



March 14, 2023

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
United States House of Representatives
304 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Panetta:

On behalf of the City of Monterey, I am writing to request your support for Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's request for an allocation of \$2,150,000 in the Fiscal Year 2024 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, under Corps of Engineers, Construction, for the Monterey Peninsula Stormwater Diversion and Recycling Project in the Monterey Peninsula, California, authorized under section 8375 of Public Law 117-263.

The first component of this project would augment water supply in the City of Monterey via a diversion of urban runoff to the sanitary sewer for recycling. The diverted runoff is currently discharged untreated to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Project would utilize the existing storage capacity of Lake El Estero to detain both wet and dry weather runoff for diversion when demand for recycled water is greatest. Excess stored lake water would be diverted to the sanitary sewer for recycling at the Monterey One Water (M1W) Regional Treatment Plant (RTP) to augment potable water supply through the Pure Water Monterey project. This enables the City of Monterey to recover 110 to 140 acre-feet of water per year. Two other City of Monterey projects are included and would augment recycled water at the Pure Water Monterey project.

The second component of this project is a diversion project in Roberts Lake, in the City of Seaside. The project would include permitting, design, and construction of facilities that would enable water to flow into a wet well from the lake and be pumped approximately 180 feet to a sanitary sewer pump station wet well. The water would then be pumped to the Pure Water Monterey project for treatment and re-use as potable supply or irrigation. This would assist in recovering 124 acre-feet of potable water (after purification) per year.

These investments will help the communities of the Monterey Peninsula mitigate the deleterious impacts of ongoing drought conditions facing Californians. It would further allow these communities to efficiently collect rainfall and wet-weather runoff – such as that from the recent, historic storms that battered the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Tyler Williamson
Mayor