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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

UPDATES: 1) PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD EXTENDED THROUGH DECMEBER 15, 2011
2) PUBLIC HEARING RESCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 10, 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) has prepared a Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) contained in Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq. for the Ord Community Sphere of Influence amendment and Service Area Annexation Project that is comprised of a change to the MCWD jurisdictional boundaries. The Draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration are posted on the Marina Coast Water District's website: www.mcwd.org. Document copies are also available for review at the Marina Coast Water District's offices at 2840 4th Street, Marina, CA 93933 and 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933; Seaside Branch Library, 550 Harcourt Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955; Marina Branch Library, 190 Seaside Circle, Marina, CA 93933; and Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 93940.

Project Description: The proposed project is the Marina Coast Water District's (MCWD or the District) Ord Community Sphere of Influence (SOI) amendment and Service Area (SA) annexation in accordance with relevant codes and ordinances of the District and local jurisdictions, and the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. MCWD proposes to amend their SOI and expand their SA to include all of the former Fort Ord, the development of which is guided by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) and their Fort Ord Reuse Plan, and the relevant City and County General Plans, and Master Plans for California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB), Fort Ord Dunes State Park, and University of California Monterey Bay Education, Science and Technology Center. The District currently provides service to this area as outlined in the Water/Wastewater Facilities Agreement between FORA and MCWD (1998). The end of FORA's legal existence is scheduled for 2014. The proposed project will allow water and wastewater service to continue beyond the FORA expiration, and will provide customers the ability to vote for the MCWD Board of Directors. In addition, a small area containing a school and a church that presently receive water from MCWD and are within MCWD's Central Marina customer area will be added to MCWD's SA to eliminate an island within the District that was inadvertently created during the last SA annexation of property north of Marina. In accordance with disclosure requirements in CEQA guidelines section 15072 (g)(5), this notice hereby discloses that the proposed project site contains the entire Fort Ord property that was placed on the National Priorities List of Hazardous Waste Sites (Superfund List) in 1990, as identified on the list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Written comments on this Negative Declaration will be accepted from October 31, 2011 through December 15, 2011 (revised from the previous date of November 30, 2011). Comments can also be made during the MCWD Board Hearing on January 10, 2012 (revised from the previous date of December 13, 2011), 7:00 pm at the MCWD Administration and Customer Service Office, 11 Reservation Road, Marina, CA 93933-2099.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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