

## Letters of Commitment

Entity Name	Representative	Role
Anaergia	Dr. Yaniv Scherson	Chief Operating Officer
Driscoll's	Kyle Monper	Regional Environmental Manager
Monterey One Water	Thomas P. Moore	M1W Board Chair
PG&E	Austin Hastings	Senior Director, Gas Strategy Execution & System Planning
Public Water Now	Melodie Chrislock	Managing Director
ReGen	Felipe Melchor	General Manager
United Way Monterey County	Josh Madfis	Vice President of Community Investments



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To Whom It May Concern:

Anaergia is committed to continuing to work with Monterey One Water as the contractor for the co-digestion facility as part of your *Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program*. The product created from the co-digestion of organics will be integral in the second phase of your program – gas conditioning. Our work with your team at Monterey One Water over the past two (2) years has supported our vision of becoming the world's leading renewable fuel producer while reducing global carbon emissions, protecting the environment, and sustaining life for generations to come.

We are committed to supporting the proposed project by:

1. Continuing to work as the contractor of the co-digestion system;
2. Making available our expertise in organic waste recovery to support identification and provision of feedstock for co-digestion and biogas production, in particular feedstock from Disadvantaged Communities (DACs);
3. Disseminating program information.

The second phase of your program—gas conditioning—will lead to the development of renewable natural gas, significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving water, and improving community health. Together, we can create a revitalized, secure, and climate-smart community with your team at Monterey One Water.

Sincerely,

Dr. Yaniv Scherson  
Chief Operating Officer  
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March 26, 2024

Monterey One Water  
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Attention: Yohana Vargas

Subject: **Monterey One Water's EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application**

Driscoll's is supportive of Monterey One Water's application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant in order to fund the second phase of the Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program – enhanced gas conditioning. For over two decades our independent growers who operate berry farms within the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) area have partnered with Monterey One Water to ensure good stewardship of water while supporting the vibrancy of the local communities in Monterey County. We are pleased that you are submitting a proposal on this important topic and would like to offer our assistance towards successfully delivering on these objectives.

Driscoll's is a multi-generational family-owned berry marketer and shipper with origins in the Monterey Bay. We have had a long-standing commitment to sustainable water management and it is our vision that agricultural water is managed effectively in our growing regions to support the long-term viability of agriculture while ensuring local communities and the environment can thrive. The Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program will maintain reliable, recycled water systems in Monterey County to support protected ecology and affordable utility services.

We look forward to collaborating with you on this project that will not only provide a path to reduce the CSIP greenhouse gas emissions but also allow for sustainable solutions for agricultural waste.

Sincerely,

Kyle Monper, Regional Environmental Manager  
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# Monterey One Water

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March 25, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing in support of Monterey One Water's (M1W) proposed project, the Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program. As the current Board Chair of Monterey One Water, I'm keen to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels, bolster community resilience, negate climate impact, and set an example for similar organizations across California. I see this project continuing to show our position as a reliable public utility service, while tackling local air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the process. In a county where many residents live in overcrowded spaces, our continued dedication to community health is of utmost importance.

Beyond community safety, the Board of Directors at M1W is committed to securing a reliable energy source with consistently stable rates. Our knowledgeable team of engineers, operators, and utility professionals has developed an innovative and effective solution to bring these commitments to fruition while simultaneously reducing GHG emissions. By implementing the Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program, we can address climate change and community development on a local scale. Upon completion, this project will demonstrate the way similar municipal plants can address the climate crisis through actionable measures.

As Board Chair, I will help the project in the following ways:

1. Strongly encourage the Board to support capital and grant funding for this project since it will improve the reliability of the services provided by Monterey One Water and provide the benefits previously described.
2. Support the creation of an outreach working group to get feedback regarding the project from all interested community members.

The potential impact of this project is significant and can scale beyond the M1W service area in Monterey County, CA. Monterey One Water's proposed project is the best solution for our community, and after working with Monterey One Water for 14 years, I have every confidence in its ability to create a scalable, resilient solution to GHG reduction while improving community health. This initiative and a proven track record of success in the implementation of the Pure Water Monterey Project leaves me with no doubt that they will execute this project with excellence.

Thank you for considering this letter of commitment. Your initiative will create a better community and encourage a thriving planet through actionable planning and transformation.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Moore  
M1W Board Chair



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March 28, 2024

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PG&E is supportive of Monterey One Water's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants application to fund enhanced renewable natural gas (RNG) conditioning as part of the *Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program*. Monterey One Water's Program closely aligns with PG&E's interest in maintaining the reliability of local power sources and our own commitment to a net zero energy system by 2040 and a climate-positive energy system by 2050.

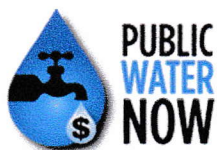
As California's largest energy utility, PG&E has a proven performance record of providing clean energy, delivering electricity that was 95% GHG emission-free in 2022. In a similar interest, Monterey One Water provides utility services for Monterey County residents. They seek to reduce GHG emissions through their current proposed plan thus supporting PG&E's service area and climate goals.

Our support of the *Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program* also closely aligns with our True North Strategy for clean fuels. We will continue to provide reliable and climate-friendly sources of energy to the community while coordinating to meet climate-resilient goals on an expedited timeline. Enhanced conditioning - and the development of RNG - would be significant and beneficial for the communities residing in the Monterey One Water and PG&E service areas.

PG&E has a long history of working with Monterey One Water and is working with its team on this renewable energy project. PG&E remains committed to continued collaboration with Monterey One Water and wholeheartedly supports their funding application to the EPA as part of a climate beneficial strategy.

Sincerely,

Austin Hastings  
Senior Director, Gas Strategy Execution & System Planning



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March 19, 2024

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To Whom It May Concern:

In support of Monterey One Water's funding application, Public Water Now is proud to partner with your team on the *Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program*. More specifically, this letter of commitment is to support your request for funding for the second phase of the program – enhanced gas conditioning.

Although the proposed project is focused on GHG emissions, a secondary benefit of the project is its impact on the water supply in Monterey County and much needed affordable housing. As you know, our community needs affordable housing. To meet this need, we must have a sustainable water supply to lift the current moratorium on water connections. Public Water Now appreciates the role Monterey One Water will play in helping lift the moratorium through its potable reuse effort that will provide 51% of our water supply. With the addition of RNG to the PG&E pipeline, your project will reduce the power outages that we experience. Power outages impact the amount of recycled water produced; thus, we will not only reduce our reliance on PG&E, but we will help ensure the sustainability of recycled water and our local water supply for current and future generations.

Our commitment to the proposed project – enhanced gas conditioning includes:

1. Disseminating project information through community education and engagement to further bolster Monterey One Water's public presence and community development initiatives.
2. Advocating for water-related issues to public officials.

This new initiative can be significant for community resilience, as our efforts will support community outreach and project education. Monterey One Water continues to provide crucial services to disadvantaged communities and commits to expanded community health measures through its GHG reduction phase of the project.

We value our ten years of partnership and have enjoyed working together to improve our community through the Pure Water Monterey Program and the Cybersecurity and SCADA Resiliency Project. At Public Water Now, we are committed to achieving the lowest cost,

sustainable water supply for the Monterey Peninsula. Together with Monterey One Water, we believe we can create water security and a revitalized, climate-smart community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "MW Chrislock". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Melodie Chrislock  
Managing Director  
Public Water Now





March 22, 2024

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RE: Enhanced Gas Conditioning Project Support for Monterey One Water

To Whom It May Concern:

ReGen Monterey (ReGen) is pleased to offer this letter of support for Monterey One Water's (M1W) grant funding application for their proposed Enhanced Gas Conditioning project; a part of their renewable energy and utility reliability endeavors. With a vested commitment to an integrated electrical network that incorporates the future performance of this project, ReGen sees this funding opportunity as leverage to increase renewable energy generation and provide exciting opportunities for public works program expansion and resource optimization that incorporate neighboring properties associated with agricultural production and planned for drinking water production into the renewable energy network. ReGen is committed to "Do More to Waste Less" on behalf of the environment and communities served as we continue fiscal and operational sustainability improvements.

In the late 1980's, ReGen divested 100 acres of its 570-acre property so that the M1W publicly-owned treatment works (POTW) could be developed and serve northern/northwestern Monterey County communities. Our two adjacent public works facilities, one for non-hazardous waste liquid waste treatment/recycling/disposal and the other for non-hazardous solid waste treatment/recycling/diversion/reuse/disposal, makes us uniquely positioned to collaborate on reliability and sustainability of public services on behalf of the environment and communities served. M1W's Enhanced Gas Conditioning project will increase renewable energy generation and contribute to California's goals of electrification and climate resilience. Together with ReGen's goals of increased renewable energy generation and an integrated electrical network for the two facilities; reliability, sustainability, and climate resilience are shared goals of our collaboration. ReGen Monterey is committed to the shared objectives present in our collaboration with Monterey One Water and wholeheartedly supports your funding application for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. We look forward to continuing our relationship and supporting the proposed project by facilitating policy workgroup meetings to ensure that Local, State and Federal standards are incorporated in all our collaborative efforts for improving reliability and sustainability of these two public works facilities in an environmentally and fiscally manner.

Sincerely,  
ReGen Monterey

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*Let's not waste this.*



# United Way Monterey County



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March 22, 2024

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United Way Monterey County fully supports Monterey One Water's EPA CPRG funding application and is committed to the *Monterey Renewable Energy and Utility Reliability Program*. The *Program* – specifically phase 2, enhanced gas conditioning – will lead to the development of renewable natural gas that could serve individuals facing hardships after natural disasters. In addition, reducing GHG emissions will provide cleaner air for our community members, leading to improved health outcomes.

Since we began working together during the pandemic (2020) to provide utility assistance for customers facing economic hardships, we have gained a greater understanding of the respective services we provide the community, opening doors for future collaboration. The addition of our focus on natural disaster response and climate resiliency makes us ideal partners for the proposed project and reflects community priorities. Along with other community-based organizations, government departments, educational institutions, and more, we have developed the Monterey County Community Resilience Plan to help build adaptive capacity among individuals and households.

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Based on this work we are interested in working with Monterey One Water on the proposed project in the following ways:

1. Conduct a needs assessment to identify vulnerable communities in the region and determine suitable and viable alternatives to provide energy to these communities.
2. Develop an equitable engagement plan to reach 5000 community members to ensure alignment of community needs and priorities related to an equitable planning outcome, including economic and climate resilience needs.
3. Engage 75 community-based organizations from our referral networks to develop transparent and effective outreach strategies to disseminate project information, updates, outcomes, and outputs.

Innovative partnerships like the one described here will be necessary to build, foster, and sustain community resilience. United Way Monterey County looks forward to continuing a partnership with Monterey One Water to create a more resilient, informed, and motivated community. Working together, we can provide better energy resilience for our local utilities and avenues to support our vulnerable communities during climate-related events.

STAFF  
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President and CEO

Sincerely,

Josh Madfis  
Vice President of Community Investments  
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