



SPECIAL MEETING

SAND CITY COUNCIL

AND

**SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

SAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

4:00 P.M.

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
JOINT SAND CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Special Meeting – September 9, 2020
4:00 P.M.**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY AND IS COMPLIANT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ALLOWING FOR A DEVIATION OF TELECONFERENCE RULES
REQUIRED BY THE BROWN ACT.**

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Meeting ID: 441 727 7342#**

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1. ROLL CALL

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration and Approval of Proposed Letter to the California Coastal Commission regarding Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 regarding approval of California American Water Desalination Project Application Permit

3. ADJOURNMENT

**Next Scheduled Council Meeting:
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
5:30 P.M.
Telephonic meeting:
Dial-in number: (669) 900-6833
Access code: **441 727 7342#****

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AGENDA ITEM

2A

Honorable Steve Padilla, Chair and Commissioners
California Coastal Commission
Attn: Tom Luster
455 Market Street, Suite 300
San Francisco, Ca. 94105

Subject: Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 : Approval Cal Am Desal Project Permit

Honorable Chair Padilla and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reject the staff recommendation and APPROVE the coastal development permit for California American Water's Monterey Peninsula Supply Project

My name is Mary Ann Carbone. I am the Mayor of Sand City and have City Council authority to speak in favor of the Cal Am coastal permit application. The desalination plant is essential to the Peninsula developing a portfolio of water supply projects that offer a mix of sources and capacities that would be resilient to drought, mechanical failure and necessary maintenance. The portfolio consists of our small Sand City desalination plant, Carmel River Groundwater; Aquifer Storage and Recovery; the Pure Water Monterey sewage reclamation; and, the key Cal Am desalination plant. This portfolio would be cost effective and would be adequate for meeting the member agencies' general plans and housing needs.

The portfolio concept was developed by the Monterey Peninsula Water Authority made up of the Mayors of the 6 Peninsula Cities. This Agency was created by the Mayors after the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District failed to develop a water supply system to meet the regions needs and after the desalination project development that was put together with Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) failed. This failure occurred after Marina Coast could not meet its contractual requirements. The portfolio concept was developed through extensive public outreach and public hearings held by the Authority, technical analysis and rigorous review by all of the Federal and State Agencies with oversight.

If you follow your staff's recommendation, the Peninsula will be sentenced to another decade of water poverty. Our region has failed to agree on a water supply to replace our draw on the Carmel River watershed since 1977. Sand City built its own desalination plant to be sure we could serve the needs of our community, but the whole Peninsula must be economically vibrant if any of us are going to have successful communities. We are all tied together.

The lack of adequate water has deprived our region of an adequate supply of housing for all but the rich. This is the ultimate **social injustice** to the poor, the working poor and the middle class. The result of not having enough water and adequate affordable housing can be seen in the number of schools on the Peninsula that have been shuttered. This has happened due to the lack of housing being developed to meet the needs of our workforce in hospitality, education and public agencies.

Your staff is also justifying denial of desal in favor of a potential project called Pure Water Monterey Expansion that does NOT have an approved environmental document. I am a member of the Monterey Water Board. I voted with the Board majority to deny certification of the Expansion Project environmental document because it did not adequately address issues raised by NOAA, the City of Salinas and the Monterey County Water Resource Agency. Even if certified and built, the proposed project would provide adequate water and would continue the Peninsula's water poverty and the injustice that goes with it. Also, it relies on a source water supply that the Salinas Valley needs for meeting its requirements under the State Groundwater Sustainability Act and fails to provide the overall drought protection and reliability the portfolio concept offers.

I am also a member of the Seaside Basin Water Master. Our Chairman has outlined the damage that would be done to the Seaside Aquifer if the desalination project is denied. We cannot afford to risk seawater intrusion into the Seaside Basin due to a lack of supply.

Marina's claims of damage to their water supply has been shown to be unfounded by your analysis as well as all of the previous hydrogeology work done by the other State and Federal Agencies. The staff report does not mention that Marina was offered the opportunity to participate in the project and potentially

be the recipient of the basin water produced by the desalination plant. They declined to participate and that resulted in the basin water being provided to Castroville, a disadvantaged community. Castroville will suffer considerable damage and social injustices if this water supply is denied through Commission denial of the Cal Am application.

The desalination project and water portfolio it is part of provide a balance between cost, environmental impacts and the human need for a reliable water supply. Please reject the staff recommendation and **APPROVE** the project application. The future of the Monterey Peninsula is absolutely dependent on a water supply that allows us to meet the current affordable housing needs and the future housing needs of the working class. As a retired construction laborer, I know from firsthand knowledge the negative impact the water shortage has had on the working people that provide the essential services so necessary for a successful community.

Mary Ann Carbone
Mayor of Sand City