

January 11, 2012

Carmelita Garcia, Mayor
City of Pacific Grove
300 Forest Avenue
Pacific Grove, CA 93950

SUBJECT: FORMATION OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL WATER
 AUTHORITY

Dear Mayor and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula has been an active participant in developing a water supply alternative for the Monterey Peninsula. We have consistently advocated for representation of the Peninsula ratepayers and commend the cities for attempting to address this important governance issue.

The proposed formation of a joint powers agency (JPA) to address this matter along with authority to pursue water supply options has been negotiated without public participation. The public has only had a little over one week to review a 23 page report and agreement. There are governance issues that have not fully been addressed such as representation for ratepayers in unincorporated areas of Monterey County, e.g., almost one-half of all CalAm customers live in unincorporated areas. Other questions remain.

We urge the City Council to postpone action on this item and to request the mayors to hold a public forum on the proposed formation of the JPA.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Beverly Bean
President