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There are a lot of rumors out there about water in Monterey. Here are the facts:

 High water rates are due to California's historic drought and limited water supplies. Cal Am is working to reduce rates by developing new water sources.

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 Cal Am's Water Supply Project is making great strides toward a permanent solution to Monterey's water shortage by building a drought-proof desalination plant.

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GET THE TRUTH ABOUT WATER IN MONTEREY BEFORE YOU SIGN THE PETITION



RATES: Whether the utility is public or private, water rates across the state are high due to California's historic drought and limited water supplies. Between 2010 and 2017, water rates in Los Angeles rose more than 70%, while rates increased more than 100% in San Francisco. And residents in nearby Felton, CA are paying comparable rates to Monterey for a publicly-owned water system – plus an additional 30-year \$535 annual property tax to pay for the public takeover. Meanwhile, here in Monterey, Cal Am is working to reduce rates by developing a drought-proof water supply through desalination.



GOVERNMENT TAKEOVERS: Public takeovers of water systems around the country have shown that condemnation leads to higher customer payments without providing the promised improvements in water service. Condemnation, the legal process used to seize private property for a public use through eminent domain, generally takes 5-10 years to settle with appeals, adding enormous legal costs to the price tag of running expensive water systems.



WATER RIGHTS: Cal Am is working to develop a drought-proof water supply that will serve the Monterey Peninsula well into the future. Desalinating seawater from slant wells is a well-tested, reliable method without the environmental impacts associated with open-ocean intakes. In 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) concluded that Cal Am has the right to pump seawater, and would be able to develop appropriate rights to pump and desalinate currently unusable brackish groundwater. As an additional assurance, Cal Am will voluntarily retain an independent hydrogeologist to monitor this process.

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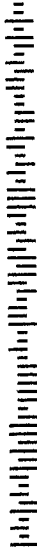
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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER RATES

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AN IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR WATER RATES

A political group called Public Water Now is circulating a petition to put a ballot measure on the November 2018 election that would increase the cost of water service in Monterey County and put our future water security at risk. You may have been asked to sign their petition.

This group is misinforming citizens as to the real consequences of their ballot measure. Get the facts and take action. If you have been approached to sign this petition, you can remove your name by filling out the attached form and returning it by mail at no cost.

This petition supports a ballot measure that would:

- Raise property taxes
- Cost millions of dollars in legal fees and appeals
- Force a hostile takeover of your water provider
- Put the Peninsula's water security at risk

While circulating its petition, Public Water Now has made deceptive claims about water in Monterey County in order to secure signatures. You may have signed this petition under false pretenses.

Their false claims include:

- That Monterey has the highest water rates in the country.
This statement is false. PWN uses unrealistic usage numbers to skew the data. In fact, residents of nearby Felton — which completed a public takeover of its water system in 2008 — pay much more for the same amount of water: an average of \$111 per month plus an additional \$535 in new annual property taxes.
- That their ballot measure will lead to lower water rates.
This claim is false. No condemnation of a water system has ever resulted in lower bills. And customers would have to pay a property tax to cover the acquisition.

If you have been approached to sign this petition, you can withdraw your signature and submit the attached form to the Monterey County Elections Department. Please fill out the form and return it by mail in the included pre-paid envelope.



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**TO THE HONORABLE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
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Petition Signature Withdrawal

I hereby request my name to be withdrawn from the petition I signed regarding The Monterey Peninsula Water Service Local Ownership and Cost Savings Initiative.

Name: George Riley

Sign As Registered

To Vote:

Residence

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