Monterey County
Water Resources Agency

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Mr. Rick Kleinsasser et. al.
Tri Counties Club
P.O. Box 314
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Subject: Agency Response to December 19, 2025, Tri Counties Club Letter Request

Dear Mr. Kleinsasser,

I write on behalf of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) in response to your letter dated December 19, 2025, requesting "… adoption of a clear, uniform transitional compliance framework …" for enforcement of the Agency's boat dock Licensing Conditions as established by Ordinance 4065, and, generally, Section 7 (b). On January 20, 2026, the Agency's Board of Directors formed a Boat Dock Ad-Hoc Committee (Agenda Item 13) to 1) address concerns raised by your letter; and 2) to consider what other issues warrant reconsideration by the Agency in the context of a potentially more comprehensive revision to the boat dock program and its Licensing Conditions.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and other Licensees of the Agency's intention to reconsider current Licensing Conditions and other factors governing its boat dock program and to promulgate a new policy prior to the 2027 Licensing Year. In the meantime, you and other Licensees are cautioned against making any significant structural changes to your existing dock(s) as those changes may fall outside of revised Licensing Conditions; thus, potentially risking future License Renewal. Maintenance of the existing structure is, of course, expected, as is fulfillment of all Licensee's operational obligations such as annual License Renewal and payment of fees, maintenance of adequate insurance, and appropriate anchorage.

Licensees of current docks may continue to operate through the upcoming Licensing Year, April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027, "as is", meaning, the Agency will not seek to require significant structural modifications of existing docks in compliance with Section 7 (b) under Ordinance 4065 until new guidance and Licensing Conditions are developed. However, the Agency will vigorously

enforce all other provisions. Please review Ordinances 4065 and 5344 governing the Agency's boat dock program to understand the full extent of your existing legal obligations[1].

We appreciate your recognition of "… the Agency's authority - and obligation - to regulate dock construction and operation in order to protect public safety and the environmental quality of 'Lake' Nacimiento." We also find your request for clarification and a transitional framework to be reasonable. Going forward, staff will evaluate findings and recommendations from the Agency's 2025 Boat Dock Survey, as well as researching other boat dock programs, to help inform future policy. The Agency's process for revising existing programs is to publicly vet proposals through our Planning Committee, prior to forwarding recommendations to the Board of Directors and Supervisors. If you have not already, please consider signing up for meeting notices of the Planning Committee so that you and others interested in the boat dock program can engage. To request meeting notifications, please contact Yolanda Maciel at maciely@countyofmonterey.gov.

Respectfully,

Ara Azhderian

[1] https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/government-links/water-resources-agency/ordinances