## Point of Use/Point of Entry Ordinance Amendment

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- On October 24, 2023, EHB introduced an ordinance restating portions of Chapter 15.04 of the Monterey County Code, and restating and amending Chapter 15.06 of the Monterey County Code relating to point-of-use and point-of-entry water treatment systems
- ► The Board of Supervisors had questions regarding the ordinance and requested EHB to make some changes.
- ► Today, EHB is reintroducing the ordinances with some modifications and will also provide more details on resources available to help water systems with the permitting process.

- ► The ordinances has been updated as follows:
  - ► Clarified that a mutual water system may delegate authority for installation, operation, maintenance, and sampling to each property owner. Each property owner would need to agree to be responsible for their own device and follow treatment strategy and operation and maintenance program for the device.
  - Added an option for a water system to receive a permit for POU/POE even if not all connections participate, although the system would not be able to be deemed fully compliant. This opportunity would allow the connections on a water system that have complied with the requirements to be recognized and have oversight provided by the Environmental Health Bureau. It would also provide a pathway for a system to work towards full compliance with 100% participation.

- Benefits of POU/POE program
  - ► Ready access to potable water
  - ► Help with device selection
  - ► Increased confidence with device
  - ▶ Water system would be deemed compliant with drinking water standards
  - ▶ Not mandatory, but provides another option for compliance

- Application Process / Resources
  - ► Templates available for all steps and staff can help complete forms:
    - ▶ Pilot study- state has list of registered devices
    - ▶ Water system agreement for POU/POE use- template available
    - ► Treatment strategy- indicates device(s) selected and participants
    - ▶ User education- outlines purpose of device and needed precautions, required maintenance and testing, and what to do if device fails
    - ▶ Operation and Maintenance clarifies who will install/maintain/test devices, filter change out frequencies, testing schedule,
    - ▶ Records- documents maintenance and testing

## Recommendation

- a. Find that the adoption of this ordinance is categorically exempt per Section 15301 (minor alternations of private structures) and 15303 (construction of new, small facilities or structures) of the CEQA Guidelines, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2.
- b. Introduce, waive first reading, and set November 28, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., as the date and time to consider adoption of an ordinance restating portions of Chapter 15.04 of the Monterey County Code, and restating and amending Chapter 15.06 of the Monterey County Code relating to point-of-use and point-of-entry water treatment systems; and
- c. Provide direction to staff as appropriate.