

MidCoast Community Council

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Carl Hauge
Chief Hydrologist
Department of Water Resources
1020 Ninth Street, Third Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Local Groundwater Assistance Grant (AB 303)

Dear Mr. Hauge;

The MidCoast Community Council is the elected advisory board representing the unincorporated coastal communities of San Mateo County, including the towns of Montara and Moss Beach. These two communities obtain almost all of their water from groundwater, yet the aquifers supplying the water are not adequately protected, monitored or managed. The Montara Sanitary District has been attempting to establish a groundwater management district in order to exercise better control and management over these critical water resources.

In this effort, they now seek to obtain a grant for monitoring wells adjacent to those aquifers so that salt-water intrusion and other contaminants may be monitored to insure that the water supply is not contaminated. This program has been determined to be complementary and supportive to those proposed by the Environmental Health Department of San Mateo County.

Therefore, our Council enthusiastically supports the grant submitted by the Montara Sanitary District and hopes the State will be able to fund this much-needed project. If we can provide any further information, please contact us. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Montara Sanitary District