

YOUR VOICE COUNTS / Coastal Commission Hearing / Sept 17, 9am



Cal Am's Desal Raises Critical Concerns for Marina's Water Future.

PHOTO BY STEVE ZMAK

Did you know?

- Your drinking water comes from Marina's groundwater basin.
- CalAm proposes to build a desal project that will take up to 15 million gallons per day from Marina's overdrafted groundwater basin to supply its Monterey Peninsula customers. Marina would receive none of this water.
- Stanford University and other studies show that CalAm's desal project may deplete or contaminate Marina's groundwater.
- If the groundwater is contaminated, Marina may be forced to purchase water from CalAm at the highest water costs in the Nation.
- The desal project threatens Marina's beautiful coastal dunes, wildlife habitat, and planned beachfront recreation area.







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An Alternate Solution Exists: Pure Water Monterey Expansion.

- The Expansion of the Pure Water Monterey Project is capable of replacing CalAm's desal at a fraction of the cost with no coastal impacts.
- It would use Monterey One Water's existing advanced water recycling facility to produce highly purified water, which is then stored in the Seaside Groundwater Basin for CalAm customers.
- The Expansion solves the Monterey Peninsula's water shortage without harming Marina's water supply.
- The Expansion Project preserves use and enjoyment of our California coast.



Monterey One Water Facility

Last Chance to be Heard! Sept 17, 9am

The California Coastal Commission needs Your Input.

A special Coastal Commission Hearing will be held to vote on CalAm's desal permit request. Participate via "Zoom Meeting" or by providing written comments.

Send email comments no later than September 11: CalAmMonterey@coastal.ca.gov

Sign up for opportunity to speak at Virtual meeting before September 16, 5pm: coastal.ca.gov/meetings/request-testimony/special-hearing/

For assistance signing up for hearing or sending comments: citizensforjustwater.org

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