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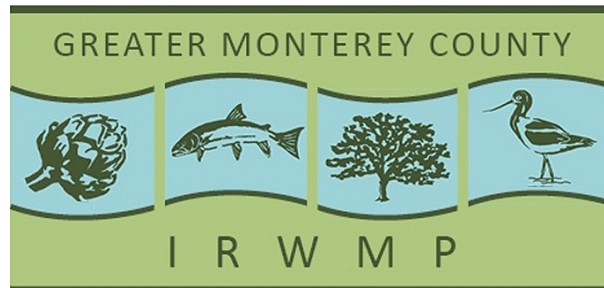


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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

AB	Assembly Bill
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
AWWA	American Water Works Association
CalAm	California American Water Company
Cal Water	California Water Service
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant
CDP	Census Designated Place
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CECorps	Community Engineering Corps
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
Cr-6	Hexavalent Chromium (also chromium-6)
CRLA	California Rural Legal Assistance
CSD	Community Service District
DAC	Disadvantaged Community
EDA	Economically Distressed Area
EHB	Environmental Health Bureau (Monterey County)
EJCW	Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
GAMA	Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment
Gg	Gigagrams
ILRP	Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program
IRWM	Integrated Regional Water Management
LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
LPA	Local Primacy Agency
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
MCWRA	Monterey County Water Resources Agency
MDD	Maximum Daily Demand
mg/L	milligrams per liter
µg/L	micrograms per liter
MHI	Median Household Income
MSR	Municipal Service Review
MWC	Mutual Water Company
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NL	Notification Level
NO <sub>3</sub>	Nitrate

NO <sub>3</sub> -N	Nitrate as Nitrogen
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
POE	Point of Entry (water treatment system)
POU	Point of Use (water treatment system)
PSMCSD	Pajaro/Sunny Mesa Community Services District
RCAC	Rural Communities Assistance Corporation
RO	Reverse Osmosis
RWMG	Regional Water Management Group
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board (also Regional Water Board)
SB	Senate Bill
SDAC	Severely Disadvantaged Community
SRF	State Revolving Fund
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board (also State Water Board)
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TCP	1,2,3-trichloropropane
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
TMF	Technical, Managerial, and Financial
UC Davis	University of California, Davis
UCLA	University of California, Los Angeles
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WDR	Waste Discharge Requirement
WS	Water System
WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility