



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

### **Addendum to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Expanded Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2013051094

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and guidelines of the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Financial Assistance, Monterey One Water (M1W) has prepared an Addendum to the certified Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the Expanded Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project (“Exp. PWM/GWR Project”). The M1W Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider approval of an Addendum to the SEIR and approval of Changes to the Exp. PWM/GWR Project (Deep Injection Well #6 Changes) described in detail in the Addendum during its regularly-scheduled Board of Directors Meeting on **Monday, November 29, 2021, 6:00 p.m.** which will be a hybrid meeting, with some committee members and some key staff persons attending the meeting in person. Members of the public may not yet attend the board meeting in person but can continue to attend remotely via Zoom Video Conferencing and Teleconferencing.

*This meeting is compliant with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-08-21 which allows local legislative bodies to hold public meetings electronically only, without a physical location for public participation, accessible only telephonically or otherwise electronically (video conferencing) to all members of the public seeking to observe and address the local legislative body, in order to avoid public gatherings, and until further notice.*

#### **Project Description and Location:**

The approved Exp. PWM/GWR Project is a water supply and water recycling project located in and serving northern Monterey County (see project location map below). The PWM/GWR Project is currently operating to provide 3,500 acre-feet per year (AFY) of purified recycled water for recharge of a groundwater basin that serves as drinking water supply for the Monterey Peninsula, specifically within the California American Water Company’s (CalAm’s) Monterey District. The project may also supply 600 AFY of purified recycled water for urban irrigation water and augment the existing agricultural irrigation supply for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project area.

In April 2021, M1W certified an SEIR and approved the Exp. PWM/GWR Project to increase the Advanced Water Purification Facility (AWPF) peak capacity to up to 7.6 mgd and increase recharge of the Seaside Groundwater Basin by up to 2,250 AFY. The Exp. PWM/GWR Project includes additional product water conveyance pipelines, injection well facilities, potable supply extraction and distribution system facilities, and associated infrastructure. The new facilities to create an Exp. PWM/GWR Project are under design and M1W is seeking funding and permits.

The Draft SEIR for the Exp. PWM/GWR Project was circulated for public review from November 7, 2019 to January 31, 2020. On April 26, 2021, the M1W Board of Directors certified the Final SEIR, as amended, and approved the Exp. PWM/GWR Project with Resolutions 2021-05 and 2021-06. Since the SEIR was certified and the Exp. PWM/GWR Project was approved, the following minor changes to the Exp. PWM/GWR Project are proposed and referred to as the “proposed Deep Injection Well #6 Changes” and have been evaluated in an Addendum:

1. Relocation of an Approved Injection Well from Well Site #1 to Well Site #7: One injection well previously approved, but not constructed, as part of the base project at Well Site #1 would be relocated to Well Site #7 as a deep injection well, referred to as Deep Injection Well #6. This

change does not increase the number of approved wells; the total number will remain nine (9). The depth of the well would increase from 600 to 1,100 feet below ground surface.

2. Extension of Pipeline: A pipeline would continue to and past Well Site #7 and would terminate at Well Site #1 to increase the flexibility of the system to carry water at the pressure needed at all injection wells. The pipeline length would be increased from 1.1 miles to 2.3 miles.
3. Relocation of Approved Backflush Basin: The location for the backflush basin would be relocated to closer to Deep Injection Well #6 to reduce grading.

**Significant Impacts of the Project:** The PWM/GWR Project EIR concluded that the PWM/GWR Project's significant impacts in the following subject areas would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation, with the exception of construction noise, which was found to be significant and unavoidable.

- Aesthetics\*
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas\*
- Biological Resources: Fisheries
- Biological Resources: Terrestrial\*
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources\*
- Energy and Mineral Resources\*
- Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials\*
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Surface Water
- Land Use, Agriculture, and Forest Resources\*
- Noise and Vibration\*
- Public Services, Utilities, and Recreation\*
- Traffic and Transportation\*

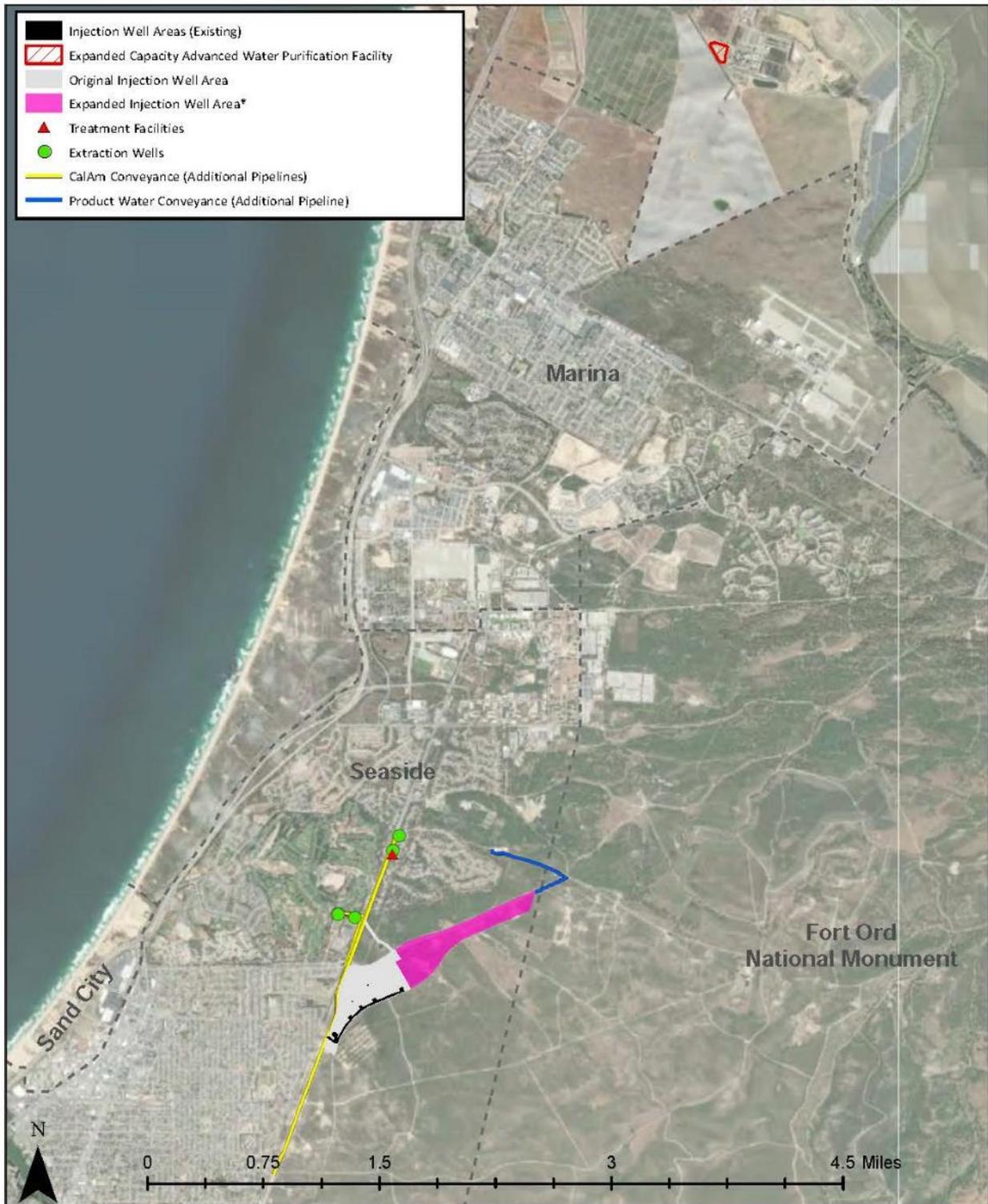
\*Significant impacts resulting from construction and/or operation of the Injection Well Facilities were identified in the PWM/GWR EIR.

The SEIR determined that the Exp. PWM/GWR Project would result in additional significant impacts due to temporary construction noise and potential for secondary effects of growth.

The Addendum reviewed the potential impacts in the topical subjects listed above related to the Deep Injection Well #6 Changes to the Exp. PWM/GWR Project. It concluded that there were: (1) no substantial changes to the project requiring major revisions to the EIR because of new or substantially increased significant environmental effects; (2) no substantial changes in circumstances requiring major revisions to the EIR because of new or substantially increased significant environmental effects; and (3) no new, previously unknown or unknowable, information of substantial importance showing: (a) new or substantially more severe significant efforts than were discussed or shown in the EIR; (b) that previously infeasible mitigation measures/alternatives are now feasible and would substantially reduce significant efforts; or (c) that considerably different mitigation measures than analyzed in the EIR would substantially reduce significant effects

The Addendum is available for public review at the following website: <https://purewatermonterey.org/reports-docs/>. Members of the public may provide written comments on the Addendum in advance of the November 29 Board Meeting and/or may provide oral comments at the November 29 Board Meeting via Zoom Video Conferencing and Teleconferencing.

For additional information regarding the Addendum for the Proposed Deep Injection Well #6 Changes, you may contact Monterey One Water at [purewatermontereyinfo@my1water.org](mailto:purewatermontereyinfo@my1water.org).



\*Note: M1W approved the Expanded Injection Well Area on April 26, 2021 with certification of the Supplemental EIR.