



## WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

# MEMORANDUM

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Monterey County

**DATE:** September 6, 2018

**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee  
**FROM:** David E. Chardavoyne, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Update – Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project Fish Screens

Conversations with CDFW are at a standstill, mainly over the screen size and the invert elevation. We are evaluating our options at this point, but what CDFW is proposing is unworkable.

At the time we received approval from both Boards, Exhibit A contained ranges of screen sizes [0.5mm – 1.75mm] that would be evaluated during the CEQA process. Exhibit A was agreed to by CDFW -- I know because I was also a party to the conference call meetings.

CDFW now wants either a 0.5mm screen size, which our design engineer will not recommend to the Agency, or a 1.75mm screen with a deep-water intake [20 feet deeper than that previously agreed to]. Moreover, CDFW now disputes the agreement the engineering teams had.

While we are evaluating our options on the way forward, we have reached out to CDFW [Kevin Shafer], once again, regarding the design criteria. He said he would review the issue again with his engineering team.

Please see Ron Drake's e-mail to CDFW below:

*Kevin et al,*

*MCWRA has been reviewing the latest version of the MOA and expects to have some minor comments for your consideration the week of 8/13/18.*

*In regards to the revised Exhibit A that you forwarded on August 2, it includes design criteria relative to the elevations of fish screens that was not discussed or agreed to between the engineering team members. Compliance with the added criteria will add costs to the intake structure which is already substantially higher than the budget allows. The Agency and McMillan Jacobs had the understanding that all parties were in agreement on the design criteria in Exhibit A that was submitted to CDFW on June 7, 2018 (Attached).*

*On behalf of MCWRA, we request reconsideration of the attached document as Exhibit A to the MOA. MCWRA is committed to constructing functional fish screens with high operational reliability at the lowest possible cost. We request that CDFW consider these objectives in accepting the attached design criteria.*

*Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me with any questions or suggestions.*

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