

CEASE AND DESIST

A WATER GAME BY MONTEREY COUNTY WEEKLY

FIND YOUR WAY TO WATER UTOPIA WHERE HAPPY STEELHEAD FROLIC AND THERE'S WATER FOR EVERYONE.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PLAY

Supplies needed:

- Two or more players
- A game piece for each player, such as a coin or a pebble
- A six-sided die

• Roll to see who goes first. Then roll to advance, and take turns.

• **You will need to make a choice at the fork: Pursue the Cal Am desalination proposal, or pursue Pure Water Monterey. Either way, your goal is to get the California State Water Resources Control Board to lift the cease-and-desist order fastest.**

• Follow the instructions (below) of the spot you land on. Whoever gets to the finish first is the winner. Celebrate by toasting with a glass of water.

1. Snowy plover nest discovered at Cal Am's slant well location.
2. Pure Water Monterey is approved.
3. California Public Utilities Commission approves desal project.
4. Debate about source water slows down Pure Water Monterey.
5. Pure Water Monterey expansion, for an additional 2,250 acre-feet per year, is approved.
6. Cal Am drags feet on signing water purchase agreement.
7. California Coastal Commission approves desal project.
8. City of Marina sues Cal Am, alleging illegal groundwater pumping.
9. Marina Coast Water District sues Coastal Commission over project approval.
10. Cannot meet Coastal Commission's conditions of approval. Go to the other side and try another way.
11. Supply chain issues cause construction delays.
12. Pure Water Monterey expansion receives \$10.3 million from federal infrastructure bill.
13. Supply chain issues cause construction delays.
14. Monterey One Water receives a \$76 million federal loan, meaning

the Pure Water Monterey expansion is fully funded.

15. Roll an even number and advance to the finish. Roll odds, and it means the latest water supply analysis shows the desal project is not needed. Skip a turn, then roll any number to finish—the State Water Board lifts the cease-and-desist order!
16. Roll an odd number and advance to the finish. Roll an even number and it means the State Water Board expects to see greater water supply produced before the order is lifted. Keep rolling until you get a 2 or a 5—the State Water Board lifts the cease-and-desist order!

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