



**CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE**  
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

**AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** James Colangelo, City Manager  
**MEETING DATE:** April 2, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** **CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING FOR THE MONTEREY REGIONAL  
WATER PROJECTS**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution.

**DISCUSSION:**

On February 6, 2008, the City Council received a presentation regarding the work being done by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The DRA created the Regional Plenary Oversight Group (REPOG), which is a collaboration of public agencies, stakeholders, and citizens charged with developing a regional water supply planning strategy.

The strategy includes, but is not limited to: use of recycled water, reprogrammed use of Salinas Basin ground water, water from the Salinas River diversion program, a regional desalination facility, use of the publicly owned MRWPCA outfall and existing water distribution systems, collection of stormwater for community use as well as on-going water conservation.

The DRA is seeking local jurisdiction support for this effort, which will be accomplished primarily through the attached Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Although the City of Pacific Grove is not a party to the MOU, and bears no financial obligation from the terms of the MOU, the City is being asked to support the concept of the MOU.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

*James J. Colangelo*

Digitally signed: I have reviewed this document

James J. Colangelo  
CITY MANAGER

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE APPROVING SUPPORT FOR THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE MONTEREY REGIONAL WATER PLANNING PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, in January 2007, the Division of Ratepayers Advocates for the California Public Utilities Commission established the Regional Plenary Oversight Group (REPOG); and

**WHEREAS**, REPOG is a collaboration of public agencies, stakeholders, and citizens charged with developing a regional water supply planning strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, project components include, but are not limited to: use of recycled water, reprogrammed use of Salinas Basin ground water, water from the Salinas River diversion program, a regional desalination facility, use of the publicly owned MRWPCA outfall and existing water distribution systems, collection of stormwater for community use as well as on-going water conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the regional projects and water management programs from the REPOG regional dialogue process appear to be cost effective for ratepayers, have great regional benefit and result in an acceptable implementation strategy; and

**WHEREAS**, the regional plan has demonstrated viability, acceptability, and is worthy to be evaluated technically.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE, CALIFORNIA, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. The City finds that the Monterey Regional Water Project Plan has great regional benefit resulting in an acceptable implementation strategy.
2. The City finds that supporting the Monterey Regional Water Project Plan shows the City is interested in regional water planning.
3. The City finds that supporting the Monterey Regional Water Project Plan is of great benefit to the City of Pacific Grove.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the City council of the City of Pacific Grove, State of California, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Daniel E. Cort, Mayor  
City of Pacific Grove

ATTEST:

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Charlene Wiseman, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David Laredo, City Attorney

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## Monterey Regional Water Projects Planning Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is made and entered into as of January 29, 2008, among the signatories executing below.

**WHEREAS**, we have been participating in the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, California Public Utilities Commission (DRA) sponsored regional water supply dialogue process. And that process, led by the Center for Integrated Water Research, University of California, Santa Cruz (CIWR, pronounced "sewer") has met monthly for over one year with citizens, NGOs, government agencies, consultants, and academics to identify a regional water plan. The regional plan has been formulated to benefit Cities and agricultural operators on the Monterey Peninsula, and the northern communities of Monterey County, including Monterey County, the United States Army and Salinas; and,

**WHEREAS**, the regional projects and water management programs from the DRA-CIWR regional dialogue process appear to be cost effective for ratepayers, have great regional benefit and result in an acceptable implementation strategy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the regional plan has demonstrated viability, acceptability, and is worthy to be evaluated technically. And, in order to meet the needs of the community and to save planning budget by "piggy-backing" on the CPUC EIR now being evaluated for the Coastal Water Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned recognize that the water supply issues confronting the Monterey region are significant and require a focused technical and political effort to resolve. There is an urgency to identify, adequately plan, and rapidly implement a supply solution; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Participating Entities signatory to this MOU desire to cooperatively engage in water supply planning and jointly analyze the proposed project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Participating Entities are able to furnish financial resources and in-kind assistance in support of this MOU estimated to be an additional \$975,000 through August 2008; and,

**WHEREAS**, this MOU provides the most practical method to expeditiously create a leadership and management framework responsible for developing and implementing a strategy to comprehensively achieve regional water supply solutions; and,

