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Monterey Regional Desalination Project

Owners' Commitment to Community Involvement Forum Participants

Here is a draft of the commitment that the Project's owners (Owners) will make to those who participate in the Community Involvement Forum (Forum). The commitment will be prepared in writing and will be declared orally at Forum meetings. It may also be posted on Project-related websites, included on Project-related materials, etc. The purpose of this commitment is to be clear and explicit about the way that the Owners will use the Forum. We hope that this clarity will encourage productive participation by interested members of the community.

We will participate in the Community Involvement Forum to keep the community informed about the Project, and to learn about community concerns and ideas about the Project.

If we can't answer a question on the spot we'll do our best to get the answers for the community as soon as we can.

We will listen for ideas and suggestions about the Project and, whether or not we can incorporate the suggestions into the Project, we will report back to the Forum about the ways that any substantial suggestions have or have not shaped the Project.

As we make this commitment we also know that we may not be able to answer all questions or respond to all community suggestions because of the limits set by things such as the law, the scope of our organizations' authority, the terms of the Water Purchase Agreement, and the resources available to the Project.

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Summary:

- We'll be a part of these meetings
- We'll do our best to answer the community's questions
- We'll listen to the community's ideas and suggestions and we'll report back to you about what we did with those suggestions
- We must also recognize legal and financial limits to what we can do