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

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Carol Collin

Pacific Grove

**From:** [Don Basseri](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal Am  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 11:03:02 AM

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As a water customer over the years I have come to the conclusion that Cal Am only works only for it's investors.  
Cal Am does nothing to help the customers. That is the reason our rates are the highest in the country.

This Desal Plant will only serve Cal Am. Their horrible methods will cause huge overruns and their shoddy practices will cause problems paid for by it's customers, we will have to pay even more than we do now.

Stop this corporate profit driven monopoly from further damage to the Monterey Peninsula.

Don Basseri and Mary Pat O'Rourke.

Thank you for allowing us to voice our fears of more corporate greed.

**From:** [bdmoore100@aol.com](mailto:bdmoore100@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:41:34 AM

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To: Coastal Commission Members and Staff:

From: Barbara Moore

I live in the City of Monterey and am a Cal Am customer. I strongly oppose Cal Am's desal project. The Monterey Peninsula does not need this proposed project. It is excessively big, much too expensive, and environmentally destructive of our precious coast which you are charged with protecting.

We the people voted some 50 years ago to create and charge the California Coastal Commission with protecting and preserving our coast. Since that time Commission members and staff have often faced strong political and economic pressure to approve developments that would be destructive of our coast. For the most part, Commission members such as yourselves have done the right thing and acted to protect and preserve our coast. I urge you to follow the mandate of the voters and protect our coast by denying Cal Am's permit application.

The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is environmentally superior and much less expensive than Cal Am's proposed project. Why were the supply and demand reports from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Marina Coast Water District selectively left out of the staff report? These reports show the Expansion is a feasible alternative and will provide all the water the Peninsula needs for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even factoring in drought. For more than two years, Pure Water Monterey has been providing a new source of water that has allowed Cal Am finally to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

Relying on the Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's population and economic growth forecast, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year which is more than ample.



We Cal Am ratepayers, not Cal Am and its investors, will shoulder the massive cost of its proposed desal project. That cost has risen substantially since the project was first proposed. This water is estimated to cost over \$7,000 an acre foot. This bloated desal project would raise our sky high water bills by at least 50%, and the costs will continue to escalate. I am a senior citizen and live on a fixed income. It will be extremely burdensome to have to pay the added cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay. I also urge you to consider the environmental injustice of this project to all low-income Cal Am ratepayers on the Monterey Peninsula.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Barbara Moore

Monterey

**From:** [Patricia Eastman](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Stop the CalAm desal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:41:18 AM

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Make the right decision for the citizens!

Patricia Eastman  
Pacific Grove



**From:** [Bill Bruffey](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Stop the DeSal Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 10:39:31 AM

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Sincerely,  
Bill Bruffey  
Pacific Grove

**From:** [Valerie Jensen](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DeSal  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 9:07:48 AM

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I oppose the plan.

The proposed Cal Am desalinization plant is poorly conceived and will harm the Marina area. There is a better way to do desal, that will do less harm, which needs to be investigated.

Valerie Jensen

**From:** [Michael Carbaugh](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Stop the desal plant for Monterey  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 9:04:57 AM

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**From:** [Carole Ehrhardt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Application 9-20-0603-Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:34:36 AM

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California Coastal Commission,

I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is too expensive and not needed since we now have water from Pure Water Now, a recycling project which is supplying enough water for the next 30 years, even with new water hook ups and new homes.

I have lived in the Monterey area for over 24 years and Cal Am has provided us with water. We have been asked to conserve our water and we have all done this. As a result, Cal Am charges us much more as they are not selling us enough water.

A few years ago, customers of Cal Am water voted to purchase the company to make it a municipal company if it was feasible. Cal Am is a private company and I have learned that we pay the most for water in the entire USA. Cal Am has stockholders and the last report was that \$19 million a year is paid to them. I have no idea what the executives of the company earn, but it is obvious they are happy with their most likely lucrative salaries. They also have a huge group of attorneys on hand along with a very ambitious marketing or advertising section. If the local radio is on, we often hear ads for the company. Also, prior to that election, we were bombarded daily in our post boxes with colorful reports on how wonderful the company is. If they are this good, they would not have to keep telling us this. A municipal service will do a better job of maintenance, as they will put money into repairs and not into stockholders and advertising as Cal Am does now.

We do not want their expensive desal plan. If they add this, we will have to pay approximately 50% more for our water, and few could afford this.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years and we do not need this expensive desal plant. Pure Water Monterey will supply even more clean water as it plans its expansion. We also want water we can afford.

Cal Am wants to add this desal plant as it is extremely expensive and will make us unable to purchase the company. We want a municipal operated plant. Cal Am suggests no organization is equipped to operate water companies. This is nonsense as municipal companies all over the USA operate water districts very well.

Please deny Cal Am's Coastal development permit for this desal project.

Sincerely,



Carole Ehrhardt  
Pebble Beach, California 93953

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Carole Ehrhardt  
P.O. Box 243  
Pebble Beach, CA 93953

**From:** [rtk 25748](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:28:48 AM

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Coastal Commission,

I am also opposed to the CalAm slant well desalination project, but for different reasons than you hear from Public Water Now. I am unconvinced that a more traditional proven desal method isn't possible, i.e. two big pipes in the middle of the Monterey Bay. I accept the certainty that some marine life will be damaged both by the intake and the salty effluent, but the concept would minimize the environmental damage. Yes, it will be more expensive than rainwater. Yes, it will require energy use, also expensive, which should be supplied with solar and wind power, using those sources when available to store water for use when the sun and wind are inadequate to keep up.

I recognize that the legally protected status of the Monterey Bay is a factor, but a balance of other environmental concerns must be weighed and considered in changing the rules regarding the bay.

I would like to believe that drought is not a problem that could worsen. I have done everything possible to minimize the risk of a fire destroying my home, but my minimal landscaping is very dry. If we wish to continue to live in a region with little rain next to an ocean, we need to prepare for the future.

As a side note, I am also in favor of public water. Having grown up with, and lived most of my life with municipal water systems, it is crazy that we have a for-profit water provider. And whatever water provider we have should be charging primarily based on the amount of water used, steeply tiered, rather than the system reflected in my bills, in which most of the charge is unrelated to volume. I believe in financial incentives to save, despite the fact that a few customers can and will entirely ignore cost.

Richard Kasbeer, rural Monterey

**From:** [Bruce Mehringer](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal-Am's continued lies  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 8:13:09 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

I'm a Monterey born and have been a resident for over 70 years. In that time i have watched Cal-Am lie cheat and steal from it's rate payers, time to bring this to an end.

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The Pure Water Monterey Expansion is a feasible alternative that the Coastal Commission must consider. The staff report is in error. It did not consider either the Monterey Peninsula Water Management or the Marina Coast Water District supply and demand reports. These reports cannot be ignored. Please review them thoroughly. They both show the Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

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I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Respectfully  
Bruce R Mehringer

831-601-4742

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Yunuen](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desalination project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 7:55:29 AM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Thank you,

Yunuen Del Castillo,

Pacific Grove Ca.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mona Mody](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CAL Am  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 7:12:50 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Mahin Golpanah  
City of Monterey  
[monamoratab@goole.com](mailto:monamoratab@goole.com)

**From:** [Lorraine Nolan](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal in Monterey County  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 4:20:15 AM

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As a 32 year resident of Carmel Valley. I deny the CalAm permit. Please do NOT approve.

Sincerely  
Lorraine Nolan

Sent from my iPhone



From: [Timothy Sanders](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Cal Am's desal project -- OPPOSE  
Date: Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:52:28 AM

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Dear Coastal Commission:

I **strongly oppose** the proposed Cal Am desal plant. For more than two decades I have been, and remain, a customer of Cal Am on the Monterey Peninsula.

Because the already well-developed and environmentally much superior, expansion of Pure Water Monterey (PWM) would supply the Peninsula with fully adequate water resources for the next 30 years, the **Cal Am desal project is not needed**. PWM, having now operated for more than two years, has proved itself a highly effective supplement to Carmel River water resources, and in particular has finally made it possible to meet the State's requirement that Cal Am cease over-drafting the Carmel river, which Cal Am had violated for a quarter century. Further, well-vetted studies by relevant local public agencies show clearly that adding the PWM expansion will more than adequately provide a drought-proof water supply for as much as three future decades or more.

Moreover, the **costs to ratepayers** for desalinated water from Cal Am's proposed system are **vastly higher than either current water rates, or than estimated rates for water from PWM** and its expansion. Thus not only is Cal Am's desal not needed, but it **inevitably and in perpetuity imposes on ratepayers excessive costs for an essential commodity**.

Approval of the Cal Am project would, by requiring Cal Am profits to be incorporated in water prices, **lock future ratepayers into unnecessary charges significantly above the cost of delivering water itself**. The CPUC's condition that ratepayers' bills include a profit allowance currently amounts to about 30% of a Cal Am customer's bill; that's an **addition of about 43% to the raw water-delivery cost**. A **similar proportion of future customers' bills can be expected for** *already* much more expensive **desal water**. In contrast the **PWM water alternative would not include a CPUC-driven profit allowance** because the PWM facility is and would be publicly owned. The **net reduction in PWM water relative to Cal Am desalinated water thus is simply enormous**.

Moreover, much of the **very high basic cost of desalination** itself results from the **extremely high energy demands** of desal systems; this **exceptionally large energy use** has significant **adverse consequences for efforts to control both climate change and pollution** levels. The available **PWM option is highly superior environmentally** because it greatly reduces energy consumption and pollution relative to desal as a water

Objective analysis of the current water supply/demand situation on the Monterey Peninsula, based on many considerations outlined above and in other communications, demonstrates again what previous California Coastal Commission

staff reports have concluded: the **Cal Am desalination proposal should be denied**; it is **unambiguously inferior to the available PWM alternative**.

Indeed, **the peculiar support in local media on behalf of the hospitality industry and a variety of other business interests**, for the Cal Am desal project is **extraordinarily difficult to understand**; the much higher costs, complexities, almost certain delays and demonstrable lack of need for the project appear remarkably irrational. That support **defies business logic** and **is not credible** as a basis for favoring the project.

**The Cal Am project clearly would have a highly negative impact on the future welfare of the people of the Monterey Peninsula, whose interests are your responsibility as a public agency to protect.**

**Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.**

**Thank you** for your consideration.

**Timothy D. Sanders  
Pacific Grove**

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**From:** [ctbinb@redshift.com](mailto:ctbinb@redshift.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** , I oppose Cal Am's desal project  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 1:15:32 AM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Isaac Newton Bayless Jr, 3 El Potrero, Carmel Valley, CA. 93924

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*"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened." - Anaole France*

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**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:16:59 AM

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Zoë Shoats, Pacific Grove

**From:** [Marilyn Mason](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 09, 2022 12:01:55 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula with over 15 years of observing Cal Am's skyrocketing water prices, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

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Marilyn Mason

Seaside, CA

**From:** [claudia.medina](mailto:claudia.medina)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CAL AM Desal plant in Marina  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 10:22:53 PM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Claudia Eck

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



**From:** [Ken Robins](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am's possible Desal plant in Monterey Co.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 9:10:35 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As someone who helped to build the desal. plant on the Gulf of Aqaba and As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project for the sake of the public users in Monterey Co. especially as we are going into a financial crisis with record inflation and joblessness in the future may people could be ruined with the added expense this water would cost.

Thank you for your consideration. Ken Robins - Carmel Valley - Ca. 93924.



**From:** [Diana Galbraith](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No to Desal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 8:36:33 PM

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As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

Live well, laugh often, love much.

**From:** [D. Cleary](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Marina Desalination Application  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 8:24:19 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission Board and Staff:

I always understood that the role of the California Coastal Commission was to protect our state's coastline.

Please do not squander the Commission's reputation by supporting the commercial interests of a private water company.

CalAm wants to desecrate Marina's coast in order to sell water outside of Marina.

Please do not work for CalAm. I ask you to protect the Marina Coastline and to respect the work the community has done to return it to a natural state after the long-awaited departure of the Sand Plant.

Sincerely,

Dana Cleary

Marina resident since 1996

**From:** [info@enflow.com](mailto:info@enflow.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603 - Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 8:05:32 PM

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*Thanks... CJ*

**Christopher James ~ CIO ~ SHN**

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**From:** [Christiane Medina](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Proposed Marina Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 7:47:06 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Christiane Medina and I am a resident of Marina.

I adamantly oppose the CalAm desal plant as it burdens the city of Marina and it's residents and can negatively impact our water supply. Parts of Marina, including my neighborhood, already have high water rates. These would be increased further if Marina's water supply is affected by the current plans from CalAm.

It is unfortunate that a private company be allowed to profit off a resource which is crucial to everyday life. Water is life. CalAm should not be given a green light to destroy our current well systems by contamination, to diminish our water supply, to profit off our community and to impact our quality of life.

Please listen to the voices of the residents of Marina and of the MPWMD. Just because CalAm bussed in business owners to a previous meeting, does not mean the residents don't care. We do care what happens to our small city and our rights to clean water at fair prices. I will be traveling so cannot attend the next Coastal Commission meeting but by this letter I hope that my voice is heard and respectfully ask you to deny CalAm's permit.

Respectfully,

Christiane Medina

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [JoAnna Daum](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 7:46:05 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission:

I oppose Cal Am's desal project for Monterey. Not all desal projects on the California coast are alike. As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

I encourage the Coastal Commission to consider The Pure Water Monterey Expansion as a feasible alternative. The staff report did not consider either the Monterey Peninsula Water Management or the Marina Coast Water District supply and demand reports. These reports cannot be ignored. Please review them thoroughly. They both show the Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

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I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project. Cal Am's project is NOT a solution for our region.

JoAnna Daum, Monterey

**From:** [sdmcd23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sdmcd23@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** From Sean McCaw DENY CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 6:41:52 PM

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My name is Sean McCaw and am a resident of Marina- we are a family with 2 children living in Marina for over 10 years. Please deny the Cal-Am project that will badly harm Marina and our family. Thank you.  
Sean McCaw

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Marc Cusenza](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 6:18:17 PM

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Marc Cusenza

Monterey, California

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Robert Fisher](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603 - Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 6:08:00 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

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If the Coastal Commission approves this desal plant, it's windfall profit for Cal Am and makes it more difficult to assert public ownership. Thus the Commission would be seen as hindering the implementation of Measure J.

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Sincerely,  
~Robert Fisher  
Pacific Grove

**From:** [Vida Vescera](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:49:03 PM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Vida Vescera

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**From:** [billie lee brown](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:26:53 PM

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Billie Brown

410 Congress Ave

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**From:** [Jacqueline Fobes](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** OPPOSE Cal Am Desal project #9-20-0603  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:16:58 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission Members:

PLEASE THINK before you approve this Desal project. We the taxpayers cannot afford to pay for this. You know in your minds and hearts that Cal Am is not doing this for the public good but for their own future plans and their economic survival. They will probably charge us to build and pay for this, then sell off excess and make a profit.

We have voted to get rid of Cal Am. Don't we count? Why isn't this done?  
Why are we even thinking of a Desal plant with a company that was voted out of business in Monterey?  
Hello..... I don't understand.

Thank you.

Jacqueline Fobes

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mark Mangiola](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** We don't need desal... and calam was voted out you corrupt bastards...  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:06:06 PM

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These clowns have been voted out... if you ass clowns in the PUC and the coastal commission did your jobs... this would be a publicly controlled utility, as the voters demanded. All desal plants need to be publicly held and be approved by residents... do your fucking jobs.

Mark Mangiola

**From:** [Lisa Haas](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** I oppose the Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:04:59 PM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Lisa Haas Monterey

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**From:** [Jacqueline Fobes](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** THINK before you act  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:03:04 PM

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Approving the Cal Am d  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Charla Britt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny desal permit please  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 5:02:06 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

I am writing to express my opposition to the unnecessary and extremely expensive proposed desal plant that Cal Am wants to build. It is bad for the ocean, the environment, and customers.

Please deny Cal Am's desal permit. There is strong evidence from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District that the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey Project is a more ecofriendly and affordable alternative and could deliver enough drinking water (including growth needs) for the next 30 years. We do not need the proposed desal plant. We need to reclaim water sustainably, efficiently, and affordably.

Thank you for your consideration. Please deny the permit.

Kind regards,  
Charla Britt (City of Monterey resident)

**From:** [Robert Goodfellow](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal-Am Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:58:08 PM

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Dear Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth, and staff:

My name is Robert Goodfellow. My wife Regina and our children returned to Marina in 1975 when I retired from the U. S. Army and we have lived here continually since then. We happily raised our family here where they attended local schools, got married and, although they no longer live here, they frequently return to renew happy memories of their days on the Central Coast.

I cannot speak at the November meeting but hope you will consider the following as you work to make the difficult decision facing you regarding Marina and the Cal-Am Desalination Plant.

Here we have Cal-Am, a private company, wanting to build source wells on an area of Marina beach. How can they legally do that? Marina's citizens have been waiting for years to have that area of beach returned to us for public use when the sand mining company finally leaves the area. Having built their ugly wells Cal-Am would then ship Marina water south to its coastal community customers, thus generating increased revenue for its investors who live outside of the United States. According to what I have read, none of this is necessary as Pure Water Monterey can meet the water needs of Cal-Am customers for the next 25-years at 1/2 the cost of desal.

It seems clear to me that the best thing that Cal-Am can do for the water users of the central coast is to close their doors and go away. Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina.

I trust you will make the right decision for Marina and the Monterey Peninsula.

Thank you,

Robert Goodfellow

**From:** [Suzanne Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** The Cal Am Desal Plant  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:57:20 PM

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I've been a resident of Monterey since 2012. I have studied and watch what Cal American water has been doing. I absolutely disagree that their plan for a desal plant is a bad solution to our current water crisis. It's too much money for where we are in the process of having sustainable water. I am much in favor of Pure Water Monterey and hope you will pursue that option.

Suzanne Schmidt  
1373 Jacks Rd  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [Mark Pettit](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DeSal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:54:28 PM

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No DeSal! CalAm is a dishonest company which is driven by greed not the public interest.  
Use other, cheaper sources available now.

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**From:** [adagio3737@aol.com](mailto:adagio3737@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Cal Am desalination for Montetey .  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:49:17 PM

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Please don't let Ca Am do this desalination project even with conditions ! No doubt even with the most stringent conditions Cal Am will pursuit, over ride or do what ever it takes to achieve their objective.

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Eric Bernhard](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:45:32 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

I don't usually resort to cut & paste, but I can't put it any better than this.

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Sincerely,

Eric Bernhard

**From:** [Gin D](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** I oppose Cal Am's desal project.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:41:50 PM

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Virginia Donahoo Mollner  
Carmel-by-the-Sea 93921



**From:** [Berj Amir](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:34:57 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission:

I am a Cal Am customer in Seaside California. Please do not approve Cal Am's proposed desalination plant.

I read the meeting notes for the upcoming meeting and you staff has made an error in recommending approval based upon their perceived future need for the water from the proposed plant. My position is based upon to key points:

1. With the Pure Water Monterey Expansion, currently in process, there is more than sufficient water for the service area of the propose plant for years to come. The figures submitted by Cal Am are vastly inflated and inaccurate.
2. Cal Am is not the company to award this project even it was needed, and it is not. As a conservative resident in a relatively (compared to many places in CA) conservative area of working class people, Cal AM has unfortunately repeatedly proved itself to be a dishonest, manipulative, community partner who has been out for every possible penny. My bill has more than tripled or more, in a short few years, while I use less water than I used to.

I am not an activist, the increasing cost of my water bill along with an application for some type of exception to something for an increase is almost always included in each bill. This not a company that should be in charge of a necessity such as water. There is no efficiency, the more they spend, the more they make. I simply will not be able to afford the bill if their plant proposal is built.

Please protect our community. We have a viable alternative source for water that is being built out right now, and would already be online were it not for Cal Am's resistance.

Thank you,

Berj Amir

*The People who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials....the most money....or the most awards. They simply care the most. ~ Steve Gilliland*

*The most splendid achievement of all is the constant striving to surpass yourself and to be worthy of your own approval. ~ Denis Waitley*

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**From:** [David Book](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm Desalinization  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:34:53 PM

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\* The last time I checked, the Monterey Peninsula had water rates that were among the ten most expensive in the U.S.

I grew up in Norristown, PA. Unlike the Monterey Peninsula, which has always been semi-arid, Norristown is amply supplied with water in the form of precipitation. But Norristown's water rates are also among the most expensive in the nation. What accounts for this?

Answer: Norristown gets its water from an affiliate of American Water, the same company

that owns Cal-Am.

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David L. Book

Monterey, CA (I have a Carmel mailing address, but I live on County land.)

**From:** [Laura Murphy](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:29:42 PM

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Laura Murphy

Seaside, CA 93955

**From:** [MICHAEL MCMILLAN](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – OPPOSE  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:23:41 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. It is NOT a regional solution.

As a for-profit company, Cal-Am's objective is to maximize shareholder value, not to maximize the value to Cal-Am's Monterey customers who already paid exorbitant rates. My monthly Cal-Am water bill exceeds my PG&E electric/gas, Infinity internet, and cable TV bills combined, sometimes by a factor of two or more. I am in favor of a municipally-controlled water company.

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Michael McMillan  
A Resident and Business Owner in Monterey

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**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
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Patricia Kramer - Monterey



**From:** [Tracy Gibbons](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
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Tracy Gibbons  
Pacific Grove, CA

**From:** [John Sherry](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Water Now  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:12:40 PM

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Sincerely,  
John

**From:** [Eric Miller](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](mailto:ExecutiveStaff@Coastal); [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 4:10:20 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I applaud and concur with your staff's recommendation to approve the Coastal Development Permit for the Cal-AM Desalination Plant in Monterey County, California. California is facing unprecedented, in modern times, water shortages that forecasters predict will get worse with another La Nina winter. Seawater desalination has been employed across the globe with no significant ecological impacts when monitored. Australia has several plants with scientific journal papers documenting the harmonious existence of large seawater desalination plants and the surrounding marine environment. It is time for coastal California to be both good environmental stewards and neighbors by building well-designed seawater desalination plants utilizing both small, subsurface (where applicable) intake plants and larger, surface intake plants to supply both the coastal needs and support water for inland communities suffering water shortages. We must think regionally and act locally to keep California Golden.

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Sincerely,  
Eric

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*"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." John Wooden*

**From:** [Peter Snider](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Pure Water Monterey vs. Cal Am de-salination  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 3:51:42 PM

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It appears that we do not need the de-salination plant if we instead use the Pure Water Monterey expansion.

If this is the case, why would we want the de-sal plant?

Peter Snider  
Monterey, CA

From: [George Kren](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Water  
Date: Tuesday, November 08, 2022 3:30:48 PM

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As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought. Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

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George Kren  
Monterey

**From:** [Elisabeth Bertrand Russell](#)  
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**Subject:** Defer Action on CalAm CDP Application #9-20-0603  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 2:50:35 PM

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November 8, 2022

John Ainsworth, Executive Director  
California Coastal Commission  
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[John.ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:John.ainsworth@coastal.ca.gov)

Re: Public Hearing on the California American Water Company's (CalAM) CDP Application  
#9-20-0603

Dear Mr. Ainsworth and Commissioners:

I write as the former Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) Energy Watch program; a program that reduced GHG levels, effectively meeting state targets, across the AMBAG region and supported climate action planning and sustainability for all 21 jurisdictions from 2006 – 2020. Our offices were located in Marina for many years and I had the pleasure of being a part of the Marina community. As an anecdote, I hosted staff from the California Coastal Commission to make presentations to staff from our 21 jurisdictions, in the old airport building of the former Fort Ord airport, now a part of the City of Marina.

As a professional working for regional government with state government, I know how important and how critical it is to the State of California that we effectively implement social justice in our climate action motivated decisions. I have had the pleasure of hearing staff from the California Coastal Commission speak at state conferences on this very topic. I ask you now, Mr. Ainsworth and Commissioners to put action behind your words, behind the Governor's words, and value social justice for the citizens of Marina, and for all of the citizens of Marina Coast Water District whose water source will be put at risk. Value their social justice, not the abstract concept of social justice, but social justice the in the moment now where you can make an actionable difference for social justice with your vote now to **defer any action** on the CDP permit until the pending adjudications of supply and demand and water rights are completed.

**For the California Coastal Commission to rush ahead with a decision, using an "override" determination requested by CalAm, instead of following its normal course of a considered evaluation, following a defined protocol, is such a public slap in the face to social justice for the citizens of Marina and for the citizens who get their water from Marina Coast Water**

**District. It will be a defining decision and set the legacy for identifying what value, if any, the California Coastal Commission really puts on social justice.** Please treat the citizens with the respect they deserve and defer this decision until the issues that would significantly impact a sound decision in this CDP Application have been resolved. There is no need for you to rush this decision through at this time.

There are at least nine unresolved or incomplete regulatory issues as identified by Monterey Peninsula's Water Management District's General Manager, David J. Stolt, in a letter submitted to California Coastal Commission, dated November 1, 2022, that need resolving prior to the California Coastal Commission taking a vote on this CDP Application.

How, when there are nine major regulatory issues or permit issues not in compliance, can the California Coastal Commissioners look the citizens of Marina in the eye and say "We are truly doing everything we can to look out for your very real social justice issues?" How can the Commission say it is behaving in an equitable way when it has rushed to a vote and trampled the social justice of the citizens in this rush to vote on incomplete information, not caring for them enough to wait until all the regulatory issues are resolved and in place?

**The California Coastal Commission cannot say it values social justice unless it defers its decisions until these nine very critical regulatory issues are resolved.** (These issues are listed in the November 1, 2022, Monterey Peninsula's Water Management District letter authored by David Stolt, General Manager submitted to the California Coastal Commission.)

- CalAm's Monterey County permits were revoked subject to additional environmental review. This issue is in Superior Court and many months from resolution;
- CalAm's exclusive negotiating agreement with Monterey One for use of their outfall has expired, an additional party has expressed desire to also utilize this outfall, and no agreement is in place with either party;
- The State Lands Commission has not agreed to a lease for the project's intake well;
- On October 3, 2022 the State Water Board removed CalAm's Intended Use Plan for state revolving loan funding of \$279.2 million due to a "lack of progress";
- CalAm has not applied for an amendment to its Water Distribution System permit through the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District;
- Marina Coast Water District contends that CalAm has no rights to take water from the CEMEX site and water extractions there are limited by an agreement with CEMEX's predecessor, Lonestar Cement. That case is currently being heard in Superior Court.
- The CPUC has on-going proceedings regarding supply and demand for additional water supplies that are expected to continue into March 2023;
- The CPUC has previously approved only a 6.4 MGD plant and specifically discouraged the 4.8MGD plant as little to no ratepayer savings, less water, no contingency, increased environmental impacts, as so on. CalAm would likely need to revisit its CPUC permission

- to build the plant to pursue a phased approach;
- The CPUC's cost cap for the project is \$279.1 million. To expend funds that CalAm intends to recover from taxpayers beyond the capital cost cap, CalAm must file a petition to modify the CPUC decision. The Construction Cost Index since the last estimate would imply costs for the project far in excess of the CPUC cost cap.

The citizens of Marina and the citizens who get their water from Marina Coast Water District deserve social justice considerations from the California Coastal Commission. Please defer action on this CDP Application #9-20-0603, until these many unresolved regulatory issues have been resolved. Please give the citizens of Marina a fair process complete with the full protocols and levels of evaluation associated with most other California Coastal Commission decisions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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cc: Layne Long, City of Marina  
David Kellogg, Monterey Herald  
David Stoldt, Monterey Peninsula Water District

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**From:** [Kayla Casey](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project Permit  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 1:59:17 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff:

My name is Kayla Casey. After hearing about how the CalAm Slant Well project will negatively affect our friends and their one-year-old daughter who live in Marina, I am writing to request that you deny the CalAm Slant Well project. Our good friends have lived in Marina for years and take their daughter to the beach where the slant wells are proposed. We worry about the impact to her health and to the environment in Marina. CalAm's desal will unjustly use land in Marina, leaving all the harm with Marina, and sending almost all the water to wealthier Peninsula communities.

Please deny the CalAm Slant Well project!

Thank you,  
Kayla Casey

**From:** [KAY CLINE](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 1:31:09 PM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

Vote to delay any action on a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the CalAm desalination facility because it lacks critical information about the project and its alternative, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion; or  
Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmental impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desalination plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

As long term Seaside residents and CalAm customers, we are very concerned for ourselves and others in our community. Desalination is very expensive and we currently have alternatives. PLEASE evaluate the situation carefully. PLEASE VOTE NO.

Sincerely,

Kay Cline and Bill Weigle  
1614 Kenneth St.  
Seaside, CA  
93955

**From:** [ANNE GREENE](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Re: permit for a CalAm desal plant  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 12:03:02 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

No one really knows what the Cal Am project might cost today because they are not telling us. But back in May 2013, when they first released the proposed “design-build agreement” to contractors, they said the following: “In the event the Construction Date occurs subsequent to Oct. 1, 2015, due solely to a delay caused by the owner, the Construction Component Price portion of the Fixed Design-Build Price will be adjusted by multiplying (i) the Construction Component Price, by (ii) the change in the Construction Component Price Escalation Index between Oct. 1, 2015 and the actual Construction Date.” Since then, the statewide Construction Cost Index has shown costs are up 40.74% in the past five years. Updating those stale Cal Am estimates puts them at \$426.0 million in today’s dollars.

During the past five years, Cal Am did update their numbers, but not for construction reasons, rather for the Trump tax act, a revised cost of capital, reduced dependence on ratepayer dollars during construction, an anticipated \$10 million state desalination grant, and an expectation of a low-interest state drinking water loan of over \$200 million. Unfortunately, on Oct. 3, the state removed Cal Am from that loan funding list due to a “lack of progress”. What will be the real costs and will Cal Am re-qualify?

As a result of those updates, in September 2019, Cal Am submitted an advice letter to the CPUC, which said they would need \$35.8 million per year from ratepayers for the new desalination plant. When divided by 6,252 acre-feet delivered, that equals \$5,726 per AF.

Even though the public debt is now uncertain since the state removed Cal Am from the funding list, let’s assume they get reinstated for the low-cost debt. The interest rate would be one-half the state’s General Obligation borrowing rate, which was 3.983% in November, so that’s 1.992% for the loan.

Updating the borrowing, the equity, and the O&M for escalation and inflation results in a \$49.9 million annual requirement or \$7,981 per AF, that’s much more than twice the projected cost of Pure Water Monterey with expansion. If the plant is not fully used because the customer demand will be slow to materialize, the cost per AF goes even higher.

There is simply too much confusion about costs. Too much time has passed. Cal Am owes its customers a clear and concise update. I am a CalAm customer, and I urge you to demand new data before funding the desal plant at your Nov. 17 meeting.

Sincerely,  
Anne Greene

**From:** [Steve Wiley](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Approve the Water Supply Project – Yes to Desalination!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 11:54:18 AM

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There has been too much talking about this and not enough action. The Peninsula will run out of water and the powers that be need to do something about it!

Desalination is a valid technical resolution, used world wide under more difficult circumstances and is currently being used in CA.

Why do we need to wait until the water runs out on the Peninsula before initiating a project?

Sincerely,

Steve Wiley  
Agribusinessman

**From:** [Lee Chambers](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Proposed desal water project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 11:42:43 AM

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Greetings to the Coastal Commission Commissioners,

I would like to express my opinion concerning the upcoming discussion on whether or not to allow the CalAm proposed desal project. It seems to me premature to build an overly expensive pure water acquisition project that will undoubtedly burden those who must pay the expenses of that construction, plus profit of course, when there is a proven, much less expensive method to provide the required water through the Pure Water Monterey project.

The customers in the water district served (very poorly in my opinion) by CalAm have voted to "evict" the company through the exercise of a customer buy-out, and I believe that action is the only justifiable one under discussion. It is inconceivable to me to allow a private company to operate a business whose customers have no alternate choice and no voice in the conduct of the business. Publicly run utilities are often denigrated, but I have lived in areas where they were not only well run, but economically operated as well. (Check out OPALCO in San Juan County, Washington.)

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Wilbur L. Chambers

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Keith Tadler](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Cal-Am desalination plant needed.  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 11:35:57 AM

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No Cal-Am desalination plant is needed. Thank you.

Keith Tadler  
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**From:** [Jynel Gularte](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Approve the Water Supply Project – Yes to Desalination!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 11:30:01 AM

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Hello!

I support adding a desalination plant in monterey county to help our water supply issues and our dramatically growing population and need for new/affordable housing! As well as supporting water use for our farmers who feed us all!

Thank you for the consideration!

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Sincerely,

Jynel Gularte  
Controller and Compliance



46 Years of California Farming  
Conventional & Organic Veggies  
and Gularte Vineyards

**From:** [Davis Todhunter](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 11:09:50 AM

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Please reject Cal Am's application to put a desalinization plant in Marina.

What they are proposing is by far the most expensive and environmentally damaging option for providing fresh water to the peninsula. Others are in the process of providing a better solution.

Thank you for the commission's work

Davis Todhunter  
Pacific Grove



**From:** [mulligan@mail.com](mailto:mulligan@mail.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Ore NO on Cal Am desal!  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 10:59:03 AM

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And 100 other reasons.

Sincerely  
Cate Mulligan  
Seaside, CA

Sent using the mobile mail app

**From:** [Cameron Binkley](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please Deny CalAm Slant Well Project (and Corporate Colonialism)  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 10:44:48 AM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director, and Staff

As a Marina, Ca., homeowner I am particularly concerned about the proposal by CalAm, a private company from another water district, that is designed to supply water to that other district at the risk of undermining the security and stability of the Marina Coast Water District's underlying aquifer, my own water district's source of water. Additionally, the proposal to establish a major industrial facility in the same beachside venue where is now located the soon to be closed, foreign-owned, and it's fair to say, much detested CEMEX Sand Plant - that has been the source of legendary disputes about it's damage to the coastal environment - is just insensitive. I'm sure most of us in Marina agree that we'd like to see that area restored to a natural environment accessible to the public.

The privately owned CalAm has so infuriated it's own rate payers that a drive is well down the road to buy it out so as to provide direct public oversight. CalAm's proposal to build a desalination plant in Marina, no less in the same location as the CEMEX sand plant, for its own benefit regardless of the concerns of Marina citizens while providing no benefits to them, and that may jeopardize their own water supply, is certainly a marketing disaster. That alone hints at poor corporate governance. But the scheme certainly continues decades of poor land management relating to Marina's coastal environment and is really no less than a classic example of predatory corporate colonialism.

Please Deny the CalAm Slant Well Project.

Very Respectfully,  
Cameron Binkley  
585 Rosa Monte Way  
Marina, Ca 93933

**From:** [Sherry Adler](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Deny Cal Am Desalination Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 10:38:16 AM

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Hi, I am resending my email since I have not received confirmation from you that you received the original.

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**From:** Sherry Adler <[sherry.treetunnelpress@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.treetunnelpress@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Nov 1, 2022 at 3:44 PM  
**Subject:** Deny Cal Am Desalination Project  
**To:** <[CalAmMonterey@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal.ca.gov)>

Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My husband and I are residents of Marina and oppose the unjust Cal Am desalination project for the following reasons:

- It would harm and diminish our water supply and provide none to the city of Marina
- It is unnecessary because expansion of the existing Pure Water Monterey project is sufficient, which local public water agencies have determined
- It is environmentally unjust to the city of Marina which already has several major industrial facilities
- It will damage sensitive habitat areas and adversely impact endangered species such as the snowy plover
- It violates the Cemex settlement agreement
- The corporation has no legal right to the water in this area

We live in an era in which protecting nature and the environment is crucial to the future of our city and our planet. We cannot afford to make decisions as if these things don't matter. Please deny the Cal Am project that will permanently harm Marina and the beautiful Monterey Bay coastline.

Thank you,

Sherry and Peter Adler  
174 Lillian Place  
Marina CA 93933

**From:** [Tina Cole](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** desal project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 10:20:21 AM

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I deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

**From:** [Linda Borgman](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Desal Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 9:02:10 AM

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My husband and I support this project. We have lived on the Monterey Peninsula since 1995 and no new water supply has been available. We are tired of the ongoing conflict between the MPWMD, the naysayer's and Cal Am over the past 25+ years.

Cal Am and desalinization is the answer for our future needs. Both San Diego and Santa Barbara have a desal plant so why can't we have one too?

Rainfall in our geographic area continues to diminish every year. This is our final opportunity to provide the necessary water for homeowners and businesses in our community for today and many years to come. Monterey and Carmel communities financially rely mainly upon tourism to fund our area.

Please, please approve this project!

Sincerely,

Linda & Ron Borgman  
Monterey

**From:** [Laura Tugwell](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 08, 2022 9:00:13 AM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

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Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmental impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Regards,

Laura Samantha Tugwell  
City of residence: Carmel Highlands

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Angel Lassalle](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Subject: Deny CalAm's Desalination Project\_ Bad for Marina, Bad for Tourism  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 9:30:12 PM

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From: Angel LaSalle

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Angel LaSalle. I am a resident of Los Angeles County. I visit Marina multiple times per year with my wife and kids. Walking our dogs on the long stretch of beach north of Marina Dunes Preserve is one of my favorite things to do when visiting Monterey County; I love the ocean, the perfect sunsets and the wildlife I see when visiting that area. Walking that beach is one of the main reasons I visit Monterey County. I don't know that I would want to visit Monterey County all that much if that beautiful stretch of beach, and the dunes- which are home to many threatened species- were ruined by the proposed CalAm plant.

It's awful that staff would even conditionally approve CalAm's proposal. It inflicts great harm on the wonderful small community of Marina and does little to protect and enhance the coast and oceans for present and future use. DO BETTER!!

My family and I would want to continue taking our vacations visiting Marina. Do not approve this project!

Deny CalAm's desalination project.

**From:** [Kelly Lassalle](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Subject: Deny CalAm's Desalination Project\_ Bad for Marina, Bad for Tourism  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 9:17:50 PM

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From: Kelly Lassalle

Dear California Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Kelly Lassalle. I am a resident of Los Angeles County. I visit Marina multiple times per year since we have family there. Walking our dogs on the long stretch of beach north of Marina Dunes Preserve is one of my favorite things to do when visiting Monterey County; it's a family tradition. I love the ocean, the perfect sunsets and the wildlife I see when visiting that area. Walking that beach is one of the main reasons I visit Monterey County. I don't know that I would want to visit Monterey County all that much if that beautiful stretch of beach, and the dunes- which are home to many threatened species- were ruined by the proposed CalAm plant.

It is hear breaking to hear how this project can affect the diverse community of Marina. Projects like this make it clear that environmental racism exist. It will also impact my children and I since we love Marina this part of Marina. If this project his approved, we will no longer visit as much as we now do.

It's awful that staff would even conditionally approve CalAm's proposal. It inflicts great harm on the wonderful small community of Marina and does little to protect and enhance the coast and oceans for present and future use. DO BETTER!!

Deny CalAm's desalination project.



**From:** [sally.j.peterson](mailto:sally.j.peterson)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Plant Permit  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 8:15:47 PM

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Hello,

I live in Pacific Grove and am not in favor of Cal Am building a desal plant. From all I have read I think that Pure Water Monterey is doing and will continue to a very good job at supplying the Peninsula's water. I don't trust Cal Am's motivation. Money is front and center with them. That's all the matters. Pure Water is supplying the water we need. Why do we need the excessive amount of water that Cal Am claims to be able to deliver? Are they planning on developing every square inch of the Peninsula? I fear that is somehow part of the scheme.

Thank you.

Sally Peterson  
Pacific Grove, CA

From: [Michael Baer](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Baer letter requesting denial of Cal Am CDP  
Date: Monday, November 07, 2022 5:05:20 PM

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Esteemed Commissioners,

Its been 8 years to date, and here we are once again.

I am very disappointed in the staff decision recommending approval after its earlier decisions recommending denial. Below is the link to that September 2020 denial. It would be important and informative for you to read or refresh yourselves about the severe problems of this ill-conceived project so ably spelled out just two years ago.

Commission's staff report:  
<https://documents.coastal.ca.gov/reports/2020/9/Th3a&4a/Th3a&4a%20Staff%20Report.pdf>

A review of this report will demonstrate *that very little has changed* in what Cal AM has been able to accomplish towards addressing the obstacles and concerns made by staff two years ago. Some issues of note:

- 1) ESHA has not been meaningfully mitigated. One might say it is exacerbated by having two rounds of development with this new phased approach.
- 2) Sea level rise concerns have not been addressed.
- 3) Environmental justice issues, particularly for the resident of the City of Marina have not been mitigated in any meaningful way. Marina was the poster child for your Environmental Justice work. Your staff worked very hard with Marina and your EJ guidelines were shaped substantially because of your consideration of Marina in this project.

These are three major issue, but there are many, many more. One that I find most confounding is that Cal Am has no approval from the CPUC to build a 4800 afy plant. It was deemed financially infeasible by Cal AM itself several years ago, because of economies of scale. Cal AM itself rejected the 4.8K size, and now they are asking you to approve it, before they have even got back to ask for it from their lead agency. What?!?

We all know what is going on. The governor is pressuring you to find a way to fast track water source development. This kicks the can down the road, and takes it out of your hands, waiting for some other permitting agency to step up and do the right thing.

But Cal AM is killing Peninsula communities with their bullying ways and endless delays. They have delayed the Pure Water Expansion for two years over the water purchase agreement. That project would be coming on line now if Cal Am hadn't mucked around with their lawyers sewing discord, confusion *and expense*.

The City of Marina, who you had in mind as you built your EJ regulations, has spent over \$8 million dollars to date defending itself against Cal Am before you, before the CPUC, and other agencies.

That at-risk community is getting crushed financially. Eight million dollars could be better spent on infrastructure, housing, community resources, etc, than trying to save their water supply from a greedy behemoth who is committed to its own bottom line above all else.

When you approved Doheny, after rejecting Huntington Beach, commissioners were quoted in the press as saying there are good projects and bad projects and compared those two projects. Cal AM is a bad project. *You would be hard pressed to find a worse place to build, than the Cemex site.* Staff misrepresents the project when he says that the source water is coming from beneath the Monterey Bay Sanctuary... and he knows it. *The project is extracting source water from an aquifer system.* Those aquifers protect the coastline from seawater intrusion, and are part of the aquatic system that provides the sole source of drinking water for Marina. Not to mention the ESHA destruction to the dunes and coastline that several threatened species call home. As staff admits in the report, this is against your overall mission, but he recommends using exceptions to ignore that mission.

The Peninsula has been under the tyranny of Cal Am since the 1960s. They have not produced a single drop of product water, or source water, in all that time. They leave those engineering sorts of things to others. Then they take it, profiteer from it, and look for more opportunities. They absolutely do not have the engineering chops to accomplish what they are proposing. Their vice president of engineering for the entire state lacks an engineering degree. I think that indicates a lot about who this company is: Its all lawyers and lobbying... thats what they do.

So I join hundreds if not thousand of residents throughout the Peninsula as well as Marina, entreating you to *PLEASE* stop this nonsense now.

If you approve this project with conditions, it will not be built. But the real solutions, such as Pure Water, will have to overcome the bullying inertia of this corporate giant. Think of the damage caused. Please, think of it.

If you approve this project with conditions, you will be consigning residents in several communitites to millions of dollars of litigation, waste and acrimony. The rate payers pay both sides of the fight. Take the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for example. They get their funding from property taxpayers. Then the water ratepayers fund the legal expenses of Cal Am. In many cases the taxpayers and ratepayers are the same people. They pay for it, but they have no say in it beyond "public comment."

Those who support Cal Am are monied interests. Many of those interests are outside of the district and wont fund a nickel of the \$1billion to \$1.5 billion project (when you include paying back the funding instruments with rising interest rates)

Those supporters inside the district boundaries either have contracts for the building (for example, Paul Bruno, Monterey Peninsula Engineering) or are part of the hospitality and tourism industry. They get a sweetheart deal with flat water rates regardless of volume. Many of the people you will hear to come speak to you on November 17, the common man who supports Cal Am, is an employee for hospitality, and they are probably getting a paid day off to be here.

People need water to drink, to wash, and to survive. Water is life. It's the residents that shoulder the burden, that have been fighting Cal AM for decades, that gathered 24,000 votes (55%) on Measure J in 2018 when they were outspent by Cal Am by 15 or 20 to 1 but prevailed through determination and spreading the truth through a passionate ground game.

If you vote to approve, these are the people you are abandoning... and your environmental justice regulations might as well be toilet paper.

I understand the pressures the state and the governor can bring to bear, but I implore you to be courageous, to follow the guidelines from the California Coast Act, and do the obviously right thing by denying this permit.

Sincerely,

Michael Baer  
San Jose, CA  
former Penisula resident for 37 years, 1982-2019.

**From:** [Mimi Ng](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 4:41:02 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and Staff,

My name is Mimi Ng. I was born and raised in California to an immigrant family and chose to start my own family here in the city of Marina. The kindness and community I feel here is second to none.

There is no benefit to CalAm's slant well project to the 20,000+ residents of Marina, it can only be detrimental. Even with proposed conditions, this project is unnecessary and will be an environmental disaster to the area, threaten already endangered species, compromise our drinking water and erode our shorelines. It is too big of a risk to our community to allow this to go through, I vehemently oppose the CalAm project.

Please deny the CalAm project that will harm Marina for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Mimi Ng

**From:** [d quilling](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 4:31:52 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

I am writing as a resident of Marina to ask that you deny the CalAm desalination project. I come from a family of mixed race who speak English at home.

I believe that beyond the negative effects that this project will incur on our wildlife and our own drinking water supply, the fact that the project does not legitimately benefit Marina (instead actively harming it) is a grievous injustice. The city where I call home is already the 'dumping ground' of coastal Monterey county and this project will be one more festering soil on the back of an area that already houses a landfill, sewage plant, and composting facility. Do we really need yet another thing in that category? At least the landfill and sewage plant benefit Marina residents.

I implore you all to deny this project. We know that recycled water is far more likely to benefit our communities. As such, we shouldn't allow profit seeking organizations such as CalAm to continue exploiting our county. A county where water is already more expensive than 99% of the rest of the country and lower income residents struggle to pay bills.

Please deny the permit. Do it for the wildlife. Do it for the residents of Marina. Do it for the low income families whose bills will rise after one of the heaviest bouts of inflation on recent record.

Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Damian Quilling

**From:** [tbharris146@aol.com](mailto:tbharris146@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Project Application # 9-20-0603  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 3:51:59 PM

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## Coastal Commission

Cal Am supplies the water for our home and I am urging the Coastal Commission to **deny** its application for a desal plant.

We don't need that solution. An environmentally superior alternative exists with an expansion of Pure Water Monterey.

Even though California's Governor is pushing desal plants, Cal Am's proposal is not needed for the Monterey Peninsula.

We will receive enough water from Pure Water Monterey to meet needs until 2050 at **half the cost**.

The impact on Marina, which would receive no water from this project, is an example of **unjust** environmental impact. Your

**staff report** has already noted this for the commission. Cal Am's proposal will damage 35 acres of **environmentally sensitive**

**habitat** near the beach. These are reasons enough to oppose their plan. It is an unwanted, unneeded and way too costly.

Tamara Harris 10175 Sunstar Rd. Monterey Ca. 93940

**From:** [zeke aguirre](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination project permit  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 2:37:06 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and Staff:

My name is Zeke Aguirre. I am a resident of Marina. My family and I are a small family of 4 that have been residents here for several years now. We love living here for many reasons, including enjoying the area for all its amazing attractions.

Please deny Cal-Am project that will harm Marina. Thank You!

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*Zeke Cielo Aguirre*  
[zekecielo@gmail.com](mailto:zekecielo@gmail.com)

**From:** [Louis O. Roberts](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal - Oppose  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 2:20:48 PM

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To the Commissioners and Staff of the California Coastal Commission:

As a CalAm water paying customer in Carmel, CA, I **oppose** the desal plant which Cal Am is proposing to build.

The desal project would be an environmental hazard. Construction and ongoing maintenance would damage the coastal environment, including endangered species. The pipes would draw water from the aquifer below Marina (the site of the project), with the potential of salt-water intrusion into Marina's water table/aquifer.

The desal plant is not environmentally just. Marina would bear the risks of the project to its coastline and water source, lose beach access, and gain no benefits.

The Coastal Act requires the least environmentally damaging and most environmentally just project. There is a low cost alternative solution. Pure Water Monterey is a proven project. It has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over-drafting the Carmel River. Pure Water Monterey can be expanded and will provide water for housing and growth for the next 30 years, according to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Supply and Demand Report.

The PWM Expansion can do all this for a fraction (\$59 Million) of the cost of Cal Am's proposed desal (\$426 million for the first phase), and without harming coastal waters, snowy plovers, marine life, or Marina's water supply. The Expansion's source water is adequate and secure.

Exaggerated claims about the need for this desal project seem excessively greedy. It will cause damage to the environment and needless harm to local people. In addition to being guardians of our wonderful coastal environment, you are also vital protectors of justice, especially for small communities. The PWM Expansion is all that we need. Please deny the Cal Am application.

With respect,  
Louis O. Roberts  
Carmel, California



**From:** [Mark Farina](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Re: Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 2:10:53 PM

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Coastal Commissioners,

As an environmentalist and a Cal Am customer struggling to afford necessary water for my family each month in addition to all other rising costs of living on the Monterey Peninsula, I strongly oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior and affordable alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water needed for housing and reasonable growth for the next 30 years without any of the negative environmental impacts of the proposed desal plant, even in times of drought and at a fraction of the cost that would result from the proposed desalination plant.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River. The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. How can any company justify this cost? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. I cannot afford to add the cost of this extraordinarily expensive desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion. This is a social justice issue for all concerned especially for Marina residents and those with limited incomes.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not and regardless

of environmental impacts the Coastal Commission is required to avoid if better alternatives exist.

Please read additional reasons listed below that have contributed to my decision to oppose Cal Am's Desal project. Please do your job, and protect the coastal environment from the unnecessary damage and added water cost that will result from approval of the desal option.

Mark Farina  
Monterey Resident

The Coastal Commission must consider feasible alternatives like the expansion of Pure Water Monterey.

- No need for desal. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will provide water for housing and growth for the next 30 years at a fraction of the cost.
- The Expansion will cost \$60 million. Cal Am's desal will cost an estimated \$426 million.
- Pure Water Monterey is a proven project. It has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.
- According to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Supply and Demand Report we will need 786 acre-feet of water for new growth by 2045. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will give us 2,250 acre-feet of water. MPWMD's report used the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast to determine how much water we will need for housing and growth.
- The Peninsula currently uses 9,725 AFY. Our use has dropped from 15,000 AFY in 2004. Common usage on the Peninsula is 5,000 to 6,000 gallons per month. The common usage for California is 7,200 gallons a month. It is doubtful that consumption will increase with the state asking for more conservation and the price of water on the Peninsula already prohibitively expensive.
- Recycled water is drought proof – since 2014, during some of the driest years on record the municipal wastewater supply to Monterey One Water that

creates our recycled water has only dropped 5%. New growth will bring more recycled water.

The cost of water is an Environmental Justice issue. According to current CPUC data, Cal Am's desal project is estimated to increase water bills by 50% to 70%. Common usage on the Peninsula is 5,500 gallons, which currently costs \$150 a month. A 70% increase would raise the typical water bills by \$105 a month.

- The Return Water Agreement for Cal Am's desal is a fundamental Environmental Justice issue. To get around the prohibition on exporting water from the over drafted Salinas River Groundwater Basin Cal Am proposes to return 700 AFY of desalinated water to Castroville at \$110 an acre-foot. But this water would cost \$7,000 or more per acre-foot to produce. Who pays the difference? This agreement would force Cal Am's Monterey Peninsula customers to subsidize the cost of water to Castroville at a cost of millions of dollars a year added to Peninsula water bills.
- Desal is energy intensive and creates higher water costs per household driving low-income wage earners out of the region.
- Pure Water Monterey expansion will not harm low-income communities and individuals with drastic rate increases. This option is favored by the

community. The cost of Pure Water Monterey is estimated at \$3,500 an acre-foot, half of the expected cost for desal.

- Our community does not trust Cal Am for good reason. They've over drafted both our natural water resources and charge us the highest water costs in the

country. Local ballot initiative, Measure J, passed by 56% in 2018 mandating that our Water Management District pursue a buyout of Cal Am. The buyout is moving ahead.

- Monterey Peninsula residents currently pay the highest water costs in California for a system serving 90,000 people or more.
  - Pure Water Monterey's water treatment process helps the environment by eliminating pollutants that might otherwise contaminate the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.
  - Pure Water Monterey is an innovative and sustainable model of water re-use and conservation in a time when water supplies are becoming more scarce.
  - The process of desalinization requires substantially more energy than other forms of water purification.
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- Cal Am's desal energy consumption is 52,000 megawatt hours per year. It produces 8,000 metric tons of CO2 per year.
  - Draws 17,300 AFY of groundwater from the over drafted Salinas River Groundwater Basin.
  - Adds 8 million gallons of brine discharge per day to the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.
  - Project must create seawater intrusion to work.
  - Cal Am's desal could threaten the city of Marina's groundwater supply with more seawater intrusion.
  - Will the CPUC Phase 2 hearing authorize Cal Am to build desal on top of the Pure Water Monterey Expansion? The CPUC's proposed decision to approve the Expansion was issued on September 30, 2022.
  - Will Cal Am ever gets the water rights it needs to operate this desal plant? The Cemex lawsuit has not been heard or decided yet. We could pay for this desal plant and never see a drop of water. When Cal Am fails, its customers pay the bill.

On Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 2:05 PM Mark Farina <[mfarinaartstudio1@gmail.com](mailto:mfarinaartstudio1@gmail.com)> wrote:

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**From:** [ginny babbitt](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 12:19:58 PM

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Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Regards,

Ginny Babbitt  
990 McClellan Ave, Monterey

**From:** [Pat McNeill](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desalination  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 12:11:18 PM

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## California Coastal Commission

I am a Monterey resident. I oppose the CalAm desalination proposal for the following reasons.

1. The proposed location places a discriminatory burden on the City of Marina. Marina already hosts the community landfill, wastewater treatment plant, and community recycling facilities.
2. CalAm has abused the trust placed in it as a public utility.
3. CalAm is accelerating the project in spite of factual analysis by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District showing an adequate water supply for at least 20 years.
4. Cal Am appears to be inflating it's liability value to discourage a public takeover.

**From:** [Bishop.Jonathan@Coastal](mailto:Bishop.Jonathan@Coastal)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal); [Coastal Enforcement](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: OSPR news clips 11/7/2022  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 11:56:26 AM

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Below are some news updates from the oil spill world. Tar balls still washing up from the Amplify spill, and a new string of settlements have been reached for spills, including the Richmond spill (BCDC jurisdiction). I thought you would find these interesting and perhaps can use as comparisons for DCOR violation.

JB

**Jonathan Bishop**  
**Oil Spill Program Coordinator**  
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**From:** Fricke, Mary@Wildlife <Mary.Fricke@wildlife.ca.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 11:05 AM  
**To:** Fricke, Mary@Wildlife <Mary.Fricke@wildlife.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** OSPR news clips 11/7/2022

## ***California news***

Orange County Register

**[Tar balls believed to be from Amplify oil spill found on Laguna Beach coastline](https://www.ocregister.com/2022/11/05/tar-balls-believed-to-be-from-amplify-oil-spill-found-on-laguna-beach-coastline/)**

The USCG, CDFW's Office of **Spill** Prevention and **Response**, County of Orange, and Amplify Energy are addressing the discovery of weathered tar balls ...

<https://www.ocregister.com/2022/11/05/tar-balls-believed-to-be-from-amplify-oil-spill-found-on-laguna-beach-coastline/>

Fox Business News

**Exxon faces \$2 billion loss on California oil property sale**

Exxon Mobil Corp will likely sell its gas and oil field off California that was shut down in 2015 when over 120,000 gallons of crude oil spewed into the Pacific Ocean.

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/economy/exxon-faces-2-billion-loss-california-oil-property-sale>

Insurance Journal

**Pipeline Operator Agrees to \$50M California Spill Settlement**

A pipeline operator has agreed to pay \$50 million to thousands of Southern California fishermen, tourism companies and property owners who sued after an offshore oil spill last year near Huntington Beach.

<https://www.insurancejournal.com/magazines/mag-features/2022/11/07/693276.htm>

KOED

**[Chevron Agrees to Pay \\$200000 for 2021 Bay Fuel Spill at Richmond Refinery - KOED](https://www.kqed.org/news/11931168/chevron-agrees-to-pay-200000-for-2021-bay-fuel-spill-at-richmond-refinery)**

A large **oil slick** on water off a shore lit by lights at the refinery there ... The decision comes months after **California** Department of Fish and ...

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11931168/chevron-agrees-to-pay-200000-for-2021-bay-fuel-spill-at-richmond-refinery>

## ***National news***

KEYR

**[Tribes appeal restoration of oil lease on sacred lands - KEYR](#)**

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — The cultural leaders of the Blackfoot tribe are appealing a judge's recent order to reinstate an **oil** and gas lease that was ...

<https://www.kfyrtv.com/2022/11/05/tribes-appeal-restoration-oil-lease-sacred-lands/>

LocalNews8.com

### **Crews clean up mineral oil spill in Pocatello Creek - Local News 8**

KIFI/Braydon Wilson **Oil spill** in Pocatello Creek. POCATELLO, Idaho (KIFI) - After mineral oil, which is commonly used in transformers, leaked from a ...Creek

<https://localnews8.com/news/top-stories/2022/11/05/crews-clean-up-mineral-oil-spill-in-pocatello-creek/>

## ***Wildlife/sea otter news***

Bay Nature

### **Sea Otter That Stole a Surfboard in Santa Cruz Remains Free ... For Now**

In September, a surfer named Nick Ericksen was catching some waves at Steamer Lane in Santa Cruz when a creature emerged from the depths and grabbed his board. To his relief, the creature wasn't a shark, but a cute, fluffy sea otter. And this otter had an agenda. In a [video](#) of the encounter captured by a shoreside onlooker, Ericksen relinquishes the board to the sea otter and struggles to get it back. The otter curls up on Ericksen's board and, like a true Santa Cruz local, proceeds to ride a few waves.

<https://baynature.org/2022/11/03/the-sea-otter-that-stole-a-surfboard-in-santa-cruz-remains-free-for-now/>

## ***International news***

Sea Trade

### **Increasing risk of tanker accidents from growing 'dark fleet'**

There is concern over an increased risk of tanker accidents from a growing 'dark fleet' involved in sanctions busting following two recent incidents.

<https://www.seatrade-maritime.com/tankers/increasing-risk-tanker-accidents-growing-dark-fleet>

RFI

### **Uganda-Tanzania oil pipeline project a 'carbon bomb', analysis shows - RFI**

The multibillion euro East African **crude oil pipeline** project, being financed by France's TotalEnergies and the China National offshore Company, ...

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/africa/20221106-uganda-tanzania-oil-pipeline-project-a-carbon-bomb-analysis-shows-eacop>

Egypt Independent

### **Giza authorities arrest five people for stealing petroleum products from pipeline**

... charging them with stealing **petroleum** materials from a **pipeline** transporting **petroleum** products in al-Saf city of Giza governorate.

<https://www.egyptindependent.com/giza-authorities-arrest-five-people-for-stealing-petroleum-products-from-pipeline/>

CNN

### **Tourists held by Peruvian indigenous group protesting oil spill are freed, says official - CNN**

Foreign and Peruvian tourists wait in the **boat** where they have been detained at the Cuninico community in Loreto in the north of Peru, ...

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/04/americas/peru-tourists-oil-spill-protest-intl>

Lloyd's List - Informa PLC

### **Dark fleet danger as accident-prone elderly tankers anchor off Malaysia - Lloyd's List**

... weeks and formed part of the armada off Malaysia used for floating storage and **ship-to-ship** transfers of Iranian, Venezuelan and now Russian **oil**.

<https://lloydslist.maritimeintelligence.informa.com/LL1142833/Dark-fleet-danger-as-accident-prone-elderly-tankers-anchor-off-Malaysia>

**From:** [LEO LEE](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [justwater93933@gmail.com](mailto:justwater93933@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project Permit  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 11:48:44 AM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsorth and Staff:

My name is Leo Lee. I am Asian American, a retired educator. My family and I have been living in Marina for about two decades.

I would just focus on one big concern, namely protecting Marina's ground water which, as we all know, is a precious natural resource. Let's do our utmost to keep our ground water intact especially while better alternatives (e.g., the recycled water project) are available. This, in the long run, is the least costly or risky option.

Please deny the CalAm project that will, for years to come, harm the environment on which our people and other living beings have to depend.

Thank you,  
Leo Lee



**From:** [E Forrest](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 11:01:47 AM

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I urge you to reject the proposal by CalAm to place a desalinization plant in Marina.

It would be another threat to our already threatened environment.

It is unnecessary. Treating and recycling the available water would be a better response.

It would be extremely expensive. We ratepayers are already paying among the highest rates in the country.

Please reject this CalAm proposal.

Evangeline Forrest

Pacific Grove resident and voter

**From:** [June Henry](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 10:41:58 AM

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## California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. I cannot afford to add the cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or

not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

June Henry & Dene Henry

1115 8th St, Monterey, CA 93940

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Eric Miller](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on November 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 8a - Application No. 9-20-0603 (California American Water Co., Monterey Co.)  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 10:39:22 AM

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Dear Commissioners,

I applaud and concur with your staff's recommendation to approve the Coastal Development Permit for the Cal-AM Desalination Plant in Monterey County, California. California is facing unprecedented, in modern times, water shortages that forecasters predict will get worse with another La Nina winter. Seawater desalination has been employed across the globe with no significant ecological impacts when monitored. Australia has several plants with scientific journal papers documenting the harmonious existence of large seawater desalination plants and the surrounding marine environment. It is time for coastal California to be both good environmental stewards and neighbors by building well-designed seawater desalination plants utilizing both small, subsurface (where applicable) intake plants and larger, surface intake plants to supply both the coastal needs and support water for inland communities suffering water shortages. We must think regionally and act locally to keep California Golden.

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Sincerely,  
Eric

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*"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." John Wooden*

**From:** [Jon Dungan](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am desal project  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 10:16:33 AM

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I am opposed to the project that seems poorly conceived, does little to provide pure water for residential and agricultural use.

Jon Dungan

**From:** [Frank Jarman](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal AM Desal Plant in Marina  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 9:06:31 AM

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Dear Comissioners

My name is Frank Jarman residing in Marina, CA since 1966.

I always the California Coastal Commission was to protect and preserve our thousands of miles of beautiful California coastline. I have heard that a preliminary approval of Cal Ams proposal to send good water to other cities for the purpose of making Cal AM infringing on Marinas water basin.

Please vote no on this project that continually crops up every few years. Please do not rob Peter to pay Paul of our precious resource. This plan if passed will eventually turn into a disaster for the fastest growing community in Monterey County.

Marina does not want to be under the thumb of Cal AM who is looking to profit from this project. No one can guarantee that eventually Marina will be under the guidelines of Cal Am.

Protect us and our future heritage by voting no to this project. Marina did a huge mistake with allowing the cement plant come to production. We do not need any more mistakes with the only coastline we know.

If this coastline is not preserved than the Coastline commission is not doing what it name imply. We need to save our coast because we are a sanctuary to all that lives in the Monterey Bay. To make any drastic changes to our beaches and ocean will be harmful for the rest of eternity. There are other means that will be safer for all living animals.

PLEASE VOTE NO TO CAL AM AGAIN

A Marina Resident for Life

Frank Jarman  
3121 Lynscott Drive

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [MARJORIE BULLOCK](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Nina Harrison](#)  
**Subject:** NO on Cal Am's proposed desalination project.  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 8:34:39 AM

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No on CalAm proposed desalination proposal!

It's too \$\$\$, outdated, not needed and outright robbery and destruction of Marina and the Marine Sanctuary.

There is an outstanding and creative alternative, Water One, already built and being used that recycles water already used and available.

Marjorie Bullock and Nina Harrison

**From:** [MARJORIE KOHLER](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desalinization  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 7:34:09 AM

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The idea of a desalinization plant in Marina threatens our environment and is unfair to Marina residents. Apparently they are not able to use that water.

It is way too expensive for most residents that already are paying a very high price for water. As a resident of Pacific Grove I am in favor of the proposals for Pure Water Expansion. We have already voted for public ownership

My vote is a strong "NO" on desalinization at this time.

A worried concerned resident, Marjorie Kohler



**From:** [Bob J](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on CalAm's Desal Permit - Nov 17 - it's damaging the California coast  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 7:33:51 AM

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Vote NO for the Desal Permit because of the negative impact and damage to the California coastal environment.

There is no need for Desal; there are other water sources that align with your goals to maintain the coastal environment.

Thanks,

Bob Janssen

**From:** [DOUGLAS STEAKLEY](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal Project, Application 9-20-0603 - OPPOSE  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 6:31:47 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

California Coastal Commission:

I am a Cal Am customer residing on the Monterey Peninsula and am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed desal plant in Marina.

There are many reasons to oppose this unneeded and unwanted project, from environmental to financial, and underlying all of them is the callous disregard Cal Am has shown to its customers for decades. As a privately owned utility they have little concern for the welfare of the community they serve and are beholden to their shareholders and finding ways to transfer funds from customer's pockets to theirs'.

We all know that Pure Water Monterey and the recycled water they will soon produce will fulfill the water needs of the Monterey Peninsula for decades to come. A desal plant would be horrifically expensive, redundant and environmentally damaging.

The water that Cal Am provides to its customer base is already the most expensive in the country and adding the hundreds of millions of dollars that desal will clearly cost will increase the price of water substantially, probably in the range of 50%.

I also oppose the siting of the desal slant wells in Marina, a neighboring water district that would receive no water from wells drilled in their "backyard". Along with seawater intrusion, the greenhouse gases would further degrade their environment. Marina has understandably pushed back hard against this intrusive project.

It is unfortunate that our governor supports this desal project; I expect more thoughtfulness from someone in his position. The Monterey Peninsula and this desal plant vary widely from the one approved at Dana Point and I believe that each project should be scrutinized for how it will benefit the community it will serve. A blanket approach such as the one proposed by Governor Newsom is clearly inappropriate.

I hope that the Coastal Commission will carefully consider the pros and cons of this project on its merits and come to the reasonable conclusion that it is not needed or appropriate for our beautiful peninsula.

Doug Steakley

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**From:** [Kevin Henry](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Monday, November 07, 2022 5:45:58 AM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

Vote to delay any action on a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the CalAm desalination facility because it lacks critical information about the project and its alternative, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion; or

Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmental impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Regards,

Kevin Henry  
Carmel, CA

**From:** [cho.joonghyun](mailto:cho.joonghyun)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 9:15:53 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today.

The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. I cannot afford to add the cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district.

Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

**Joong hyun cho**  
**Seaside & Monterey CA.**

**From:** [Nancy Frost](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603 - Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 9:01:08 PM

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This is to urge you to reject Cal Am's application to put a desalinization plant in Marina.

It is not needed. Treating and recycling the water would take care of the water needs for our area for at least a couple of decades.

I'm very concerned about our environment and the lasting effects when we try to alter it to meet a "need" when other options are available.

In addition please respect that voters on the Monterey peninsula voted in favor of public ownership of water distribution in 2018. I'm in favor of public ownership and in favor of the proposal for Pure Water Expansion.

Thank you for your consideration

Margaret Frost

Pacif Grove resident

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**From:** [Danielle Martin](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 7:59:19 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission Members,

I support that the Coastal Commission only consider for new water sources the feasible alternatives like the expansion of Pure Water Monterey instead of any proposed Cal Am desal plant.

There is no need for desal. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will provide water for housing and growth for the next 30 years at a fraction of the cost.

The price is affordable for the Expansion will cost \$60 million. Cal Am's desal will cost an estimated \$426 million.

I support Pure Water Monterey since it is a proven project. It has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

According to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Supply and Demand Report we will need 786 acre-feet of water for new growth by 2045. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will give us 2,250 acre-feet of water. MPWMD's report used the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast to determine how much water we will need for housing and growth.

The voters of the Monterey Peninsula and Marina have spoken out over-n-over – most of us DO NOT WANT THE CAL AM proposed desal plant - !

Thank you,

Danielle Martin

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**From:** [Lynn Johnson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** I am opposed to the desalination plant proposed by CalAm  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 7:13:28 PM

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I am opposed to CalAm's plan to build a desalination plant for many reasons. First of all it is not needed. Now that we have Pure Water Monterey which recycles water and has been in operation for two years we have a solution to our water problem. Furthermore it is projected that with the expansion of Pure Water Monterey we will have enough water for our needs for the next thirty years.

The desalination project that CalAm proposes will cause dangerous sea water intrusion into our ground water, will damage coastal areas that are home to endangered species as well as using large amounts of electricity. Not to mention that desalinated water will raise our water bills by approximately 70% and we already pay the highest price for water in the state.

I can see no other reason for CalAm to push this project forward except to enhance its own profits.

Please do not approve this project.

Lynn Johnson

resident of Seaside, California since 1985

**From:** [Charlotte Arnold](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Michael Arnold](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to CalAm's desal plant for Monterey  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:43:18 PM

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To whom it may concern:

We are vehemently opposed to CalAm's planned desal plant for Monterey. It is an extraordinarily expensive answer to problem that has already been solved by the expansion of Pure Water Monterey. The numbers speak for themselves. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's updated Water Supply & Demand forecast clearly demonstrates that available water sources will exceed demand, including factoring in projected growth, for the next 30 years, without the desal plant. So why is CalAm continuing to pursue it? We can only conjecture that it is part of CalAm's strategy to raise the purchase price of a proposed buyout of CalAm's Monterey water services business by consumers, or perhaps to prevent that buyout altogether.

If the water supply numbers alone aren't sufficient to justify the Coastal Commission's rejection of CalAm's application, the potential for large scale environmental destruction in our priceless Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary should be.

This should be an easy "no." It's obvious that's the right answer for ratepayers on the Monterey Peninsula.

Thank you for your consideration.

Charlotte and Michael Arnold  
CalAm customers  
Monterey, CA



**From:** [mwchrislock@redshift.com](mailto:mwchrislock@redshift.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Testing for error message  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:43:18 PM

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**From:** [Douglas McLain](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Karen Paul](#)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:42:45 PM

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I oppose the Monterey desalination project and think we should recycle all available brackish water sources first.

Why? It's cheaper. The cost of desalting water is proportional to the salinity of the source water.

**Yes-Besides clean-up costs from operation**  
**Ocean Desalination costs \$2,000 & \$2,500 an acre-ft.**  
**Brackish Desalination ranges-\$1,000-\$2,000 an acre-ft.**  
<https://mywaterearth.com/the-cost-of-desalination/>

What does it cost to desalinate sea water?

How much does water desalination cost? While there are many variables related to the cost of desalinated water, Texas Water Development Board states a good rule of thumb is \$1.10-2.40 per 1,000 gallons for brackish water and **\$2.46-4.30 per 1,000 gallons** for seawater desalination.



<https://www.texasdesal.com> › desal-...

**Desal FAQs - Texas Desalination Association**

**Douglas R McLain**  
**PhD Oceanography**

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Tom Rebold](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Pure Water project over Desal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:04:22 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

As a resident of Monterey county for 18 years, I've been acutely aware of the water challenges facing our community. I realize the issues are complex, but I am strongly in favor of the benefits provided by the water recycling project to replenish the aquifer vs burning more fossil fuel to filter seawater.

Both approaches come with pros and cons, but replenishing the aquifer with recycled water seems like a major win for the Pure Water project. Not just in terms of energy use but also in terms of environmental remediation

I've seen examples of southern california desal projects that get mothballed when the climate shifts to a wetter seasonal pattern. It would be a tragic waste of money to see that happening here.

Thanks for your efforts in finding the best solution for all stakeholders.

Tom Rebold,  
Marina CA

**From:** [Alexis Gensberg Robert](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please deny CalAm desal plant permit  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:01:51 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

As a Pacific Grove homeowner and CalAm ratepayer, I am opposed to the plans for a desalination plant. The Pure Water Monterey expansion will provide enough water. The desal plant will be hugely expensive and only marginally beneficial, if it ever even happens. We already pay some of the highest water rates in the country. I don't want to be on the hook to pay for tons of studies and plans for an investment that may never actually get built and won't be needed if it does. We have the solution we need with the Pure Water expansion. Please deny CalAm's desal permit, on behalf of the ratepayers who will shoulder the costs.

Best regards,  
Alexis Robert  
Pacific Grove

**From:** [Jeff Hawkins](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [Jeff Hawkins](#)  
**Subject:** Please deny CalAm Desal plans  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:00:59 PM

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I have lived on the Monterey Peninsula for 30+ years and dealt with CalAm as my water source the entire time. I simply do NOT trust them and have personally experienced their ignorant attitude to finding reasonable future water solutions for their customers.

Please deny their desal plans on Nov. 11, 2022 since there are other more logical solutions (Pure Water Monterey) that resolve our water needs much more cost effectively.

Regards,  
Jeff Hawkins  
25495 Via Paloma  
Carmel, CA 93923  
831-652-0015

**From:** [Brad Taylor](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:00:57 PM

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I am a Seaside resident, Cal Am customer, and Monterey One Water employee.  
Pure Water Monterey only uses existing sources.  
The area needs new source water.  
The expansion of PWM, although good, will ultimately take water from CSIP.  
The Peninsula, Marina, and Castroville areas need robust water solutions.  
I believe MPWMD's projections are inaccurate and short-sighted.  
The PWM expansion alone will not meet the areas need for water.  
I support Cal-Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

Brad Taylor

**From:** [FREDRICK STEWART](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 5:56:25 PM

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I deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

**From:** [David Prina](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project-Application No. 90-20-0603-Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 5:49:53 PM

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To CCC Commissioners and Staff.

I would like the commission to know that I am in opposition to the CaAM desalination plant as a way to address water issues in Monterey County. Other ideas should be explored, especially those that are more sustainable and sync with natural processes such as the Pure Water Monterey Expansion that reclaims water and recharges aquifers, and is also much cheaper while having a smaller impact on the environment!

David Prina, Salinas



**From:** [Margot Black](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am desal permit  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 5:44:21 PM

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Dear members of the Coastal Commission,

I respectfully urge you to deny Cal Am's desalination permit on November 17th. We have a clear alternative with the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project, and the voters of our district have shown a desire to break free of Cal Am. We already pay the highest water rates \*in the nation\* and the desal project would only add to our woes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best regards,

Margot Black  
Pebble Beach

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Vicki Williams](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 5:00:12 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

As a resident of Monterey since 1967 I am requesting that you do not approve the Desal Project on Marina Beach for all the reasons residents on the Peninsula have been pleading for way too long and which I do not need to repeat for you to read one more time.

When the proper time arrives to build our Desal Project, it should not be on some unrelated community's beach, be oversized to create opportunity only for a corporation, cause harm with salt-water intrusion and cost our local ratepayers even more additional and unnecessary cost.

I know you are aware of the mounting technical reasons to decline on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and I just want to let you know as a long time resident my hopes for a NO on the proposed Desal Project today, bringing this saga to a close and allow a new sustainable direction to evolve.

Hopefully,  
Vicki Williams

From: [Kim Shirley](#)  
To: [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
Subject: Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
Date: Sunday, November 06, 2022 4:45:29 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

While I am a member of the Del Rey Oaks city council, I am writing this letter as a Cal Am ratepayer and as someone who is **deeply opposed to Cal Am's desalination project** because of its associated environmental and social injustices.

- **The desalination project is too costly.** With already the highest water rates in the nation, this project is estimated to raise our water bills by 50%. Without any recent updates to the costs of their project, approving this project gives them a blank check with unknown costs being passed down to ratepayers. Given the diversity of our communities (many fixed and low incomes), we cannot afford to have our water rates increased!
- **The location of this desalination project harms the people of the city of Marina.** Marina already is burdened with our regional sewage treatment plant and landfill. The city of Marina does not want another industrial project, especially one that provides them with no benefits! They won't be receiving any of this water, so why should their habitat, viewshed, coastal environment, and potentially their water sources be impacted?
- **Recycled water is environmentally superior to this desalination project.** Pure Water Monterey, our recycled water project provided by a **public agency**, has the potential for expansion in the next two years and will provide us with the necessary water for growth, even through droughts, for the next 20-30 years.

Cal Am's projection for water demand does not match reality. **Their new phased-in approach clearly shows that we never needed such a large project to begin with.** The large size of their project only increases the money for their shareholders!

- Why should Cal Am be allowed to build the first phase if it's completely dependent on the lack of environmental degradation for the second phase? That is a risky proposal! This is the wrong location for this type of project!
- Why approve a project that has so many environmental concerns, especially

when we know that this project would only be viable for 20-25 years? This is too much money for our ratepayers and too large of an environmental risk for a water “solution” that will not be providing water for the longer term.

Given all of the reasons above, I ask that you please deny Cal Am’s coastal development permit for this desalination project.

Kim Shirley  
Del Rey Oaks

**From:** [Nancy Roberts](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal - Deny  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 4:34:48 PM

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To the Commissioners and Staff of the California Coastal Commission:

As a CalAm water paying customer in Carmel, CA, I oppose the desal plant which Cal Am is proposing to build.

The desal project would be an environmental hazard. Construction and ongoing maintenance would damage the coastal environment, including endangered species. The pipes would draw water from the aquifer below Marina (the site of the project), with the potential of salt-water intrusion into Marina's water table/aquifer.

The desal plant is not environmentally just. Marina would bear the risks of the project to its coastline and water source, lose beach access, and gain no benefits.

The Coastal Act requires the least environmentally damaging and most environmentally just project. There is a low cost alternative solution. Pure Water Monterey is a proven project. It has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop overdrafting the Carmel River. Pure Water Monterey can be expanded and will provide water for housing and growth for the next 30 years, according to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Supply and Demand Report.

The PWM Expansion can do all this for a fraction (\$59 Million) of the cost of Cal Am's proposed desal (\$426 million for the first phase), and without harming coastal waters, snowy plovers, marine life, or Marina's water supply. The Expansion's source water is adequate and secure.

Exaggerated claims about the need for this desal project seem excessively greedy. It will cause damage to the environment and needless harm to local people. In addition to being guardians of our wonderful coastal environment, you are also vital protectors of justice, especially for small communities. The PWM Expansion is all that we need. Please deny the Cal Am application.

Cordially Yours,  
Nancy Rawls Roberts  
Carmel, California

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Craig Scott](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please Reject Cal Am's Desal Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 4:04:48 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission:

As someone who has worked for many years to protect local ocean wildlife, I am deeply concerned about the projected environmental effects of Cal Am's proposed deal project. I urge you to reject their application. Besides the environmental impacts, the proposed project would also be extremely expensive, which will further burden local water customers, who already pay the highest rates in the country. The proposed project also would impose substantial environmental justice impacts on the people of Marina, which is simply not fair.

For these reasons, and many others, I urge you to reject Cal Am's application for a project that is simply not needed.

Craig H. Scott  
Pacific Grove Resident and Voter

**From:** [Lorraine Yglesias](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 4:03:05 PM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

Vote to delay any action on a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the CalAm desalination facility because it lacks critical information about the project and its alternative, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion; or

Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmental impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

**Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.**

Regards,

Lorraine Yglesias  
408.242.8945  
Carmel Valley

**From:** [PAULINE ALLEN](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 3:51:26 PM

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## California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. I cannot afford to add the cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or



not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Sincerely,

Pauline W. Allen

Carmel, CA 93923

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**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Cc:** [CentralCoast@Coastal](mailto:CentralCoast@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 3:43:06 PM

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**To the CCC Commissioners and Staff,**

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District has shown through independent analysis what the voters of Monterey County had already decided.

**We do not need or want an expensive, elitist, deal plant** that we, the citizens of Monterey and Monterey Bay will needlessly be paying for well beyond our lifetimes. This is proposed deal plant is of benefit to special interests, not the general public.

The Pure Water Monterey Expansion has been approved and will supply all needed water for the next three decades. This is an environmentally superior option to a gold-plated desal plant that will:

- (1) not harm the Monterey Bay coastal environment;
- (2) not burden the local ratepayers with excessive fees for guaranteed Cal Am Corporate profits, operation, and maintenance, and;
- (3) will meet the will of the voting public and **the mission of the Coastal Commission.**

The Coastal Commission has always been about benefitting the great majority of the citizens of California, not a few well-healed developers and a water monopoly.

**Please deny Cal Am's application for a Coastal Development Permit.**

Thank you,

**Jeffrey Becom**

217 Hacienda Carmel  
Carmel, CA 93923  
[jeffreybecom@comcast.net](mailto:jeffreybecom@comcast.net)

**From:** [Raymond Neutra](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desal Plant in Marina Please  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 3:36:39 PM

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For cost and environmental reasons I oppose any DeSal plant in Marina. Of course the company favors the plant for financial reasons. Please resist their application

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**From:** [Kellee Noonan](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 2:57:22 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

My name is Kellee Noonan. My family lives in Marina in the Dunes. We are a mixed race family who are all born in California. My parents were also born in California, we have been in the San Jose/Salinas area since 1917, except when my Mom & her family were interned in Arizona during WWII.

My husband and I are retired engineers. I volunteer at the Monterey Bay Aquarium as a hands-on guide, teaching the importance of conserving & protecting the ocean on which all life on Earth depends.

We believe the reports by key local public water agencies that showed the CalAm desalination project is unnecessary and will harm sensitive environments. The project will also place an unwarranted burden on Marina while providing no benefit to our residents.

Please protect our precious natural resources and the residents of Marina from harm by denying the CalAm project.

Thank you,  
Kellee

**From:** [pam.carroll](mailto:pam.carroll)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Attn: To the commission and staff of the Ca Coastal Commission  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 2:37:16 PM

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I'm writing this letter to oppose the desal project proposed by Cal Am Water which will cost \$426,000.00 compared to pure water expansion costing \$45,000.00. This will impact each of our water bills greatly.

Also the environmental impact would be terrible and toxic to our beautiful beaches on the peninsula.

Please take these important issues very seriously.

Respectfully,

Pamela Carroll  
281 Del Mesa, Carmel, Ca 93923

**From:** [Claude Hutchison](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DESAL Proposal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 2:27:44 PM

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

I am a long suffering residential ratepayer living in Carmel Valley forced to obtain water from this wretched water company. I have watched my water bills consistently escalate over the past 20 years. During this period CALAM has done nothing to diminish the cost of water to us nor to suggest alternative sources of supply.

In fact, CALAM has obstructed the development of Pure Water Monterey's expansion by refusing to sign a water purchase agreement, fought tooth and nail a voter approved buyout of their distribution system, held patently absurd public hearings in which they voiced no constructive solutions and in general been awful to their residential customer base.

Concurrently CALAM appeased the hospitality industry with concessionary straight line pricing compared to rapidly accelerating tier pricing for residential ratepayers.

With the expansion of PURE WATER MONTEREY we have enough water to cover area needs for the next quarter century or more. The DESAL plant is not needed nor can we afford it. We ratepayers already pay the highest water bills in the nation.

The proposed DESAL plant will be paid for by ratepayers yet owned by CALAM. The analogy that comes to mind is asking a community to build an apartment building and guarantee the rent while there are no renters desiring to live in the building. Ultimately the mortgage is paid off, no one has lived in the building and the developer owns the property free and clear. This is absurd!

Please let common sense and equity prevail by rejecting CALAM's application for the DESAL plant.

Respectfully,

Claude B, Hutchison, Jr  
Carmel Valley, CA

**From:** [NORMA HALL](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DeSal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 1:48:10 PM

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My water bills are high enough without spending millions on something we don't need.  
Norma Hall

**From:** [Jerry Takigawa](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 1:38:56 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is a environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought.

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The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. Why is this desal water so expensive? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. It would raise water bills by at least 50%. I cannot afford to add the cost of this desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Jerry Takigawa

Carmel Valley, CA



**From:** [John Hale](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal plant  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 1:36:48 PM

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If we can provide adequate useable water for the Monterey Peninsula without a desal plant I'm for it. No on Desal at this time!

John Hale

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Karen W.](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** NO on CalAm's Desal Plant!!  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 1:00:34 PM

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We CANNOT afford CalAm's desal plant!!! That company is bleeding the residents of our peninsula dry and YOU, the Coastal Commission, must stand up to their avarice and scare tactics and just say NO!!! The cost of water in our community is already beyond shocking and the CalAm desal plant will add even more to our misery. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will be completed in the near future and we don't want any part of CalAm's Machiavellian desal plant agenda which would put even more of our money in their pocket and harm our fragile environment with its end result! We, the residents of this community, are begging you to do the responsible thing and deny approval for CalAm's desal plant.

Thank you,  
Karen Wright

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Karen  
[kwright1116@gmail.com](mailto:kwright1116@gmail.com)

**From:** [Toni Gibbs](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 12:55:44 PM

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## California Coastal Commission:

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Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

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How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

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I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Toni Gibbs  
Seaside, CA

**From:** [Patricia Mayer](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Desalination Project  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 11:37:47 AM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and Staff,

My name is Patricia Mayer. I am a resident of East Garrison, CA. I am a professional and am unable to attend the upcoming meeting but I am concerned about the CalAm Desalination plant and its environmental impact.

Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina.

Thank you,

Patricia Mayer

**From:** [smistretta@att.net](mailto:smistretta@att.net)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Cal-Am desal  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 11:28:21 AM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

As a Cal-Am ratepayer for many years, I am adamantly opposed to the outrageously expensive and *unnecessary* desal plant Cal-Am has been proposing for years. A majority of voters came out in favor of a publicly-owned water system. We have some of the most expensive water in the country and construction of a \$426 million desal plant is certainly not something we need or want. It could raise our water bills by 50% or more. Pure Water Monterey is a much more affordable and climate-friendly option.

We ask you to honor the will of the voters and the recommendations of your own staff, and deny Cal-Am's desal permit.

Thank you,

Stefani Mistretta

1287 Sonoma Ave.

Seaside CA 93955



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**From:** [Anita Zaffuto](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Stop Cal Am  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 10:07:04 AM

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I am a customer of the Marina Water District and can't believe that the Cal Am project is even being considered. It makes no sense to endanger the water supply of Marina, and in addition further threaten the habitat and rare wildlife of this area.

Please consider the terrible impacts that this project would have on an area that would be needlessly sacrificed, when a much better alternative is available.

Please protect our water and our coast.

Thank you.  
Anita Zaffuto

**From:** [wiskoff@aol.com](mailto:wiskoff@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal Am's desal project  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 9:44:33 AM

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## California Coastal Commission:

I am a resident of Carmel and I strongly oppose Cal Am's desal project. We do not need desal because we have developed a less expensive and an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey, that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 20 to 30 years, even in drought conditions.

Please consider the Pure Water Monterey project that has been providing the peninsula with water these past two years, and has allowed Cal Am to stop overdrafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

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I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not. He is facing pressure from farming interests outside the peninsula who would not have to pay for desal. He is facing pressure from the tourist industry who will not

need the water and would pass the costs along to customers. It is reprehensible that politics is driving desal rather than the data that detail it is unnecessary. Desal would greatly increase the already exorbitant water bills that peninsula residents current face.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Martin Wiskoff, PhD

Carmel, California



**From:** [Marge Abel](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am's Desal Plant  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 9:42:29 AM

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I have lived here for 24 years and have consistently found that the corporate Cal Am will say and do whatever they want to in order to increase their profits. They are not just avaricious money grabbers, they are sleazy in how they do so.

WE DO NOT NEED THIS PARTICULAR DESALINATION PLANT.

The Pure Water expansion is a far less costly costly alternative that avoids environmental harm.

The Pure Water expansion will provide all the water we need for at least 20 years.

Cal Am's desal plant is different from the Doheny desal project approved last month.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE VOTE AGAINST CAL AM'S DESAL PROJECT.

Thank-you,  
Marjorie Abel  
651 Sinex Ave C212, Pacific Grove

**From:** [Sylvia Shih](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20- 0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 9:27:21 AM

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Dear commissioners,

I strongly oppose this project, and hope you will deny its application.

It is not that I oppose desalination, it is just that with the recycled water projects, there is enough to support growth till the year 2050. So, this Cal Am application for a desalination plant at this time is one that is not needed and nor is it worth supporting noting its potential impact on the coastal environment, its illegal taking , its damage to the poor community of Marina, and a host of other issues.

I know there are people supporting the desalination project. But, please weigh their position on whether they are regular, not specially discounted, rate payers. I am a rate payer of CalAM. My skin is on the line.

Thank you for listening.

Sylvia Shih  
Seaside, CA  
Dated November 6 2022

**From:** [mwchrislock@redshift.com](mailto:mwchrislock@redshift.com)  
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**Subject:** Monterey Herald Guest commentary: Wrong water project, wrong place - Ron Weitzman  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 8:16:39 AM

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## Guest commentary: Wrong water project, wrong place

By [RON WEITZMAN](#)

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The fate of that application is no more certain than the ultimate fate of the current one. The reduction of production units has to take into account the mass-production rule — as the number of units produced

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Cal Am’s proposed desal plant, of whatever size, cannot resolve serious, if not insurmountable, environmental issues. The modeled predictions of environmental impact reported in the project’s environmental impact report (EIR) have zero credibility because of the negative correlation between the predicted and the error component of an observed measurement resulting from modelers’ “adjustment” (their word) of data to reduce error variation. I have published articles in two peer-reviewed statistical journals reporting this invalidating misuse of statistics.

Because Cal Am has no water rights in the Salinas Valley it proposes is to desalinate only seawater from the sea-water-intruded 180-foot aquifer though, according to the project’s EIR, the freshwater Dune Sand aquifer — likely drawing water from the Salinas River — supplies up to two-thirds of the proposed project’s source water.

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What Cal Am plans to present to the Coastal Commission this month is the wrong project, by the wrong utility, in the wrong place.

*Ron Weitzman is the president of the Water Ratepayers Association of the Monterey Peninsula.*

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**From:** [Greg Furey](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal Am's Desal Project  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 8:15:23 AM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

My Name is Greg Furey. I am a 20 year resident of Marina. I spent a 32 year career with Cal Fire and decided to retire here in Marina following my last career assignment in the area. When I first moved to Marina from Pacific Grove in 2000, I remember feeling as if I had moved to a 3rd world country. Whenever I had shopped at the Lucky's supermarket in Pacific Grove, I rarely stood in a checkout line of more than two customers. However, once I had moved to Marina and began to shop at Lucky's, I learned immediately that a line of 8-10 customers was the norm. Few people speak of this, as individuals tend to shop within their own communities, but to me it was profoundly obvious and insulting. That same (discriminatory) customer service pattern remains today. Ironically, this unfortunate pattern of class discrimination is now evident from the "water war" that Cal Am has brought to Marina via their proposed Slant Well project.

Marina is populated with an ethnically diverse population that evolved from the military community historically attached to Ft. Ord. Much in the manner that African American soldiers and their families were once "steered" into the city of Seaside after being posted to Ft. Ord, interethnically married (mostly enlisted) soldiers were similarly "steered" toward the city of Marina. Officers and their families (largely white) were directed towards the more privileged communities of Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Carmel. Many elderly veterans and their foreign-born wives and widows continue to live in central Marina. You might find historian and author Carol Lynn McKibben's excellent book "RACE AND COLOR IN A CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMUNITY: THE SEASIDE STORY" informative in regard to our collective socio-economic history.

Marina is one of the most ethnically diverse cities of its' size in the United States. There have reportedly been as many as 71 different dialects spoken in our town. It is a working class community of teachers, tradespeople, nurses, and public safety and service workers whose lives revolve around their work and families. Unlike the Peninsula cities of Carmel, Monterey, and Pacific Grove, Marina does not rely on a visitor population like the one that descends upon the Peninsula. It is primarily a community of military retirees and working class families. .

I continue to question why a slant well project that is intended to serve the much wealthier and privileged and tourist-based communities of the Monterey Peninsula be allowed to drop an unwelcome anchor here that could easily destroy our water supply in Marina? Marina already provides disposal, water treatment, and significant numbers of service workers to the Peninsula communities. How socially and economically just is it that a DeSal project is being dumped onto our beach area for the benefit of wealthier communities, especially when it might very well destroy our fresh water supply?

I was a member of the Marina Planning Commission when Cal Am first presented their test slant well for review and approval. We (The Planning Commission) denied their application, mainly because it appeared to present a direct threat to the future of Marina's (deep level aquifer) water supply. Destroying our water supply would create significant economic hardship for the working class and retired members of our community, potentially forcing us into becoming customers of a water purveyor we do not want here. Cal Am then appealed to the City Council. The mayor, who was rumored to face direct pressure from state, county, federal, and local political interests (presumably sponsored by Cal Am), "rolled over"

and voted to support the test well project. He later claimed his vote was solely based upon "learning more about the science", which was on par with claims of a "stolen election". He ignored the old adage "Once the camel gets his nose in the tent, he's there to live".

It was likely inevitable that Cal Am was going to win approval for their test well project, as they had linked the hospitality interests and co-dependent political leaders on the Peninsula together. They conjured up a plan which placed a disproportionate share of costs onto residential customers, all the while reducing the burden of costs for the hospitality (restaurant and hotel) industry. After agriculture, hospitality is the largest economic driver in Monterey County. A Peninsula Mayor's Group was formed to help solidify lobbying efforts.

Concurrently, an alternative source of treated potable water has been developed which should be capable of providing enough water for Cal-Am's customer base for the next 30-40 years-without Desal. So, with a potential public buyout of Cal Am on the horizon OR a viable source of public water available at a far cheaper cost to consumers than their proposed Desal project would deliver, why would Cal Am want to continue to push this harmful and discriminatory project forward? The answer is simple-money and profits for their executives and shareholders. If a public buyout comes to fruition, it would afford Cal Am greater leverage to resist that possibility, as it would drive up the appraised valuation of their local water system by adding those capital investments to their asset sheet. If Cal Am is somehow able to move forward with their DeSal plans and start pumping treated water to the Peninsula, they stand to make millions from the extravagantly overpriced water that would be delivered to their Peninsula customers and beyond. In the process, Marina's precious water supply (to which Cal Am has no legal rights) could very easily be destroyed, creating significant hardship for the working residents and military retirees of Marina.

In closing, I am asking each of you to resist the "Shiny Penny" that this project may present to some politicians. Please consider the unjust harm this project will bring to my community if approved.

I support the technology of desalination and believe it is the path to much of our nation's safe water supply in the future. However, this project will harm an entire community...and for what? To line the pockets of shareholders and corporate interests based in New Jersey? There is a safe alternative already available-for far less cost and zero harm to a vulnerable community. If you support Cal Am's project, you will in effect be voting to support a "Bridge to Nowhere" economically, and be supporting a great injustice against the community of Marina.

I regret that I will not be available to make a public comment on November 17th. Please do the right thing. Deny Cal Am's proposed DeSal plant.

Respectfully,

Greg Furey

**From:** [Sara Linda Subbiondo](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Urgent  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 7:43:27 AM

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To whom it may concern:

Please deny Cal Am's desal permit. Cal Am is beholden to its stakeholders. MPWMD, is a nonprofit public agency focused on providing more affordable water to our community.

Thank you!

Sara Linda Subbiondo

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***Sara Linda R. Subbiondo, PPS, LMFT#44467***  
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**From:** [Doane Hoag](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** I am a CalAm customer paying ridiculous amounts  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 7:30:42 AM

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I oppose the desalination plant that CalAm keeps pushing. This is all about \$\$\$, not the security of the water customers or our environment. Nothing has changed but their language, with new “promises.” What they don’t talk about is the reason behind the hard push; to keep from being bought out and to make even more money off of us. Pure Water Monterey can supply the water for growth at a fraction of the cost of a desal plant and allow the public to buy out CalAm, that is what the public voted for and approved.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Arno](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal question  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 7:06:58 AM

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Hello Coastal Commission;

Thank you for giving me the option to express my opinion on this matter regarding the potential permit for Cal Am to proceed with building a desal plant for the Monterey Peninsula.

Full disclosure: I am not a fan of Cal Am. This is a direct result of being on the receiving end of their questionable business practices for the past 11 years. I am not alone. If you would like further details about their practices or their standing in the community, I'm happy to share.

As a home owner for 36 years, I've never been so angry at a public utility as I continually am with Cal Am.

The passage of Measure J was a clear signal the residents of the Monterey Peninsula demand change and seek a divorce from this private company. The information I've seen, and you have access to the same info but - again - I'm happy to share if you need, reveals an adequate supply of water from the various sources detailed in official reporting by the MPWMD and PWN that would not only keep water rates from increasing but might even decrease them. Compare that to the continued hikes of water rates that Cal Am inflicts on us, and most assuredly will again once a desal plant is green-lighted. Also, further committing to Cal Am and the desal plant is in direct opposition - and i would say violation - of the will of the people who have expressly decided public, local ownership of this vital resource is the direction we wish to go, and to divorce ourselves from this private, unaccountable foreign entity. Whose will are you servicing? The desal plant is not required at this time and our continued relationship with Cal Am is not required at all.

At a time of near-inflation, rising costs for utilities, food, rent, gas that the residents of the Monterey Peninsula have to bear, is it prudent to inflict even further costs for basic necessities like water, especially when the facts present no legitimate reason to pursue these costs?

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments. If you need any further clarification of my points, don't hesitate to follow up with me. I'm happy to help.  
Arno Featherstone, Seaside.

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [kvlpine@aol.com](mailto:kvlpine@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 6:35:26 AM

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There are many retired persons, including myself, in our county who must live on a fixed income.

Have you considered us when making plans for a desalination plant which will raise water rates astronomically? With Pure Water Monterey's proposed contribution to our water needs, it seems that we are not in need of a desalination plant, after all. Please consider all of the families who simply cannot afford another huge hike in living expenses.

Karen Vallaire

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**From:** [hrajeh](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Ratepayer Concerns  
**Date:** Sunday, November 06, 2022 12:59:11 AM

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Data implies denial of authority to proceed with Desal plan.

Why burden the ratepayer with more expensive water when there is sufficient capacity to ensure water through 2050?

Please deny application.

Thank you,

Joe Houston

**From:** [James Mearns](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 11:40:46 PM

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California Coastal Commission: As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought. Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River. The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet? Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. How can any company justify this cost? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. I cannot afford to add the cost of this extraordinarily expensive desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay. I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion. As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not. Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

James Mearns  
2716 14th Ave  
Carmel, CA 93923



**From:** [Paul Whitson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm Desalinization Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 9:56:30 PM

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Dea Commissioners,

I urge you to deny CalAm's proposal. This projects is exhorbitantly expensive, damaging to Marina's water supply, and unnecessary. Adequate water supply can be achieved by conservation and recycling. I urge you to vote NO.

Cordially,

Paul Whitson  
17900 Kearny Street Unit 612  
East Garrison, CA 93933

**From:** [hrajeh](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Concerned Taxpayer  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 9:30:19 PM

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Latest projections ensure water for 30 years at reasonable rates.

Why the huge disparity between forecasts for Desal need and current planning?

Many thanks,

Joe Houston  
Houston Research Associates  
Consultant and Chief Statistician

**From:** [Tim Heyboer](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project - Application No. 9-20-0603  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 7:35:52 PM

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Dear California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is no need for this desal plant, as the Pure Water Monterey Expansion will provide water for housing and growth for the next 30 years at a FRACTION of the cost. I urge you to consider the much more feasible and cost effective alternative such as the expansion of Pure Water Monterey. The Pure Water Monterey expansion would cost \$45 million compared to the estimated \$425 million for Cal Am's desal plant. In addition, using recycled water is FAR more environmentally friendly than a desal plant.

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The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 5,000 to 6,000 acre-feet?

Monterey Peninsula residents currently pay the HIGHEST water costs in California (and possibly in the entire US) for a system serving 90,000 people or more. Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$7,000 an acre-foot. How can any company justify this cost? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. I cannot afford to add the cost of this extraordinarily expensive desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay. This desal plant will increase my water bill by 50% to 70% - a price increase which low income families can ill afford.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

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Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Tim and Lisa Heyboer

Pacific Grove, CA

**From:** [Nora Wustrack](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** From Nora Wustrack: Subject Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 7:08:22 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

My name is Nora Wustrack and I have lived in Marina for 72 years. I love our pristine beaches and all the endangered plants, birds and animals. Cal Am **IS** meeting its water needs. If it needs water in the future and the Pure Water Monterey project/expansion does not supply its needs then it should build slant wells in the area it serves. Not in Marina. Cal-Am is a corporation that is concerned only with profits for it's investors, not the people they serve. Which is evident by the highest rates in the country for its rate payers. Please deny Cal-Am's application to build in Marina and save our beaches and our water supply.

Nora Wustrack

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**From:** [Kimberly Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [centralcoast@coastal.ca.gov](mailto:centralcoast@coastal.ca.gov); [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project Application No. 9-20-0603-OPPOSE  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 6:48:08 PM

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To the CCC Commissioners and Staff,

This is an appeal to you to deny the application for the Monterey Desal Project. Thank you.

Kimberly Gilbert

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Kimberly Gilbert  
[kimberly@gilbertnet.com](mailto:kimberly@gilbertnet.com)

**From:** [Jenny Webster](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Cal Am desalination plant in Marina  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 6:35:31 PM

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The residents of Marina do not want Cal Am's desalination plant on Marina's beaches. This plant would damage our beaches and provide no water for us.

Thank you,  
Jenny Webster

**From:** [Christina Zimmerman](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No Desal Plant  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 5:26:04 PM

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We do not want or need a desal plant in Monterey. Let's work on alternatives as we are progressing on now and keep growth in check while we are at it. People come here for the natural beauty. That does not happen with exponential growth that comes with an unlimited water supply. We need to set an example for places like Phoenix and Las Vegas and continue our current conservation habits.

Christina Zimmerman  
Nelson Zimmerman Design

**From:** [Laura Blanton](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Bill Blanton: Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 4:53:34 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners,  
Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

My name is Bill Blanton; I am a resident of Marina and have been for over 45 years. I would hate to see Cal Am's project ruin the City of Marina's water supply. Therefore I urge to deny the Cal-Am project.

Thank you,  
Bill Blanton



**From:** [Debbie](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny calam desalination project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 4:41:24 PM

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My name is Debbie Sweet, and my family (Righello) has lived here for for over 65 years. I, along with the rest of my family request that you DENY THE CALAM SLANT WELL PROJECT.

Debbie Sweet

~Sent from my iPad~

**From:** [Laura Blanton](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Laura Blanton: Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 4:31:10 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners,  
Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff

My name is Laura Blanton; I am a resident of Marina and have been for my entire life. Also my grandparents, mother, father, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have lived here or do live here. Needless to say I have seen many changes over the years, some good and some bad. Cal Am project would definitely be bad for the City of Marina. Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina.

Thank you,

Laura Blanton

**From:** [Rosemary McKenney](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** DENY CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 4:27:19 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff,

My name is Rosemary Kakudo. I am a resident of Marina since 1968. I have been part of Marina for 54 years. My family loves Marina so much that both of my daughters purchased houses in Marina.

I am completely against the Cal-Am Desalination Project. It does not benefit Marina and it will harm our Water System, costing more money to our Marina residents and ruining our beautiful Coastline. Please deny the Cal-Am project that will harm Marina.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Rosemary Kakudo

**From:** [Peggy Johnsen](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveStaff@Coastal](#); [Luster, Tom@Coastal](#); [Moore, Elizabeth@Coastal](#); [landwatch@landwatch.org](#)  
**Subject:** Delay or Deny the CalAm CDP  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 2:13:43 PM

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Dear Members of the California Coastal Commission,

Please support LandWatch's recommendation to either:

Vote to delay any action on a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the CalAm desalination facility because it lacks critical information about the project and its alternative, the Pure Water Monterey Expansion; or  
Vote to deny the CDP because the Commission does not have the information the Coastal Act requires to make findings related to Section 30260 and 30013 of the Act.

The Commission should wait to act until the CPUC has completed its current reassessment of Peninsula water supply and demand, which is likely to demonstrate the availability of a feasible alternative that would avoid environmentamel impacts to the Coastal Zone and substantially reduce rate impacts to disadvantaged communities.

Please vote "no." Do not give CalAm a blank check for an unnecessary \$450M+ desal plant and ignore the Coastal Act requirements to demonstrate public welfare and environmental justice.

Regards,  
Margaret and Rolf Johnsen

Name  
City of Residence  
Carmel

Sent from my iPad

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**Cc:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Herald Commentary by David Stoldt  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 12:40:21 PM

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## GUEST COMMENTARY

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**By Dave Stoldt**

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**From:** [dchodges3@aol.com](mailto:dchodges3@aol.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CA Coastal Commissioners  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 10:21:12 AM

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"Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff"

My name is Doug Hodges. I have been a resident of Marina since 1987.

My wife and I have raised our family in Marina. We believe in the future, Marina may need to pursue other options for water supply but, that time is not now. Other cities in the Monterey county may need a desalination facility for water supply now and that's their choice. My concern is, why are they not looking to place their facility in their vicinity?

I'm concerned the slant wells will endanger Marina ground water, and our future supply.

**Please DENY** the Cal-Am project, I feel that it will directly harm Marina's water source and the surrounding environment while proved no benefits for the citizens of Marina.  
Thank you.

Sincerely  
Doug Hodges

**From:** [Andrew Volmensky](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Monterey Peninsula Water  
**Date:** Saturday, November 05, 2022 6:11:40 AM

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Dear Commission,

Please include me on the list of supporters for the water reclamation project. Cal-Am's proposal for a desal plant makes less fiscal sense and seems riskier for the environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andrew Volmensky  
Del Rey Oaks

**From:** [Barbara Mountrey](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desal  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 11:32:45 PM

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How many times does the community have to tell you that we do not want CalAm's proposed desal project? Our reasons have been stated over and over. I suppose the CalAm lawyers think we will get tired of speaking up. I'm 82, so I may not have many more chances to remind you, but I care deeply about where I live. Please listen to the community! Stop CalAm once and for all.

Barbara Mountrey

**From:** [Gloria McKee](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Calm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 11:08:36 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff:

My name is Gloria McKee, I have lived in Marina since the late 1970's. Many members of my family lived in Marina before me. My daughter and I both have volunteer work at different non profit organizations in our community. I will not be able to speak at the November meeting, but I hope that you will make the right decision for Marina, one that respects our rights and is fair.

Thank you!

Please deny the CalAm Slant Well project!

Thank you,  
Gloria McKee

**From:** [Margaret Goodman](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No desal in Marina!  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 9:10:13 PM

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This is to urge you to reject Cal Am's application to put a desalinization plant in Marina.

It threatens our environment and Marina's water supply while not even providing any water to Marina.

It's very expensive, much more expensive than treating and recycling the water. People here are already paying the highest rates in the country. The desalinization plant would increase these ridiculously high rates.

It is not needed. Treating and recycling the water would take care of the water needs of this area for at least as long a period of time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Margaret Goodman  
Pacific Grove resident

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Forrest Melton](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 8:31:02 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

I am writing to ask you to deny the application from Cal Am for a coastal permit to build a desalination plant. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion project is an environmentally superior and far more cost effective solution to the water supply challenges on the Monterey Peninsula.

The Pure Water Expansion will cost \$45 million, versus the current estimate of \$426 million for the Cal Am desalination plant and will increase water bills by another 50% to 70%, further increasing what are already some of the most expensive water bills in the country. The Monterey Peninsula cannot afford such an expensive and wasteful desalination plant that will saddle ratepayers, families and communities with extremely expensive water bills for decades, making it difficult for the community to make other critically needed investments to prepare our communities for climate change impacts.

According to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's Water Supply and Demand Report, our communities will need 786 acre-feet of water for new growth by 2045. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion will give us 2,250 acre-feet of water. MPWMD's report used the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast to determine how much water we will need for housing and growth. The Pure Water Monterey Expansion project should be completed first, before a permit is granted to CalAm to build a desalination project that will cost more than 10x as much and won't deliver needed water to our community for many years.

Again, I urge you to deny the application from Cal Am for a coastal permit to build a desalination plant.

Sincerely,  
Forrest Melton  
Monterey, CA

**From:** [Lloyd Nattkemper](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal-Am Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 6:27:24 PM

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As a Monterey homeowner and taxpayer, I am writing to share my opinion that I am NOT in favor of constructing a desalination plant (with attendant increased costs/taxes) at this time.

Thank you!

Lloyd P. Nattkemper, D.D.S.  
Monterey

**From:** [Shane Thompson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Marina Coast Water District - Quick call this week?  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 4:38:20 PM

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Hi there,

Wanting to connect with you:

If you have a moment in the next few days, I'd like to show you how we can switch Marina Coast Water District to a better phone plan that would reduce costs up to 45%.

No Hassle. No Contracts: How about a proposal for this?

Would just need to know 2 times you're available & a good line to reach you, and I'll be in touch soon to run over the details.

Thanks,

Shane Thompson  
EVP of Client Development  
Sestedd



**From:** [Robt Hellam](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Approve the desal plant  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 2:31:30 PM

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I ask that you **approve** California-American Water's desalinization plant. Like many others, I found a big sensationalistic flyer on my front porch telling me to stop the plant.

However, I am convinced that there should be desal plants all along every coastline of the United States.

Don't listen to the Luddites who are opposed.

Robert Hellam  
1118 Madera Court  
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**From:** [Dustin Wright](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal Am Desalination Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 1:48:24 PM

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Dear Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director Alan Ainsworth, and staff,

My name is Dustin Wright and I am a historian and Associate Professor of Japanese Culture and Language at California State University, Monterey Bay. Much of my research focuses on the history of military bases and the environmental, economic, and social impacts they bring. I am also a resident and homeowner in Marina, where my family has chosen to live, to contribute to this small-town community and appreciate the beautiful beaches along the protected marine sanctuary of the Monterey Bay.

The private company California American Water proposes building the desalination plant on the site of the Cemex plant, which has been in operation for decades and has already extracted an environmental toll on the region. The nearby waste facilities are also already a substantial health and environmental burden that Marina carries on behalf of the County. The deleterious effects on our lived environment will be further compounded by the construction of the desalination plant.

The fuzzy economic rationales in support of the plant and its serious environmental impacts are obvious and have been exhaustively reported by the Marina Coast Water District, the City of Marina, Just Water: A Citizens Action Group, and many other policy and community organizations. While the clear-eyed concerns raised by the community should be more than adequate for denying the Cal Am permit, I add my voice on behalf of the wildlife of our region. Snowy plovers should get a vote, too.

I am particularly concerned with the further loss of wildlife habitat. This year, a *New York Times* analysis indicated that California "has the most imperiled biodiversity of any state in the contiguous United States" ("[This Map Shows Where Biodiversity Is Most at Risk in America](#)," March 3, 2022). Since 1970, there has been 69% decline in the world's wildlife and the primary culprit is habitat loss. In some places, the bird population has declined by 80% (*New York Times*, "[Researchers Report a Staggering Decline in Wildlife. Here's How to Understand It](#)," October 12, 2022). That is a staggering loss in a short historical time-period.

The [Monterey Bay Aquarium](#) estimates that only around "2,500 snowy plovers breed along the Pacific coast," and that only "28 major nesting areas remain," many of which are along the sandy beaches of our bay. As local citizens, it falls on our shoulders to protect this region.

As a historian, I recognize that humans are naturally inclined to understand their world through the relatively short lens of their own lifetimes. We see the world around us as "the norm," and it can be hard to imagine what the environment looked like just a few years before our own generation. If we are born into a place that has already experienced significant habitat loss, we tend to have an inaccurate "temporal baseline" for what a healthy environment (which includes humans), should look like. When our baselines are confused, it's difficult to appreciate the extent of the destruction created by human-caused habitat loss. This creates a snowball effect in which future generations have little understanding of what was actually lost before they came (Mihoub, JB., Henle, K., Titeux, N. et al. "Setting temporal baselines for biodiversity: the limits of available monitoring data for capturing the full impact of

anthropogenic pressures." *Sci Rep* 7, 41591 (2017). <https://doi.org/10.1038/srep41591>).

If the desalination plant is built, future generations in Marina will experience a place that is less wild, less clean, less inhabited by the determined beauty of our animal and botanical cousins. That's bad for humans, too.

I know from my own research that it takes generations to clean up a military base, a waste facility, or as will be clear, cement plant. In some cases environments can never truly be healed. Constructing a desalination plant in such an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area cannot be permitted. We cannot continue to burden the next generations (of all life) in our region with the environmental and policy mistakes of yesterday and today.

I implore you to deny the Cal Am desalination plant.

Sincerely,  
Dustin Wright, Ph.D.

**From:** [John Ward](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Water Desalination Permit Hearing  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 1:04:50 PM

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Please allow the desalination plant permit for Cal Am Water to be issued. 20 + years is long enough to wait.

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**From:** [susan.nine](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Monterey Desal Project – Application No. 9-20-0603 – Oppose  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 11:37:41 AM

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California Coastal Commission:

I am a Cal Am Customer on the Monterey Peninsula. I am opposed to Cal Am's desal project because it is not needed at this time.

Please note. The "Supply and Demand Forecast" developed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) confirms that the Expansion of the Pure Water Monterey project will provide enough potable water for both new housing and economic growth on the Monterey Peninsula for the next thirty (30) years.

Cal Am continues to claim that the Monterey Peninsula needs its desal plant. If constructed, Cal Am's plant would produce 6,250 acre-feet of very expensive water per year at the cost of \$426 million. That would raise ratepayer water bills on a conservative calculation by as much as 50% and possibly more.

With the completion of the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project in two years, the total available water supply will be 11,468 acre-feet per year. The Peninsula currently only uses 9,725 acre-feet per year. Research using the fully vetted third-party Regional Growth Forecast developed by The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) revealed that demand by 2050 will be 10,668 acre-feet per year. This allows for a hefty surplus for drought reserves and protected water levels.

So, if we have all the water we need for the next thirty (30) years plus a surplus, why would Cal Am continue to insist on burdening the Peninsula with a \$426 million desal plant?

CAL AM NEEDS TO SATISFY ITS SHAREHOLDERS. CAL AM'S MOTIVE IS PROFIT.

Please oppose Cal Am's Desal Project Application.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Nine  
Resident of Monterey

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**From:** [Ray Santella](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 11:33:52 AM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners , Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff:

My name is Ray Santella, my wife and I have been residents of Marina for almost 40 yrs. We both feel that this proposed desal project is bad for Marina and bad for our environment. And opening the door for large developments.

We were there in 1992 in Monterey at the designation of The Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary. We felt very proud to be from the Monterey Peninsula.

Inside our Marine Sanctuary is a protected area called The Portuguese Ledge. A State Marine Conservation Area This area is clearly visible on maps of Monterey Bay. It is an offshore protected area of 10.64 square miles of shallow and deep canyon habitat. I have searched the CalAm EIR and I can not find any mention of the Portuguese Ledge. This protected area lies west of the existing outfall pipe that CalAm is proposing to send its toxic brine waste into the bay.

How can we allow this to happen in our Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary? Can anyone really determine the long term harm the high saline levels of the brine waste from this proposed CalAm project will cause to this sensitive area of the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary?

Even if the brine and toxins are diffused, how can we really know the lasting effects . How could it even be cleaned up?

How is it that this protected area is not mentioned in the new staff report?  
Please help us to protect our Coastal Community and our dunes.

Respectfully  
Ray Santella

**From:** [Scott Taylor](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Plant  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 11:31:58 AM

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To whom it may concern:

My wife and I live in Pacific Grove. We moved from Los Angeles over two years ago. We know that recycled water is essential to provide enough water.

We are not in favor of the CalAm Desalination plant, as it is expensive for what it does. We support expanding the Pure Water recycling program. It's better for the environment and more affordable. Thank you.

Scott Taylor  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Scott Taylor • 310-738-0084

**From:** [Marlyn Buddenbaum](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Permit  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 10:54:09 AM

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Hello,

I would prefer to conserve water and save the marine mammals and other fish than have a Desal Plant in our beautiful coastal area.

Thank you for listening,  
Marlyn Buddenbaum, Seaside, CA

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Tia Hennessy](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 10:01:42 AM

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Please DO NOT approve Cal Am's desal.

It is a very expensive proposition that we rate payers will pay for. We already have the most expensive water in the country!

The hospitality industry has had a sweet heart deal with Cal Am for decades.

We will have more than enough water from PWM expansion.

I am a life long resident of Monterey Peninsula.

Thank you, Cynthia Hennessy

**From:** [R&K Klaver](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny CalAm Desalination Project  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 9:10:25 AM

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Hello,

My name is Kristina Klaver; I am a resident of Marina and am reaching out to implore you to deny the Cal-Am project. I moved to Marina almost two years ago during the pandemic and fell in love with this amazing town and the wonderful people that live here. I live here, I work here, I own a home here and I want to retire here. Please deny the CalAm Desalination Project.

Thank you,  
Kristina Klaver

**From:** [Jana Matheson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Pure Monterey water is the best option!  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 8:48:37 AM

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Desalination

Can wait until technical innovation makes it cheaper to operate and safer for ocean life. There WILL be superior desalination options as science progresses. Patience!

J Matheson

**From:** [Bill Harris](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal Plant  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 8:10:00 AM

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My wife and I are carmel residents and we have seen our Cal Am Water bills rise every year since we moved here in 2008.

We are objecting to the approval of Cal Am's Desal Plant. It will be far too costly and will increase rates at a worse pace. Instead we approve the Pure Water Monterey solution. Thank you for your consideration.

Bill and Pat Harris

William E. (Bill) Harris  
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**From:** [Michael Baer](#)  
**To:** [Energy@Coastal](mailto:Energy@Coastal)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on November 2022 Agenda Item Thursday 8a - Application No. 9-20-0603 (California American Water Co., Monterey Co.)  
**Date:** Friday, November 04, 2022 7:50:23 AM

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Dear Commissioners.

I must dispute the following assumption on page two of the staff report,

“The desalination components within the coastal zone and subject to this Commission review are the proposed desalination facility’s source water wells, which would extract water from beneath the Monterey Bay seafloor...”

Slant wells are perforated along the majority of their run, so the draw does not come merely from the terminus of the pipe. As such... most, if not all, of the extracted source water WILL NOT be coming from “beneath the Monterey Bay seafloor” but from beneath the land within shoreline aquifers. This fundamentally changes the entire impact of the project, threatens the water supply of Marina, and legally creates water rights issues, to which Cal Am does not hold the proper water rights to proceed with this project.

Among the many complex issues, this is perhaps the most fundamental. That Cal Am could have already spent two hundred million dollars without the proper description of where the source water is obtained, and lacks the appropriate water rights is a travesty of the highest order. This project must be denied.

Michael Baer  
San Jose, California  
Former 37 year resident of the Monterey Peninsula

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [dom](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal-AM Desalination Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 10:16:11 PM

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Dear Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff:

My name is Dom Manlangit, I am a resident of Marina, CA.

Please deny the Cal-Am Desalination project.

This would be devastating for Marina and cause irreversible damage to our natural resources.

Please deny.

Sincerely,

Dom Manlangit

Marina, CA 93933

**From:** [dawn@cypressthermal.com](mailto:dawn@cypressthermal.com)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Cal-Am Desalination Project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 9:44:47 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth and staff.

My name is Dawn Graves, I am a resident of Marina, CA.

Marina's beautiful coast line is a precious natural resource to be preserved for future generations.

This will be forever lost, should Cal-Am Desalination project be approved.

The Cal-Am Desalination project will alter the coast line in a negative way.  
Bring harm to wild life, endangered species, and Marina in general.

We respectfully implore you, and the CA Coastal Commissioners,  
Please Deny Cal-AM Desalination project.

Sincerely,

Dawn Graves  
Marina, CA

**From:** [Larry Hulberg](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Proposed CalAm Desal Plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 9:04:15 PM

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CalAm's proposed desal plant appears to be extraordinarily ill advised based on projections by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District which show that expansion of Pure Water Monterey will deliver enough drinking water for the Peninsula. If approved, the desal plant would dramatically increase costs for rate payers, who already pay among the highest rates in the country. What's more, the project appears to be unnecessary.

I encourage the Coastal Commission to carefully review MPWMD's projections and consider the necessity of such a large undertaking. The estimated \$426 million cost is likely to increase and, once started, the project would be impossible to reverse. There would be substantial costs to the environment and the community without commensurate benefit. The Coastal Commission is known for taking a strong stance on difficult issues and I encourage you to do the right thing in this case.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [nhamza@comcast.net](mailto:nhamza@comcast.net)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm desal permit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 8:08:06 PM

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I would like to request that the CalAm desal permit be denied. We have a projected alternative to supplying enough water for the peninsula's needs in the future.

We do not need to have this expensive option that will only cause our rates to skyrocket.

As a ratepayer I am asking that you please deny the application.

Thank you

Nashwan Hamza

**From:** [Joyce Hamza](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm Desal Permit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 8:04:47 PM

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Please work to deny Cal Am's desal permit application. We have alternatives that will provide adequate water. We do not need to go through this expense and future rate hikes. As a ratepayer I request a no vote.

Thank you

Nashwan Hamza

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Katia Barrett](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 7:55:00 PM

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As a resident and an overcharged for water homeowner please do not approve CalAm another means to make local community homeowners line their over priced pockets even more.NO DESALINATION plant. Pure Water a superior alternative and please focus on getting CaLAm out of Monterey.

Katia Z Barrett  
25650 Whip Road  
Monterey CA. 93940

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Larry Miller](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** California American's Desalination Proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 7:01:59 PM

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Dear CA Coastal Commissioners, Executive Director John Ainsworth, and Staff

My name is Larry. E. Miller. I am a resident of Marina, California and have been since 1984, and a retired US Army Sergeant Major.

At 81 years of age, I am still employed, full time!

My wife and I, as well as one of my daughters and her family have been members of this wonderful community for decades. So, in effect this message is coming from 6 residents of Marina, who consider any encroachment of our city by

CalAm should not be allowed.

I am very concerned about CalAm's

proposed desalination plant located along Marina's coast and its impact on our own water supply. Our wells would be seriously impacted by this proposed desalination plant, drawing a mixture of fresh water, along with brackish water from Monterey Bay (along our beaches), and the fresh water aquifers upon which our city depends.

Not only is this location an invasion of our city's legal confines (area of influence) and our water supply, but it is absolutely unnecessary.

The peninsula cities would be adding to their water supply (through CalAm)

at the expense of over 20,000 residents of Marina. This is totally unacceptable and CalAm's proposal should be denied outright!

We here in Marina have relied on our own methods of limiting our usage, such as converting green lawns to rock gardens, limiting vehicle washing as well as use of seepage ponds throughout the city, to capture runoff from streets and gutters.

To have any entity erase our efforts is tantamount to "theft".

Any incursion of any city's current legal confines should always be denied outright.

The wanton incursion by CalAm would be beyond unacceptable, and should not be considered any further.

There are other projects already in

progress that will provide sufficient water for the peninsula cities, for now and in the future, without negativity affecting Marina's wells and the aquifers from which we draw our water.

Please deny the CamAm project as it would severely affect Marina's water supply.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

Larry E Miller

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Vida Vescera](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** We need to get RID of Cal Am asap  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 6:49:15 PM

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Cal Am's charges are despicable...we need to get them out of here somehow, someway. Stats: I have read that Cal Am has been sued several times but it does not bother them at all; they charge more for water than any other company in the nation. Our family monitors their water usage - we try to keep it to low usage - yet our bills are \$350 to \$400 each month (and occasionally \$500). Good God it's enough for a car payment!

We have got to switch to Pure Water Monterey as our sole source.

Vida

**From:** [Michael Baer](#)  
**To:** [Shirmaine Jones](#); [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal); [mwchrislock@redshift.com](mailto:mwchrislock@redshift.com)  
**Subject:** Re: Deny Cal Am's Desal Project, it is a money making venture for a for-profit corporation  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 6:37:50 PM

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good one Shirmaine...

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Thu, Nov 3, 2022 at 3:07 PM, Shirmaine Jones  
<[shirmaine@shirmainejones.com](mailto:shirmaine@shirmainejones.com)> wrote:

California Coastal Commission:

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desalination project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over-drafting the Carmel River.

Also, it is bad public policy that water, as a crucial resource be owned and managed by a for-profit corporation! There are already violent conflicts throughout the world over access to clean and affordable water resources. Global warming will make those clashes more frequent, and desperate. That could happen right here, if we do not buy-out Cal Am and own our water as a community. Remember, only 11% of drinking water resources are privately owned in the United States. And all of those charge higher rates than publicly owned resources. Do the right thing: deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desalination project.

I also oppose the siting of these desalination slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion. It is an untested, first time technology that could be disastrous for the environment.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desalination projects, whether they are needed or not. He is wrong in the case of Cal Am's project in Marina!

Sincerely,  
Shirmaine Jones  
560 Madison Street  
Monterey, CA 93940

**From:** [John Finn](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** support permitting and construction of a desal plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:56:21 PM

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As a Monterey County resident who strongly feels the effects of our locally inadequate water supply,

**I support the permitting and construction of a desalination plant for Monterey County.**

I must further add that I do not think that a heavily publicized email campaign, such as that promoted by MPWMD, should make any difference in the decision by Coastal. If Coastal needed a poll, then this matter should have been put to a proper vote by the public, or at least done scientifically.

John Finn  
13 Ring Lane  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924

**From:** [Louise & Peter Berry](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** local ownership of essential water  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:37:48 PM

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Dear Coastal commission members,

Thank you for your excellent service to the people of California.

It is time for the central coast to settle water disputes. With the new systems on line now and increasing monthly, we no longer need the water supplied by Cal Am, a private company beholden to its shareholders.

I realize the strong lobby by the hotel and restaurant owners to not limit water to visitors, but those of us who diligently conserve water and want to preserve our greatest income segment, agriculture, implore you to not permit Cal Am to build its out of date slant well technology desal plant in Marina.

I live in Seaside, and get my water from Seaside's aquifer, not from Cal Am. However, I recognize the need to stop supporting for profit companies who control our most vital asset.

Thank you,

Louise Berry

24 Yerba Buena Ct

Seaside Ca 93955

831-920-1799



**From:** [Nancy Harray](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am Desal in Monterey County?  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:29:48 PM

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I do not support giving Cal Am a permit to develop a desalination project.

Instead I believe the better course is choosing the Pure Water Monterey's plan, which the nonprofit agency, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, affirms.

Please do not saddle us with the exorbitant rate hikes that Cal Am's desal project will impose—unnecessarily.

We will have the water we need at a fraction of the cost of Cal Am's proposal if you let us choose Pure Water Monterey's plan.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Harray  
1107 W. Franklin St.  
Monterey, CA 93940

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Larry Hull](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:20:13 PM

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I am not in favor of the desal project by Cal Am. It would cause terrible financial hardship on many residents of the peninsula.

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Hull

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [James Cummings](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Cal Am desalination plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:12:53 PM

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Hi - I've been getting too many emails from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District asking me to not support the Cal Am desalination plant plan. On the contrary, I think the plant is EXACTLY what the state and our county needs. There is NO reason we should be solely focused on recycling water. Our water crisis will only get worse, and we need to not only provide for expansion in Monterey, but also all the people who live and work here - including our farmers in the valley.

I am FULLY supportive of the desalination plant, and fully supportive of additional fees to fund it. I wanted to register that given I've received multiple emails asking me to do the opposite from MPWMD. From my perspective, their view on this is myopic and very provincial. Let's provide for all our county's citizens. Including the farmers, who make this county so great.

James Cummings  
Carmel

**From:** [Phillip Dunn](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Proposed Desal Plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:03:34 PM

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To the members of the Coastal Commission,

As a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula I am concerned about the prospect of being saddled with the cost of funding Cal Am's proposed desal plant, especially since there is a more economical alternative available. Monterey Peninsula ratepayers already pay an exorbitant amount of money on our water bills in miscellaneous fees that have been generated by Cal Am's "questionable management" of our water system.

Additionally, so much work has been done to preserve the natural beauty of the Central Coast. The high energy demand associated with the operation of the proposed desal plant would also result in an increase of greenhouse gas emissions on the Central Coast. The discharge of high salinity brine into the Monterey Bay will have an adverse impact on sea life in the bay. With all we know about climate change and the damage we are doing to the environment, I do not see how we can approve such a venture.

Based on the information I have received and reviewed, I believe that approval of Cal Am's proposed desal plant will result in a financial burden for Monterey Peninsula ratepayers. I implore you to please do the economically and environmentally responsible thing – deny the application. Future generations will applaud your foresight.

Respectfully yours,  
Phillip M. Dunn  
Monterey

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Gary Goetz](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** CalAm Desal plant  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 5:00:55 PM

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Dear Coastal Commission,

Please reject the proposed desal plant for Monterey Bay. Monterey Bay is a marine sanctuary and a desal plant would only add to the already too many threats facing the Bay and the flora and fauna that live in it and depend on it for survival. Water conservation and population limitation in the region need to be considered as avenues for providing water needs. The desal plant must not be allowed to be built. Please, reject this plant.

Thank you

Kind Regards,

Gary A Goetz  
935 Lighthouse Avenue Apt 14  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950-2450  
805.252.8495

**From:** [Steve Schloss](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Water demand comment  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 4:53:32 PM

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I have read with great interest the debate back and forth regarding water demand in Monterey County. What this article fails to accommodate is the antiquated and unfair "water credit system" in place today!!!! This arbitrarily limits and caps what REAL water requirements might look like if people were allowed to utilize whatever water/appliances they want. This entire idea that we should have enough water without a Desal plant is bogus and I believe our current CalAm water management knows this.

Tell me I am wrong!!!!

**Steve Schloss**  
**408-839-1916 (mobile)**

*"To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."*  
Thomas Jefferson  
*BE THANKFUL WE ARE NOT GETTING ALL THE GOVERNMENT WE PAID FOR!*  
Will Rogers

**From:** [Tom Rivelli](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for their desal project.  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 4:50:53 PM

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California Coastal Commission:

**My feelings are so strong on the issue that I am resending this message.**

As a Cal Am customer on the Monterey Peninsula, I oppose Cal Am's desal project. There is an environmentally superior alternative in the expansion of Pure Water Monterey that the Coastal Commission must consider. The Expansion will provide all the water we need for housing and growth for the next 30 years, even in drought.

Pure Water Monterey has been providing us with water for over two years now, and it has allowed Cal Am to stop over drafting the Carmel River.

The Peninsula does not need this desal plant. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), using the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) population and economic growth forecast, estimates that by 2045 we will need 786 acre-feet a year more water than we use today. The expansion of Pure Water Monterey will provide an additional 2,250 acre-feet a year. How can Cal Am claim we need another 6,250 acre-feet?

Cal Am's investor-owned desal plant would produce water costing more than \$6,000 an acre-foot. How can any company justify this cost? This desal plant only enriches American Water shareholders, it is not in the interest of our community. I cannot afford to add the cost of this extraordinarily expensive desal water to the extremely high Cal Am water bill I already pay.

I also oppose the siting of these desal slant wells in a neighboring water district. Marina would get none of this water, but it would bear the environmental damage to its beaches and the risk to its aquifer from more seawater intrusion.

As a coastal Californian, I cannot agree to the massive greenhouse gas emissions this plant would produce and the power it would consume. I am alarmed by Governor Newsom's pressure on the Coastal Commission to approve all desal projects, whether they are needed or not.

Please deny Cal Am's coastal development permit for this desal project.

Best Regards,  
Tom Rivelli

Phone: 831-394-5119  
Email: [tomrivelli@comcast.net](mailto:tomrivelli@comcast.net)

**From:** [Patric Zito](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny Calams Desal permit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 4:30:14 PM

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This should be a no brained!?

Sent from my iPhone

Patric



**From:** [BARBARA TOSH](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal project  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 3:49:04 PM

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The CalAm desal project is a very expensive project, the costs of which will be handed to CalAm customers and will raise already expensive water rates. The PWM project, on the other hand, is much more cost effective and less invasive to our coast and ocean. PLEASE, DO NOT APPROVE the costly CalAm desal project!

**From:** [Rick Clark](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Desal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 3:46:36 PM

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Please deny Cal Am's request for a desal plant for the Monterey Peninsula. All responsible studies show that we absolutely do not need this expensive, unnecessary construction. It will only benefit Cal Am shareholders.

Thank you!

Richard O. Clark

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [Lynda Sayre](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Deny desal permit  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 3:46:13 PM

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We don't need it and it's expensive. Let's go with Pure Water Monterey instead.

Lynda Sayre

**From:** [Jeff Condit](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** No on Desal  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 3:43:01 PM

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Hello,

Please deny the Cal-Am pursuit of an expensive, energy-intensive, and environmentally consequential Desalination Plant for the Monterey region. I am pleased with the work that MPWMD is conducting to meet our water needs through the Pure Water Monterey project.

Thank you.

Jeff Condit

1119 Piedmont Ave.

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

**From:** [Roger Peterson](#)  
**To:** [CalAmMonterey@coastal](mailto:CalAmMonterey@coastal)  
**Subject:** Do not approve CAL-AM desal plant.  
**Date:** Thursday, November 03, 2022 3:42:16 PM

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Hello,

I cannot imagine how the desal project has yet to be a topic of conversation after we voters overwhelmingly approved a public buyout. In addition, MPWMD forecasts plenty of available water beginning in two years for the next 30!

I've read about private water companies selling excess water to other districts which might be what CalAm has in mind--at our expense! Please consider not only the folly of slant well drilling that encroaches on Marina's lands but the destruction environmentally, visually and to our marine life.

Our tourist industry does not care about the cost and they are not impacted about the coastal environment as we residents are. What is interesting is that they would be able to get their water through MPWMD's plan rather than Cal Am's desalinization project.

Please listen to better options. Please listen to us rate payers.

Thank you,  
Roger Peterson  
Monterey

Thursday, October 13, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

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Makrom Shatila

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Ally Wenzel

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### Signature

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Individual

### Individual Name

Nicky Marino

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Elected Official

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Castroville Community Services District

### Individual Name

Ron Stefani

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Individual

### Individual Name

Norm Groot

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Individual

### Individual Name

Martin Jefferson

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Individual

### Individual Name

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Organization

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Eade Ranch

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Individual

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Blaine Wilson

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wilson8970@sbcglobal.net

### Signature

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Friday, October 21, 2022

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### Please Read

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#### Please Select Category

Company

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Coastal Tractor

#### Individual Name

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#### Signature

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Friday, October 21, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Company

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Driscoll Family Farms, LLC

### Individual Name

Brian Driscoll

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brian@bestberrys.com

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Saturday, October 22, 2022

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#### Please Select Category

Company

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

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Sunday, October 23, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Paul Uhrich

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

John Romans

### Address

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### Phone Number

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### Signature

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Monday, October 24, 2022

## I support reliable water for Monterey County

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### Please Select Category

Company

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Del Sol Harvesting

### Individual Name

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### Phone Number

(831) 682-3977

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jromans@missionranches.com

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Monday, October 24, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Robert Long

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### Signature

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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Amy Post

### Address

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### Phone Number

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### Signature

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Wednesday, October 26, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Alyssa Donovan

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Tim Haines

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Wednesday, October 26, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Will Fleming

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### Email

billfleming@duck.com

### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

John Bleness

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### Email

seisguy@aol.com

### Signature

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Thursday, October 27, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

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### Email

tribes.dimmers0@icloud.com

### Signature

NOI



Friday, October 28, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Shankle Real Estate Inc.

### Individual Name

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### Signature

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Friday, October 28, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Sotheby's Int. Realty

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Saturday, October 29, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

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### Signature

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Sunday, October 30, 2022

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Individual

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Charles Miller

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### Signature

Charles C. Miller III



Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Matthew Smith

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(831) 324-5633

### Email

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Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Edie Lemon

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### Signature

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Friday, November 4, 2022

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#### Please Select Category

Company

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

JHW Architects

#### Individual Name

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Saturday, November 5, 2022



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#### Individual Name

Robert Rodoni

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Monday, November 7, 2022



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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Jazmin Lopez

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

### Individual Name

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Individual

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Individual

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### Signature

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Individual

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Organization

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#### Please Select Category

Elected Official

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Sand City

#### Individual Name

Mary Ann Carbone

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#### Phone Number

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#### Email

maryann@sandcityca.org

#### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Linda Borgman

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lindaborgman@rocketmail.com

### Signature

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Company

### Organization Name (if applicable)

Scudder Roofing and Solar

### Individual Name

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### Phone Number

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### Email

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Robert Dooley

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rvdooley@att.net

### Signature

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Company

### Organization Name (if applicable)

JHW Architects

### Individual Name

Daryl Hawkins

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#### Please Select Category

Organization

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 62

#### Individual Name

Ross Benz-Williams

#### Address

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#### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Craig Kammerer

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Frank Octigan

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### Signature

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Company

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Pisoni Farms

#### Individual Name

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#### Signature

Mark



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Individual

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Mary Skipwith

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### Email

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### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Anne Blattberg

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Company

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Highlands Ranch

#### Individual Name

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#### Signature

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Saturday, November 12, 2022



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Individual

### Individual Name

ALEXANDER GRAY

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### Signature

*Alex Gray*

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Melvin Mason

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### Email

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### Signature

Melvin  
Mason

Sunday, November 13, 2022



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Individual

### Individual Name

Ernest Posey

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Individual

### Individual Name

ALICE GIBILTERRA

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CARMEL, CA, 93923

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Individual

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Kathleen Leonard

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#### Please Select Category

Individual

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Select one

#### Individual Name

Anthony Hirsch

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#### Please Select Category

Individual

#### Individual Name

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Individual

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Rose Evers

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Individual

#### Organization Name (if applicable)

Egan Plumbing Inc.

#### Individual Name

Tony Egan

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Carmel, CALIFORNIA, 93923

#### Phone Number

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#### Email

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#### Signature

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### Please Select Category

Individual

### Individual Name

Test Test

### Address

This is a test. This is not an official correspondence in this matter. , Test  
Test, Test, Test

### Email

luke.gianni@amwater.com

### Signature

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Saunders Shaw Properties LP

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