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Re: Supplemental Information to Consider in the Environmental Review of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (CPUC Proceeding A-12-04-019)

Dear Messrs. Forsythe and Michel:

On November 9, 2017, the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) provided you with a preliminary report from Stanford University (Gottschalk and Knight), entitled "Preliminary Interpretation of SkyTEM Data Acquired in the Marina Coast Water District," dated June 16, 2017. Our letter indicated that the final report from Stanford University was expected to be complete in early 2018 and that we would provide the final report as soon as it is available. The MCWD Board received the attached final report from Stanford last night. We are providing the final report to you now in advance of submitting our comments on the Final EIR/EIS due the importance of making sure the record is accurate before the CPUC begins briefing environmental review for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP).

Based on our preliminary review of the Final EIR/EIS, it is evident that the EIR/EIS's groundwater analysis contains extensive errors that affect the EIR/EIS's conclusion based on the author's misinterpretation of the draft Stanford report. Many of these errors are explained in the attached technical memorandum from Aqua Geo Frameworks, LLC (AGF), dated April 16, 2018, which addresses the geophysics discussion on pages 8.2-53 to 8.2-62 of the MPWSP Final EIR/EIS,

including pages 53 to 61 of Appendix E3 (HWG Hydrogeologic Investigation Technical Report). AGF, who collaborated with Stanford University on the AEM geophysical investigation, agreed to provide these comments due to Stanford's unavailability to review and comment on the final EIR/EIS over the last couple weeks. Please note these comments are preliminary and MCWD anticipates providing comments from Stanford with its comments on the Final EIR/EIS shortly.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures