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Decision No. 91981 JUL 2 1980

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's own motion into the operations, practices, service, equipment, facilities, rules, regulations, contracts, and water supply of the MONTEREY PENINSULA DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a corporation, and of RANCHO DEL MONTE DIVISION OF WATER WEST CORPORATION.

Case No. 9530
(Filed April 3, 1973)

ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCONTINUANCE OF REPORT

California-American Water Company, by letter dated February 13, 1980, requests that the reporting requirement of Ordering Paragraph 6, Decision No. 84527, dated June 10, 1975, in Case No. 9530, be discontinued.

Ordering Paragraph 6, with the reporting requirement underlined, reads:

6. California-American Water Company shall implement Department of Water Resources Seaside Activities 1, 2, and 4, as agreed to by California-American Water Company in its Exhibit 33 in this proceeding. The two-day shut down of wells called for in Activity 1 shall be accomplished before March 31, 1976. The observation well called for in Activity 2 shall be completed by September 30, 1975. The program of monitoring the observation well called for by Activity 4 shall commence by October 1, 1975. Monthly reports of the results of monitoring the test well, together with an interpretation and evaluation of such results, shall be furnished to the Commission monthly, commencing on October 31, 1975.

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The observation well was ordered for the purpose of detecting seawater intrusion into the Seaside aquifer in the utility's Monterey District. The first report was delayed to January 31, 1976, due to difficulty in securing an acceptable well site. The 49th report was received on March 19, 1980. All reports have been reviewed by the staff and placed in the Commission files on Case No. 9530. There have been no significant changes in salinity as measured by chloride concentration.

The utility states in its letter of February 13 that it will continue to monitor the observation well and to prepare the Partial Mineral Analysis as it has in the past regardless of the reporting requirement. By letter dated April 15, 1980, the utility advises that its letter of February 13 has been sent to appearances in Case No. 9530. A copy of the letter has been placed in the Commission file in this matter. No protests have been received.

The Utilities Division staff concurs that the monthly report is no longer necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. California-American Water Company will continue to monitor the observation well and prepare the Partial Mineral Analysis as in the past.

2. A monthly report to the Public Utilities Commission is no longer required.

Conclusion of Law

The reporting requirement of Ordering Paragraph No. 6, Decision No. 84527, dated June 10, 1975, in Case No. 9530, should be rescinded.

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IT IS ORDERED that California-American Water Company (1) may discontinue the filing of the monthly test well monitoring report required by Ordering Paragraph No. 6 of Decision No. 84527; and (2) shall continue the monitoring of the test well and shall also continue the interpretation and evaluation of the results of the monitoring.

The effective date of this order shall be thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated AUL 2 1980 , at San Francisco, California.

John E. Guyon
President
William L. Stearns
Michael D. Havel
Clair J. Pedigo
Samuel W. King
Commissioners