



EXHIBIT 9-B

**MONTEREY PENINSULA
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**SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RESCIND CAL-AM APPLICATION TO AMEND WATER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM-- Carmel River Dam and Reservoir**

Dear Mr. Leonard:

At its April 2, 2003 meeting, the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) voted to request that California-American Water Company (Cal-Am) rescind its active application before the MPWMD to amend the Cal-Am water distribution system by constructing the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project. This request is being made in light of the fact that Cal-Am proposed construction of the Coastal Water Project in February 2003 and requested that the Cal-Am application for the dam before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) be amended to include the CWP instead. Similar Cal-Am action has yet to be taken with the MPWMD water distribution system permit.

The Board also directed that a Cal-Am response should be made within 90 days of receipt of this letter (assumed to be Wednesday, April 9, 2003). *Thus, the deadline for a reply is Tuesday, July 8, 2003.* The Board further directed that a public hearing on the Cal-Am application be scheduled if an affirmative response is not received within 90 days. If the public hearing is required, it will be scheduled for either the July 21 or August 18, 2003 meeting

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact me at 831/658-5650 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran Farina".

Fran Farina
Acting General Manager

Cc: MPWMD Board
Henrietta Stern, Project Manager