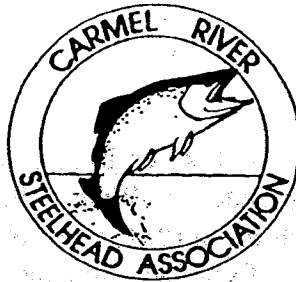


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Director Molly Erickson
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Dear Ms. Erickson,

The Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA) formally requests that the MPWMD accept and rear juvenile Carmel River Steelhead rescued by CRSA. We are aware that the District did not promise to care for steelhead other than those rescued from the main stem. Most of the steelhead CRSA rescues are from the tributaries to the Carmel River. Although these fish are not part of your formal mitigation plan we hope that in the sprite of Carmel River restoration, your rearing facility at Sleepy Hollow can find room for these fish. Sleepy Hollow is designed for more fish than are usually rescued from the main stem. It takes a little more work and expense to care for the increased number of fish we might provide. The help you provide may mitigate for some of the programs you have promised by not yet provided to steelhead recovery. If you need help defray the additional expense we of the CRSA would gladly raise the necessary funds.

Please place this matter on your agenda for discussion.

Sincerely,

Roy L. Thomas, President.

cc. Mr. Darby Fuerst MPWMD