



Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association
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President's Message

Ordinance 152 – Water Supply Charge Lawsuit: MPTA took the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to court to defend the rights of the Taxpayers in the following areas:

- The right to vote on projects which was promised to us when we voted to create the District.
- Their refusal to recognize our certified referendum.
- The legality of this tax.

Unfortunately the Court of Appeals ruled against us, ignoring recent case law in our favor and rubber stamping the lower Court's flawed opinion even saying that the Water District is who delivers our water. Their ruling eliminates our right to vote and gives the District a blank check with our money. The Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association feels it owes it to the taxpayers to continue to fight for them and has decided to petition the California Supreme Court to hear our case. The odds are long that they will hear our case, but we feel **we owe it to you** to go the distance.

Monterey Bay Community Power has mailed their postcard notifying PG&E customers that you will be switched automatically unless you opt out right now. The writing is so small that you will need a magnifying glass to read it. To **opt out** simply go to the following web page: <https://www.mbcommunitypower.org/opt-out/> enter your PG&E Account number, name, and service address. You can always change to them in the future once you see if they keep their promises on what they say they will charge.

JUNE PRIMARY VOTING GUIDE

Measure I – Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Bond Measure – MPTA is **neutral**, Vote Your Conscience.

Proposition 68 – Authorizes \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for creation and rehabilitation of state & local parks & other projects. MPTA recommends a **NO** vote – Most of this money does not go to parks and California can not afford more debt to spend money on dubious projects.

Proposition 69 – Requires legislature to use SB1 revenue sources exclusively for transportation. MPTA recommends a **NO** vote. This bill was a last minute back room deal and is a potential vehicle to dump more money into the “train to nowhere.”

Proposition 70 – Requires 2/3 vote to use cap-and-trade revenues. MPTA is **neutral**, Vote Your Conscience.

Proposition 71 – Not a tax measure, MPTA takes **no position**.

Proposition 72 – Construction of rain-capture systems would be exempted from triggering a property-tax reassessment. MPTA recommends a **YES** vote. Taxpayers should not be penalized for doing their part to save water.

Please pass the word to your friends and neighbors, with your help MPTA will continue to fight for your rights as Taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Rick Heuer
President