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Honorable Howard Gustafson, President Marina Coast Water District 11 Reservation Road Marina, CA 93933

Subject: Sewer Service to the Ord Community

Dear President Gustafson,

Both the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) and the Seaside County Sanitation District (SCSD) desire to provide sanitary sewer collection service to portions of the cities of Del Rey Oaks and Seaside that are within the former Fort Ord area. The former Fort Ord area is administered by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA). Under an agreement with FORA, the MCWD is obligated to provide water and sanitary sewer service in the former Fort Ord area. The agreement does not provide MCWD the right to service areas outside of their current sphere of influence after the possible dissolution of FORA in 2020. Therefore, it is imperative to establish which utility districts would provide sewer service to those areas within the former Fort Ord outside of the service boundaries currently recognized by LAFCO.

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The SCSD has been working with the MCWD to resolve the issues of sewer collection services within the Ord Community. Staff from both agencies have met and concur on the following:

- 1. Both agencies would work together prior to submitting an application to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County (LAFCO).
- 2. Both agencies would prepare engineering studies to support their potential applications to LAFCO and share this information with the other agency prior to submitting an application.

However, it has come to our attention that MCWD representatives made some comments during the August 3, 2015 MCWD Board meeting that need to be addressed. First of all, the City of Seaside is not the primary party to the expansion plans. It is the sewer district, the SCSD, which currently provides service to the cities of Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, and Sand City that would like to expand its service area into a portion of Seaside within the Ord Community. The following statements clarify SCSD's position and are made in response to some of the other comments made during this meeting:

- 1. Staff from both agencies have been working on defining a scope for the proposed LAFCO application that could include both expansion of the sphere of influence and service area annexation in the former Fort Ord. To date, the SCSD has not made an application to the LAFCO for either of these outcomes.
- 2. The SCSD has made no indication that it would seek legal relief in the event that it was not allowed to expand its service area within the Ord Community.
- 3. The SCSD has no designs on disrupting or interfering with the service agreements between the Army and MCWD.

Please feel free to contact me at (831) 899-6702 or Diana Ingersoll, District Engineer, at (831) 899-6825 to discuss any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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