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CERTIFICATE OF WATER SERVICE AVAILABILITY (CWSA) APPLICATION

Instructions: To apply for a Certificate of Water Service Availability (CWSA), also known as a Can & Will Serve Letter, complete all items on this page and submit along with your building and landscape plans to the Montecito Water District (MWD) Office at the above address. Additional items may be requested upon review of your initial submittal. For your information, a summary of MWD's Water Limitation Ordinance 89 is on the reverse of this page.

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

APPLICANT'S Name _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

PROPERTY OWNER (if different from applicant) _____

SERVICE ADDRESS _____

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER _____ PARCEL/PROPERTY SIZE (Acres) _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION _____

IS THIS PROPERTY SERVED BY AN ALTERNATE WATER SOURCE?

Yes (Check source) Well Private Water Company Other

Well Location (APN) or Name of Private Water Company

No

May 2008

Dear Water Customer:

This letter provides important information to you about Montecito Water District's newly-adopted *Ordinance No. 89*, a vital step toward reducing customer water usage to a sustainable level. The Ordinance helps control future water demand by setting limits on the amount of water that the District will provide to new development or to changes in existing development. It does not affect your current water usage.

How the Water Limitation Ordinance Works

The Water Limitation Ordinance establishes water allocations for new development or expansion of water service to existing development:

- Each parcel of one acre or more of new development is entitled to a maximum base allotment of one acre-foot of water per year (about 326,000 gallons). Smaller parcels would receive a pro rata portion of water.
- For parcels seeking a change or expansion of their current land use, a three-year history of water usage will be calculated that will become the base allotment of water for that parcel. The parcel will be entitled to its base allotment or acre-foot calculation; whichever is larger.
- The District will review applications for new water services or changes in land use for all projects that need a City or County permit. Conformity to the Ordinance will bring project approval by the District. We will then issue a Certificate of Water Availability.
- Property owners will need to be committed to living within their base allocation or face possible penalties.
- As an emergency action, the Ordinance went into effect on April 15, 2008.