



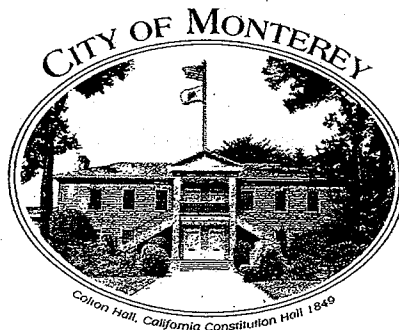
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SUPPLEMENT TO 6/20/05 MPWMD BOARD PACKET

Attached are copies of letters received between May 2 and June 8, 2005. These letters are also listed in the June 20, 2005 Board packet under item 21, Letters Received.

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Dan Albert	Yann Lusseau	4/26/05	Water to Open a Bakery in City of Monterey
Stephen L. Vagnini	David Berger	5/4/05	May 2, 2005 Visit to Aquifer Storage Recovery Site on Fort Ord
Dan Albert	David Berger	5/4/05	Support for Proposition 50 Planning Grant Submittal
Keith Israel	Curtis Weeks	5/5/05	Grant Funds under Proposition 50 Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Program
Keith Israel	David Berger	5/9/05	Letter of Support for Planning Grant Application
Bill Leahy	David Berger	5/10/05	South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Grant Proposal
David Dilworth	Administrative Law Judge	5/12/05	California American Water Company General Rate Case
Dick Butler	Megan Sheely	5/12/05	Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project
Marilyn Maxner	MPWMD Board	5/13/05	Advisory Measure on Public Acquisition of the California American Water Distribution System
Donald S. Clark	MPWMD Board	5/13/5	Application for Variance and Appeal from Decision Concerning Application of Debra and Max Gramespacher to Amend Water Permit No. 20676 & Mescal Place, Seaside, California 93955
Bev & Steve Bean	David Berger	5/15/05	California American Water Company General Rate Case
Madeleine Clark	MPWMD Board	5/16/05	Formation of an Elected Regional Water Board
Ruth Smith	MPWMD Board	5/16/05	Proposal for Public Acquisition of California American Water Company
George Riley	MPWMD Board	5/16/05	Petition for Public Ownership of the Cal Am Water Distribution System
Mike Oprish	John Laird	5/23/05	Oppose AB 1421
Nicolas Papadakis	Joe Oliver	5/25/05	Participation as Speaker at Regional Water Forum
Nicolas Papadakis	Andy Bell	5/25/05	Participation as Speaker at Regional Water Forum
John Laird	MPWMD Board	6/7/05	Update on Status of AB 1421



April 26, 2005

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Yann Lusseau
731 Munras Ave., Suite C
Monterey, CA 93940

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Dear Yann,

This letter is in response to your recent letter to the City Council, as well as your recent appearances at Council meetings, regarding problems with obtaining enough water to open a bakery business at 524 Fremont Street. We have also received a letter in support of your proposal from Pierre and Marietta Bain. I concur with their statement "that a world-class patisserie - such as Parker-Lusseau - would be a tremendous asset to this area". Unfortunately, the City of Monterey simply does not have any water to allocate for a new business. In fact, there are six commercial businesses already on the "Water Waiting List". Please see the attached allocation chart and waiting list.

It is my understanding that you have discussed your concerns with Community Development Director Bill Wojtkowski and that there are several possible solutions:

1. A meeting with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on-site to see if there is sufficient water in the existing building to allow your business to operate; or the possibility of a reclassification of your specific bakery into something more similar to a retail use, which demands less water. The ultimate decision maker on those possibilities would be with the Water Management District but City staff is glad to work with you and the Water Management District staff on trying to solve the problem;
2. The City is reviewing short-term possibilities for providing additional water to our allocation. We will be glad to keep you posted on the status.

I am sorry for your current dilemma. You should be aware that many other private parties are in the same situation as yourself. Of course the optimal solution is a long-term water supply. Meanwhile, City staff will be glad to work with you on potential short-term solutions. The best contact would be Senior Planner Chip Rerig at (831) 646-3437.

As a separate issue the staff is processing a "short term" parking space to better support your Hartnell Street location.

Sincerely,



Dan Albert
Mayor

Attachment: Water Waiting List and Allocation Chart

- c: Pierre and Marietta Bain, 750 Via Mirada, Monterey, CA 93940
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Dave Berger, General
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City Manager Fred Meurer
Community Development Director Bill Wojtkowski
Senior Planner Chip Rerig
Deputy Public Works Director Les Turnbeaugh
Traffic Engineer Rich Deal
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**CITY OF MONTEREY
WATER ALLOCATION CHART
April 2005
(No Change)**

TOTAL WATER AVAILABLE: 16.269 Acre Feet

Public Projects (reserve)		<u>-0.5</u>
	Balance:	15.769
Water Conditionally Reserved:		
Public Projects (high priority)		
Public Service Center + Modulares (1)		<u>-3.023</u>
		12.746
Youth Center Expansion		<u>-1.06</u>
		11.686
Landscaping @ 256 Figueroa		<u>-0.382</u>
		11.304
W.O.B. landscaping + improvements		<u>-0.373</u>
		10.931
CalTrans Median Landscaping Project (2)		<u>-0.61</u>
		10.321
Del Monte Ave Median Landscaping		<u>-0.001</u>
		10.32
W.O.B. Landscaping		<u>-0.5</u>
		9.82
Wharf II restroom expansion		<u>-0.116</u>
		9.704
W.O.B. restroom (volleyball area)		<u>-0.268</u>
		9.436
Animal Shelter		<u>-0.03</u>
	Balance:	9.406
Public Projects (housing)		
1110 Cass Street (Ass'd Living Facility)		<u>-5.06</u>
	Balance:	4.346
Other Projects		
Del Monte Beach Resubdivision		<u>-2.57</u>
	Balance:	1.776
Affordable Housing		
2020 Del Monte Avenue (expires 10/19/05)		<u>-1.776</u>
	Balance:	0

WATER WAITING LISTS:

	Number	Amount
SFD Residential Remodel	1	0.043
Other Residential	21	5.629
Commercial/Industrial	6	1.519
Total	28	7.191

- (1) PSC (3.213 AF for 45,900 sq ft - .560 demo credits) + Modulares (.37 AF) = 3.023 AF
(This number reflects 4,800 sq ft of possible office use of basement.)
- (2) .610 acre feet has been allocated for five years to CalTrans for Highway 1 median landscaping and will be returned to the public projects category after January 31, 2007.
- (3) Max of .49 AF per commercial project, .249 AF per residential project, to be allocated by staff. Water for commercial projects requiring .50 AF, or residential projects proposed to use .25 AF or more total requires City Council approval. (City Council action 08/03/99)
- (4) MPWMD Group III uses must be approved by City Council (08/03/99)

**COMMERCIAL WATER
WAITING LIST**

	<u>PROJECT/ NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>DATE SUBMITTED</u>	<u>EXISTING WATER USE (AF)</u>	<u>TYPE & # OF NEW FIXTURES</u>	<u>H2O REQUEST</u>	<u>PROPOSED WATER USE (AF)</u>	<u>RUNNING REQUEST TOTAL</u>
1	St. John's Greek Church	3051 Monterey/Salinas Hwy	04/06/2003	0	Religious Assembly	0.706	0.706	0.706
2	Rhett Smith Mixed-Use	774 Wave Street	09/02/2003	0 (1)	Commercial Office	0.123	0.123	0.829
3	Great Beginnings Childcare	614 Cypress Street	12/03/2003	0.164	12 Children Added	0.086	0.250	0.916
4	Finn, Cohen & House Prtn Jack Stracuzzi	425 Pacific/426 Calle Principal 798 Wave Street	12/17/2003	1.34	Commercial Office	0.280	1.620	1.196
5	S. Shaw/Hare on Houston	578 B Houston Street	04/12/2004	0	Commercial Retail	0.267	0.267	1.462
6			04/30/2004	0.0224	Hair Salon (2)	0.057	0.034	1.519

(1) No commercial water credits on-site (residential credits on-site)

(2) Request based upon number of proposed cutting stations

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STEPHEN L. VAGNINI
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Mr. David Berger, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
PO BOX 85
Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Dear Mr. Berger;

On behalf of the Monterey County Department Heads Council, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your staff for hosting our May 2, 2005 site visit of your office and the Aquifer Storage Recovery Site on Fort Ord.

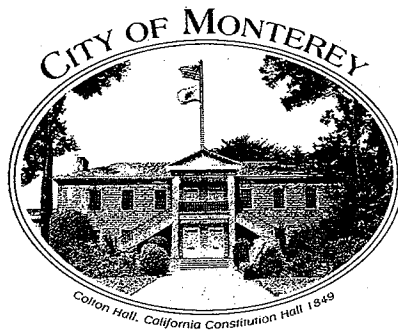
I apologize for our lower than expected turnout but a number of department heads were unable to attend due to last minute obligations. By all accounts your presentation was both interesting and informative providing an excellent overview of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. I now have a better understanding of some of the other services and functions that the District performs and would like to commend you and your staff for the valuable service that you provide the community.

Again, thank you for accommodating our Council and for your hospitality.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Vagnini
Monterey County Assessor County Clerk Recorder
Chair Monterey County Department Heads Council

Cc Joe Oliver, Henrietta Stern, Stephanie Pintar



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Mr. David A. Berger, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Support for Proposition 50 Planning Grant Submittal

Dear Mr. Berger:

On behalf of the City of Monterey, I would like to express our support for the development of an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for the Monterey Peninsula. The City recognizes the many benefits inherent in the collaborative development of a regional plan and is pleased to partner with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, the Pebble Beach Company, and the cities of Pacific Grove and Carmel in this effort.

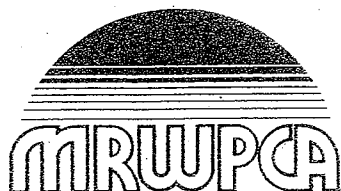
Further, I would like to express the City's strong support for this regional group's application to the California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board to obtain an Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant (part of the Proposition 50 – Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002) to help fund the development of the IRWMP.

The City of Monterey looks forward to working with the group in the development of this comprehensive plan and the resulting implementation projects, and ensuring the continued protection of our regional water systems.

Sincerely,

Dan Albert
Mayor

c: City Engineer
Associate Civil Engineer



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Mr. Curtis Weeks
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
P. O. Box 930
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Curtis,

Thank you for meeting with us on Monday to discuss the projects you are considering submitting for grant funds under the Proposition 50 Chapter 8 - Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (IRWMP) program. As we noted at the meeting, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (Agency) believes that it is very important for our two agencies and others to coordinate, integrate, and document our respective projects in plans that fulfill the State requirements that all regional projects demonstrate consistency with IRWMP Standards.

We feel this is particularly important because the State has noted that no project will be eligible for funding unless the IRWM plan meets their minimum standards. These standards include documentation that water management strategies, including water recycling, must be considered during the development of the IRWMP (ref: State IRWMP Plan Standards-Appendix A).

As we noted at our recent meeting, our Agency has identified two projects that would benefit the region substantially and demonstrate consistency with the State's IRWMP standards. These include:

- The Seaside Basin Groundwater Replenishment Project that will involve the purification and conveyance of recycled water from MRWPCA's Salinas Valley Reclamation Plant (SVRP) for recharge of the Seaside basin; and,
- The Phase 1 - Regional Urban Recycled Water Project that will provide irrigation water to numerous golf courses, parks, and landscaped areas in the Marina, Fort Ord, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks and the Monterey areas.

We understand that you will be submitting an IRWM Equivalency Plan concurrent with submitting your Implementation Grant application in July. In conjunction with preparing these documents, we have the following requests:

Joint Powers Authority Member Entities:

Boronda County Sanitation District, Castroville Service Area 14, County of Monterey, Del Rey Oaks, Marina Coast Water District, Monterey, Moss Landing County Sanitation District, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City, Seaside, and U.S. Army (Ex-officio)

Mr. Curtis Weeks – MCWRA
Re: Prop 50- Chapter 8
May 5, 2005
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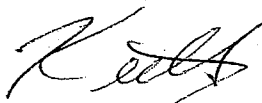
1. **IRWMP Equivalency Plan.** Include MRWPCA as a partner in carrying out the portions of the plan which involve recycled water. Also list the Seaside Basin Groundwater Replenishment and the Regional Urban Recycled Water Projects in the plan, so they will be eligible for Implementation Grant funding.
2. **Implementation Planning Grant.** Include the Seaside Basin Groundwater Replenishment and Phase 1- Regional Urban Recycled Water Projects in any MCWRA integrated regional water management planning that may be in any Proposition 50 Implementation Grant application that MCWRA may file. We will provide descriptions of both projects within the next two weeks for your use in including these projects in those grant applications.

We have made these same requests to the MPWMD, which is also planning to prepare an IRWM Equivalency Plan and will also be submitting an Implementation Grant application. As you are aware, our projects are within the boundaries of both the MCWRA and MPWMD plans.

Our Agency is prepared to support the MCWRA in implementing its IRWMP, and we are prepared to muster additional support to enhance our region's chances of securing funding from this first phase of Proposition 50 - Chapter 8 grant funding. We also believe that including these two regional-benefit projects would substantially increase the standing of any IRWMP with DWR and SWRCB staff; alternatively, we also believe their omission could cause unnecessary confusion about the level of regional cooperation associated with any IRWM plan for our region that doesn't include them.

Again, thanks for meeting with us this week; and let us know by May 13th how we can participate in your Prop 50 process so as to minimize the impact of adding our projects to your plan.

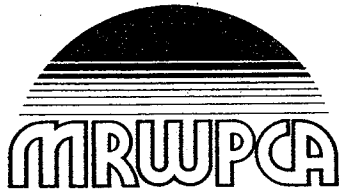
Sincerely,



Keith Israel
General Manager

KI/bn

cc: Bill Phillips, MCRWA ✓
Dave Berger, MPWMD ✓
Mike Armstrong, MCWD



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David A. Berger, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, California 93942

Dear Dave,

Subject: Letter of Support for Planning Grant Application

The Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency strongly supports the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's submittal of a Grant Application for Proposition 50 funding to develop an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) for this area.

MRWPCA has been cooperating and coordinating closely with MPWMD in the development of the Grant Application, and will participate fully in the development and adoption of an IRWMP.

MRWPCA has several projects that could qualify for Implementation Grant funding, if they are included in your IRWMP. We therefore look forward to the opportunity to work closely with you and your staff throughout the grant process.

Sincerely,

Keith Israel
General Manager

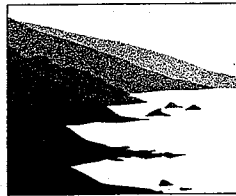
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May 10, 2005

Mr. David A. Berger
 General Manager
 Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Management District
 P.O. Box 85
 Monterey, California 93942

Re: South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan Grant
 Proposal

Dear Mr. Berger:

I am writing to express my support for the development of the South Monterey Bay Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and associated planning grant proposal. Big Sur Land Trust appreciates the work being conducted to integrate efforts as our organization works to protect lands and waterways in Monterey County and neighboring areas that are significant natural habitat, open space, agricultural, watershed and recreational properties. Big Sur Land Trust recognizes the importance of collaborating with other local agencies to accomplish water management and habitat conservation goals.

We have identified, as part of our new 25 year vision plan, the need for greater integration of efforts and collaboration with regards to the conservation of the critical lands and waters in our area. The Carmel River and San Jose Creek watersheds are areas of special concern the Trust. We look forward to the opportunity to work with the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and other participating parties to improve watershed lands and resources. IRWMP funding will leverage key investments already made by the Coastal Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Board and several conservation NGO's in these areas.

We are eager to collaborate on projects which cumulative efforts will reduce non-point source inputs in Carmel River Watershed waterways and the Carmel Bay Area of Special Biological Significance.

Sincerely,

Bill Leahy
 Big Sur Land Trust
 Executive Director

RCMP - Responsible Consumers of our Monterey Peninsula

Box 1495, Carmel, CA 93921 - 831/624-6500

Administrative Law Judge
CPUC
San Francisco, CA

May 12, 2005

**Reject Cal-Am's Outrageous Rate Increase Application,
Penalize Cal-Am For OverAsking,
Order Cal-Am to Cal-Am Sell System to Monterey Peninsula
Water Management District**

Dear Judge:

- Peninsula Residents already pay among the highest rates for Water in California.
- Increase by 31 million or 88 percent
- Cal Am Has Exhibited Only Hostile Acts Towards Ratepayers - Now Public Wants Water System
- So Cal Am is Trying to Inflate Rates to Make Public Ownership Harder, More Expensive. The outrageous rate Increase they are asking for, \$31 million dollars and 88 percent, would pay for the system to be public.
- Compare Water Rates of Golf Courses to Residential Water.
- No Incentive to manage for minimum cost to Ratepayers.
 1. Please Do Not Grant the Rate Increase.
 2. OverAsk Penalty - ShareHolder Penalty
 3. Order Cal-Am to Sell System to Water District.

Sincerely,

David Dilworth, Co-Founder

Responsible Consumers of Our Monterey Peninsula

Founded in 1994, RCMP's mission is to help protect Monterey Peninsula's Sustainable Quality of Life with consumer choices using education, research, science, law and advocacy.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325
Santa Rosa, California 95404

In response, refer to:

May 12, 2005

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
c/o Megan Sheely
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000

Dear Ms. Sheely:

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) appreciates having the opportunity to comment on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's (MPWMD) petition to add points of diversion and place of storage for its Water Right Permits 7130B (Application 11674B) and 20808 (Application 27614). Approval of this petition would authorize the diversion of up to 7,300 acre-feet per annum (afa) from the Carmel River for the MPWMD aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) project.

The Notice of Petition indicates that the MPWMD seeks modifications in their two water right permits such that their project would change from a reservoir storage project with fishery maintenance conditions to a direct diversion project operated with a maximum rate of diversion to offstream storage of 20 cfs. The new proposed season of diversion would be December 1 through May 31 of the following year. The proposed new place of storage would be the Seaside Groundwater Basin as shown on a map filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The proposed new points of diversion would be thirty-two existing wells and the San Clemente Dam, each of which is owned by California American Water Company (Cal-Am).

The Notice of the Petition to change Permits 7130B and 20808 states that "MPWMD is willing to accept the instream flow requirements included in the *'Instream Flow Needs for Steelhead in the Carmel River, Bypass Flow Recommendations for Water Supply Projects using Carmel River Waters'* (National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region, Santa Rosa Field Office, June 3, 2002)." This statement does not indicate that MPWMD has fully committed to using these bypass flow recommendations in its proposed ASR project. However, it suggests that MPWMD is willing to operate the ASR Project using the NMFS (2002)¹ bypass flow recommendations, if they are included as terms and conditions on the changed (revised) water right permit. The precise status of the bypass flow terms is unclear in the SWRCB's Notice of Petition to add points of diversion and place of storage for these two permits. This issue is especially important because the Notice of Petition states that the petitioner seeks to remove almost all of the permit

¹ NMFS. 2002. Instream flow needs for steelhead in the Carmel River; bypass flow recommendations for water supply projects using Carmel River waters. National Marine Fisheries Service – Southwest Region, Santa Rosa, CA. June 3, 2002. 49 pp.



conditions concerned with protecting fisheries resources affected by the original Carmel River Dam Project.

NMFS does not object to the petitioned changes to Permits 7130B and 20808 as noticed by the SWRCB on April 15, 2005, if:

- 1) the revised new permits resulting from this change petition include all of the bypass terms contained in NMFS (2002), and
- 2) consistent with the SWRCB Notice of the Petition: "*The MPWMD ASR Project is intended to divert excess winter flows from the Carmel River to storage in the Seaside Groundwater Basin to reduce the level of unauthorized diversion.*" Therefore this requested change of MPWMD's permits would not result in increased volumes of water being diverted from the Carmel, but rather the diversions would offset the unauthorized diversions of Cal-Am, which are especially problematic from early April through late fall.
- 3) MPWMD agrees that the water diversion site at the San Clemente Dam is a temporary diversion site that may be removed as a point of diversion when the San Clemente Dam is removed from the watershed. For purposes of habitat restoration and improving fish access to upstream reaches, NMFS has actively pursued removal of the San Clemente Dam, which currently has no appreciable water supply, flood protection, or hydroelectric power value.

Although we would be supportive of the project with the above conditions, the status of the bypass flow terms remains unclear. Therefore, NMFS finds it necessary to protest the proposed changes to the permit until it is fully clear that steelhead resources in the Carmel River will be adequately protected by adoption of the bypass flow terms described in NMFS (2002).

Attachment A summarizes our recommended bypass flow terms for the Carmel River diversions, as described in NMFS (2002).

The basis for our protest is that diversions from the Carmel Valley Aquifer have a direct effect on surface flow in the Carmel River. As a result of these diversions, the Carmel River usually goes dry downstream from approximately RM 6 or 7 by July of each year. From July until the winter rains begin, the only water remaining in the lower river is in isolated pools that gradually dry up as the groundwater table declines in response to pumping. Surface flow from the Carmel River into the lagoon normally recedes after the rainy season in late spring, and it ceases in summer as rates of water extraction exceed base flow discharge.

The annual dewatering of the lower Carmel River adversely affects anadromous runs of steelhead. The steelhead run in the Carmel River is part of the South-Central California Coast Evolutionarily Significant Unit, which was listed as a threatened species by NMFS in 1997 (62 FR 43937, August 19, 1997). Each year, the MPWMD conducts a "fish rescue" operation that relocates 10,000+ juvenile steelhead from the dewatered segment to holding facilities or to permanently flowing upstream segments. These activities likely save some steelhead that would

otherwise die from stranding; however, the rescue effort only accounts for a portion of the wild fishes potentially lost in the lower river, and many that are collected are undoubtedly adversely affected during their capture or from overcrowding in upper river segments or the holding facility.

The SWRCB Order 95-10 found that excessive water diversions are having an adverse effect on the riparian corridor along the Carmel River and upon steelhead which spawn in the river. The importance of addressing these impacts is of even greater urgency than it was during the proceedings associated with Order 95-10, because these steelhead are now federally listed as threatened. Subsequent proceedings related to Condition 6 of Order 95-10 (e.g., Order 98-04, the SWRCB hearing in Fall 2001, and the resulting Order 2002-02) have all recognized the adverse effects of direct diversions from the river.

If adopted as terms and conditions for MPWMD's proposed ASR Project, the bypass flow recommendations spelled out in NMFS (2002) and summarized in Attachment A of this letter should adequately protect steelhead in the Carmel River from potential impacts of the ASR project.

Thank you for your cooperation in the above. We look forward to continued opportunities for NMFS and the SWRCB to cooperate in the conservation of listed species. If you have any questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter please contact Dr. William Hearn at (707) 575-6062.

Sincerely,



Dick Butler
Santa Rosa Area Office Supervisor
Protected Resources Division

cc: V. Whitney, chief (SWRCB)
R. Floerke (DFG, Yountville)
A. Bell (MPWMD)
S. Leonard (Cal-Am)
J. Williams (Sierra Club)
R. Thomas (Carmel River Steelhead Assoc.)
T. Lombardo

Attachment A

Table 1. Recommended minimum instream surface flows and cumulative maximum rates of withdrawal for new water diversions on the Carmel River.

<p style="text-align: center;">Winter Dec. 15 - April 15</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring April 15 - May 31</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer - Fall June 1 - December 15</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wet, Normal, Below Normal Water Years</u></p> <p>Prior to 1st Attraction event continue December bypass flows.</p> <p>Attraction event = estimated unimpaired flow to the Lagoon \geq 200 cfs. During Attraction events, bypass sufficient to maintain 200 cfs to Lagoon.</p> <p>Following Attraction events, provide minimum bypass flow of 100 cfs between LPD¹ and SCD; a minimum bypass flow of 90 cfs between SCD and RM 5.5; a minimum bypass flow of 60 cfs between RM 5.5 and the Lagoon.</p> <p>Limit cumulative maximum average daily diversion rate to 80 cfs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wet, Normal, Below Normal Water Years</u></p> <p>New projects must bypass 80 cfs between SCD and the Lagoon; above SCD, new projects must provide prorated flows yielding 80 cfs or inflow at SCD.</p> <p>Limit the cumulative maximum average daily diversion rate to 80 cfs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wet, Normal, Below Normal Water Years</u></p> <p>No <u>new</u> diversions are warranted June 1 to October 31.</p> <p>If feasible, June 1 to October 31, authorized diversions upstream of the Narrows should divert only when flow at the Narrows exceeds 20 cfs; authorized diversions downstream of the Narrows should divert only when inflow to the lagoon exceeds 5 cfs.</p> <p>November: New projects can divert with minimum bypass of 20 cfs at Narrows and 5 cfs at Lagoon.</p> <p>December 1-15: New projects can divert with minimum bypass of 40 cfs.</p>
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¹LPD = Los Padres Dam; SCD = San Clemente Dam



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May 13, 2005

Chair and Members of the Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
P.O. Box 85
Monterey, CA 93942

**SUBJECT: ITEM 14 REGARDING ADVISORY MEASURE ON PUBLIC ACQUISITION
OF THE CALIFORNIA AMERICAN WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM**

Dear Chair and Members of the Board of Directors:

The League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula urges you to place an advisory measure on the ballot regarding public acquisition of the California American Water Distribution System. Ownership of the water system and future water supplies for the Monterey Peninsula is an issue of extensive public discussion and concern. An advisory vote will give voters an opportunity to provide direction to local community leaders and the MPWMD for future action. Finally, the League supports full public participation, including allowing for rebuttal arguments to be presented in the election materials.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Maxner
President

Debra and Max Gramespacher
8 Mescal Place
Seaside, California 93955
May 13, 2005

Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
5 Harris Court, Building G
Post Office Box 85
Monterey, California 93942-0085
Delivered by FAX on May 13, 2005
FAX # (831) 644-9560


*Copies of Summary of Application for Variance and Appeal from Decision Concerning
Application of Debra and Max Gramespacher to Amend Water Permit No. 20676
8 Mescal Place Seaside, California 93955*

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am forwarding to you by FAX copies of letters to five of the Members of the Board of Directors -- Mr. Foy, Ms. Markey, Mr. Edwards, Ms. Knight, and Ms. Lehman -- from Ms. Debra Gramespacher, in connection with the above Application for Variance. Ms. Gramespacher and her husband filed the Application on March 7, 2005, and it will be discussed at the May 16, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. I would very much appreciate your delivering the enclosed letters to each of the five Members of the Board today, if possible. I have FAXed copies of the letters to Supervisor Potter and Mr. Pendergrass to their separate FAX numbers.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Donald S. Clark, for Debra Gramespacher
(202) 326-2514

Debra and Max Gramespacher
8 Mescal Place
Seaside, California 93955
May 13, 2005

The Honorable Larry Foy
2005 Chair and Division 5 Representative
Board of Directors
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5 Harris Court, Building G
Post Office Box 85
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Dear Mr. Foy:

The Application for Variance that my husband and I filed on March 7, 2005 will be discussed at the May 16, 2005 Board of Directors meeting, and we appreciate the opportunity to appear before you. I understand that copies of our complete Application package will be distributed to you and the other Board Members by the District staff before the meeting, and I thought I would take this opportunity to provide an overview.

The purpose of our Application is to secure Board approval to install a shower for my father in an upstairs addition to our home, in which my father will shortly reside. The Board has determined that an application for variance can be approved

when a) special circumstances exist . . . ; b) when strict interpretation and enforcement of any standard would cause undue hardship; and c) when the granting of such a variance will not tend to defeat the purpose of the Rules and Regulations.

All three of these criteria are clearly satisfied in this case. First, the requisite special circumstances exist because adding a shower to the half-bathroom in the upstairs addition will not increase water usage. My father will take the same number of showers regardless of whether he can use a new shower in the addition or instead must use an existing shower downstairs. In fact, the steps we have taken actually will substantially reduce water usage. We have already installed an instant access hot water system (with its own water heater) in the addition. As a result, both the wash basin and the proposed shower in the addition will use considerably less water than if my father were instead to have to take showers downstairs, where we do not have an instant access system. Indeed, as our Application indicates, the upstairs instant access hot

water system is likely to save approximately 1,000 gallons of water per year, including savings of approximately 500 gallons of water per year attributable to the proposed shower alone.

Second, strict interpretation and enforcement of the fixture unit methodology clearly would cause undue hardship. My father is 81 years old, and his health conditions make it necessary for him to be able to take showers in the upstairs addition rather than downstairs. This would clearly constitute a hardship that is not only undue but also completely unwarranted, given the substantial reduction in water usage the shower will actually produce.

Third, installation of the proposed shower will not defeat the purpose of the District's Rules and Regulations; in fact, the steps my husband and I have already taken will substantially advance that purpose. The Mission of the District is of course, *inter alia*, to "augment and protect water resources" As a consequence of the more than \$5,000 which we have already spent on water conservation measures, as required by the District -- and other actions we have taken with respect to our property -- we are arguably entitled to a total of 1.4 fixture unit credits, which we are willing to allocate to this project. This total includes both the 0.4 fixture unit credit shown on the water permit issued by the District on August 18, 2004, and one additional fixture unit credit which we received when we disabled a hot tub located on our property in 1998. At that time, we were advised that disabling the hot tub would entitle us to receive one fixture unit credit, which we would be able to use to cover additional indoor water fixtures. We have now completely removed the hot tub, and the water savings produced by that action are therefore permanent. We should not now be deprived of the one fixture unit credit we earned and were promised before the credit rule covering outdoor fixtures was changed in 2000.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that the Board of Directors approve our Application for Variance and permit us to install a shower for my father in the upstairs addition to our home. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Debra Gramespacher

Debra Gramespacher
(831) 392-1159

By Donald L. Clark

-----Original Message-----

From: Bev & Steve Bean [mailto:BevAndSteve@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2005 5:13 PM
To: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Cc: David Berger
Subject: Application 05-02-013

California Public Utilities Commission
Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Ave
San Francisco, CA. 94102
RE: Application 05-02-013

As a citizen, I object to the California American Water Company's rate increase proposal for a number of reasons. Cal Am is asking that we pay for their lobbying expenses in the attempt to dissolve the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District in 2003. They wished to change the governance from a directly elected board and to remove the public's right to vote on proposed water projects. The state senate bill (SB 149) did not address controlling costs, size, a new water supply or the production of affordable housing. Through the intense effort of many citizen groups, we were able to defeat this. Now Cal-Am wants us to pay their PR expenses (see Armanasco billings) for attempting to stifle the public vote.

Cal Am's new water supply project, the proposed ocean desalination plant does not have a secured site nor does it have a partnership arrangement with a public entity as required by Monterey County law, which requires desalination plants to be in public ownership. Cal Am, Pajaro-Sunny Mesa Public Services District and most recently, the county of Monterey all seem to be duplicating the expenses associated with designing similar projects at Moss Landing.

Cal-Am has been under order of the State Water Resources Control Board for over ten years to cease and desist its overpumping of the Carmel River which has caused great environmental damage. Instead of supporting a small project which would solve the over-pumping and provide drought protection without encouraging unsustainable growth, Cal Am has chosen to waste huge amounts of money and time on the unlikely Moss Landing proposal. Researchers at Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Center at Moss Landing have repeatedly warned Cal-Am about the toxicity of the water they propose to desalinate at Moss Landing due to agricultural run-off of both pesticides and nitrate fertilizers.

Cal Am has a notoriously poor record of maintaining and upgrading the aging infrastructure of its distribution system. Its loss of water through leakage is much higher than average and its response to

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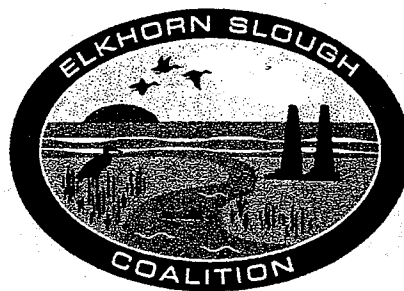
emergencies goes through a central switchboard out of state resulting in poor service. Why not spend some of these millions to improve the existing infrastructure? Cal-Am's customers are among the best at water conservation in the state- why is the company so unresponsive to their needs? Monterey District rates are already among the highest in the state and the proposed desalination project could make the rates unaffordable to and disproportionately affect lower income residents.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Sincerely yours,

Beverly G. Bean, VMD
39 Calera Canyon Road
Corral de Tierra, CA 93908

5/18/2005



Submitted at 5/16/05
MPWMD Board Meeting

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Chair Alvin Edwards and Members of the Board
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Meeting Agenda for May 16, 2005
RE: Regional Governance of Water Issues

The public is looking for more participation in water policy and projects, not less. Instead of approving the proposal before you to form a water board consisting of appointed members that excludes fair representation from north and south county—and the ability of voters to choose their own candidates—we ask you to consider formation of an **elected** regional water board that will encompass all of Monterey County.


Representatives would be chosen by voters for their stance on water policies and projects. They would serve all the people of Monterey County. This truly *regional* water board could consist of nine elected members, one each from the supervisorial districts and four elected from the county at large.

In the interim, the five **elected** members of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and four appointed members from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency could serve for two years on a consolidated regional water board while protocol and election schedules are implemented.

By consolidating these two boards taxpayers will save money on duplicated administration costs and deal with one agency concerning water projects like the Moss Landing desalination plant, the Carmel River Dam and the Salinas Valley Water Project.

Water projects and policy have become so intertwined and overlapping that they affect everyone in Monterey County. An elected regional water board would certainly provide the most comprehensive approach to solving our water problems. Voters and ratepayers are clamoring for leadership that takes the big picture into consideration when deciding massive public works projects of this nature. A regional board could provide that leadership.

It is imperative that members of such a board are elected for their expertise and opinions regarding water policy and projects. Appointed politicians and bureaucrats won't necessarily represent the will of the people since they are already committed to other agendas.


Madeleine Clark, Director
Elkhorn Slough Coalition

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THE HERALD'S VIEW

McPherson's water proposal merits feedback

REMARKABLY
SIMILAR TO
CURTIS WEEK'S
WATER BOARD
PROPOSAL*, THIS
LEGISLATION WAS
REJECTED TWICE
BY MEMBERS OF
THE STATE ASSEMBLY.

Seemingly determined to shift control of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District from voters to mayors, state Sen. Bruce McPherson is circulating the draft of a measure "in an effort to seek feedback on the proposal" before introducing in bill form. It would make these key changes:

- Elected members of the water board would be gradually replaced by Peninsula mayors. The Peninsula supervisor would continue to serve on the board.

- Members could use "weighted voting." The mayors of Monterey, Seaside and Marina would carry more weight than other mayors.

- Major water projects, such as a desalination plant, could proceed without a public vote. Currently, Peninsula water projects need voter approval.

The measure is a first cousin to legislation McPherson introduced last year, but would entail less organizational upheaval.

McPherson "strongly believes in the vision of mayors," explained James Jack, his chief of staff. Since mayors are responsible for implementing the state's housing goals, they are in the best position to determine where new homes should go and provide the necessary water.

However, Peninsula cities are largely built out. Most of the land for new housing is located in unincorporated areas, not within Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Marina and Sand City.

Weighted voting is sometimes useful, sometimes not. The use of weighted voting by the Fort Ord Reuse Authority has truncated some discussions about affordable housing, for example.

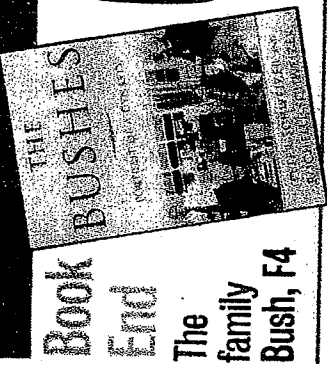
McPherson's rationale for wanting to eliminate the public's right to vote on major water projects, is that no other special districts operates that way. Of the 3,400 special districts in California, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is the only one that requires voter approval of big projects.

McPherson's "effort to get feedback" may have turned out differently than he may have expected: The water board voted 5-1 to oppose the draft amendments, with Sand City Mayor David Pendergrass casting the only yes vote. Chairman Alvin Edward said a better approach would be to give the board a set period — 12 years, say — and if there still isn't a viable water project, dissolve it. No doubt many will agree.

The Herald encourages Peninsula residents to follow through on the senator's request for feedback. Sen. Bruce McPherson's address is State Capitol, Room 4081, Sacramento, CA 95814 His FAX is (916) 445-8081. Direct email to senatormcpherson@sen.ca.gov.

* REGIONAL URBAN WATER SUPPLY BOARD

Commentary



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On the Opinion page: Mexico's politics are gridlocked. If Mexico does not get some real leadership, it's likely to have a real crisis.

—Thomas L. Friedman

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Substantial taxpayer savings could be gained by combining the existing (water agencies) into one regional water board

County needs elected regional water management

BY MADELEINE CLARK
Guest Commentary

We welcome the opportunity to comment on state Sen. Bruce McPherson's proposed legislation to restructure the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

By replacing elected representatives of the district with appointed members from six Monterey Peninsula cities and a Board of Supervisor's appointee, he hopes to expedite water projects and propel water policy forward. The cities are Monterey, Seaside, Pacific Grove, Carmel, Del Rey Oaks and Sand City.

While we commend McPherson for his efforts to bring these important

concerns to the attention of his constituents, McPherson's proposed legislation prevents voter participation in the process by not only eliminating the public's right to choose their own representatives, but by also denying citizens the right to approve proposed water projects.

The public is looking for more participation in the water projects process, not less. As the director of the Elkhorn Slough Coalition, we would like to suggest that McPherson modify his legislation to provide for an elected Regional Water

Board to encompass all of Monterey County.

Such a board could consist of nine elected members, one each from the supervisorial districts and four elected from the county at large. Individuals elected would serve for one six-year term with a midterm vote of confidence. Board members failing to win 51 percent approval would serve the remainder of their term ex officio.

In the interim, legislation could propose that this Regional Water Board replace the Monterey Peninsula Water

Management District and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. An interim board, to serve for two years, could consist of the five elected representatives from the Peninsula board and four appointed representatives from the county board.

Substantial taxpayer savings could be gained by combining the existing Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency into one Regional Water Board.

This would allow all residents of Monterey County to deal with one agency concerning water projects like

the proposed Moss Landing desalination plant. Projects of this size and magnitude are so intertwined and overlapping in all geographic areas that they affect everyone in Monterey County.

A Regional Water Board would certainly provide the most comprehensive approach to solving our water problems. The public is clamoring for leadership that takes the "big picture" into consideration when deciding public works projects of this nature. A Regional Water Board would provide that vehicle.

Madeleine Clark is director of the Elkhorn Slough Coalition.

Submitted at
5/16/05 MPLWMD 33
Board Meeting

May 16, 2005

Dear Water Board Member:

I am strongly in favor of the proposal to buyout our water delivery system from its private owners, Cal-Am Water.

I believe that a municipally owned and operated water delivery system is much preferable to Cal-Am for a great many reasons. Foremost among them, a municipal water system would be run for the benefit of the community rather than for profit. This simple difference tremendously alters the dynamic of water delivery. Imagine if you will that there were a way for current water users to decrease their water consumption by a large amount, say 90%. It would be in the best interest of a municipal water system to encourage this reduction of use, freeing up water for development, river restoration and so on. But, it would not be in the best interest of Cal-Am to have water users cut back so dramatically; in fact it is in their interest to have us use as much water as possible, since water shortages lead to higher water prices – a clear benefit for Cal-Am, especially when a great deal of water is sold at those higher prices. In a water deficient area like Monterey this is reason enough to consider a publicly owned water delivery system.

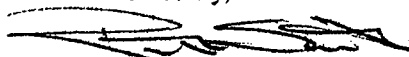
A water system run for the benefit of the community has a great deal more flexibility to respond to the needs and desires of the local people. We might decide that everyone has the right to a certain maintenance level of water per day and only charge users who go over that amount to cover the system's costs. Or perhaps we might decide to raise water prices to subsidize cisterns or water reclamation projects. These are not things Cal-Am can legally do because they are bound by law to maximize profits for their shareholders.

Another reason we should own our own water delivery system is that, in the long run, it is a lot cheaper as evidenced by municipal water systems throughout the country and doesn't carry the uncontrollable risks inherent in a private system.

Suppose a municipal system could deliver one unit of water for \$1 and that a private company said they could deliver a unit for only 90 cents because of increased efficiency or better management. Is there a true savings for the community? First of all, the private company would really have to be able to deliver that unit for 80 cents or less since they would have to include a profit into their price, whereas a municipal system just wants to provide a quality service without charging a profit "surcharge". Organizational efficiencies and efficiencies of scale are possible, but at some point further cost decreases require a decrease of quality. A community could decide at what point that balance should be – it is not under constant legal pressure to maximize profits. For instance, a given number of safety inspectors might be adequate 95% of the time, but when rains are heavy or unusual circumstances come up that number cannot adequately monitor water quality. A for-profit operation would have to use the least number of personnel possible, but a community could decide that its water safety was worth the extra expense of more personnel than absolutely necessary. Also, the private company might decide to give fewer benefits to its workers or hire more part time employees to save money, in the style of Wal Mart. But this makes no sense for a community, which knows that such workers must use more social services and the actual cost to the community is greater.

This is just the tip of the iceberg, there are countless other benefits to our community of a municipally owned water system. I urge you to go forward with a buyout of Cal-Am Water.

Sincerely,



Ruth Smith
26282 Atherton Drive
Carmel, CA 93923
831-620-1303

Submitted at
5/16/05 Board Meeting 35

PETITION FOR
PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE CAL AM
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

California American Water is a private for-profit corporation that is owned by a German corporation—RWE Thames Water, the third largest water company in the world. A recent idea circulating on the Monterey Peninsula is public ownership of the Cal Am operation. This would entail a bond election to finance a local purchase.

I am not satisfied with the current water practices and the acrimonious politics over water issues. I am definitely interested in the possibility of public ownership. I urge my elected officials to prepare a plan for public ownership, including the pros and cons, and seek public input and reactions. This deserves serious attention.

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X Roderick B. Holmgren

X Frank C. Brest

X Frieda H. Brest

X Joseph Szewczak

X Linda Aguerbak

X Paul Blum

X MARY J. BRYSON

X Jennifer Ward

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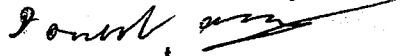
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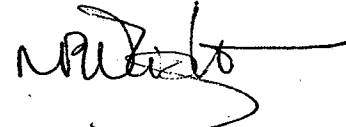
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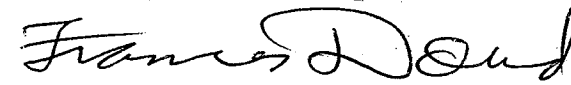

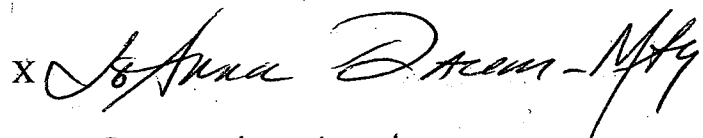




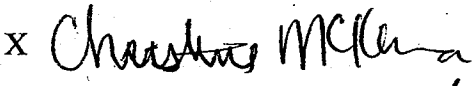
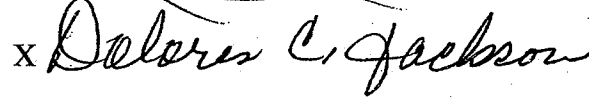


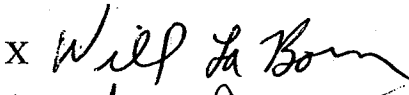
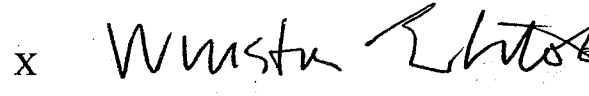
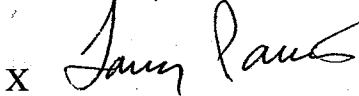

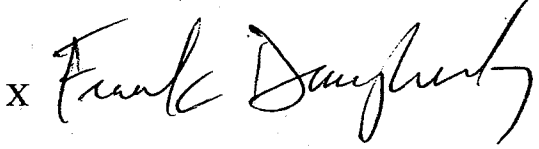



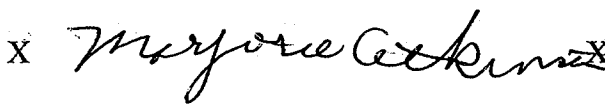

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Carmel Valley | X | Juniper
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| X | Edith J. Karas
Monterey | X | Jay L. Landon
Carmel Valley, CA |
| X | Andrew Scholesky
P.G. | X | Marilyn Beebe PG |
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Carmel | X | PAMEA TAKIGAWA CV |
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May 23, 2005

The Honorable John Laird
 P.O. Box 942849
 Sacramento, California 94249-0027

Re: Oppose AB 1421

Dear Assemblymember Laird:

The Monterey County Hospitality Association opposes AB 1421.

We have waited until now to inform you of our opposition because we have been waiting to see if discussions with the Monterey Peninsula Management District or with local elected officials and community leaders would lead to a version of the bill we would not find objectionable.

The pretext for a special law addressing the need for a water supply for affordable housing on the Monterey Peninsula is flawed. We on the Peninsula have struggled for years to realize a safe, stable, secure and sufficient water supply for all our community needs. An historic collaboration is underway among various local entities to accomplish a public water supply project to serve Peninsula and other critical water supply needs. AB 1421 does not offer any help in accomplishing that worthy goal and in fact creates one more impediment to the ongoing collaborative effort.

Singling out the Monterey Peninsula makes no sense since the need for affordable housing is critical throughout coastal California. As you should know, the twin struggle for adequate water supplies and affordable housing is present elsewhere in California, and is even present elsewhere within Assembly District 27. The annual water supply production AB 1421 requires be permanently dedicated to affordable housing does not correspond to any of the Peninsula jurisdiction's certified Housing Elements and does not correspond to categories of overall water use in the area.

We urge you to drop AB 1421. This bill serves no useful purpose and is certainly not in the best interest of the Monterey Peninsula area or the greater region of which it is a part.

Sincerely,

Mike Oprish
 President

Cc: Monterey County Board of Supervisors
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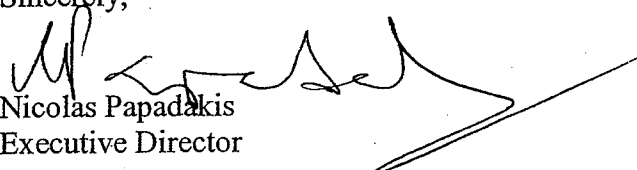
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Your presentation **Feasible Alternative Ways for Meeting Future Demand – Aquifer Storage** was very informative and contributed to the overall quality of this event.

Again, thank you for your participation in this event.

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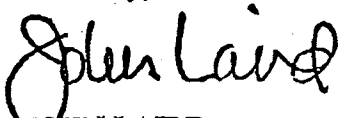
Dear Directors:

I appreciate your board members and staff taking time to discuss AB 1421 with my staff over the last several weeks. Your comments and clarifications were very helpful and we have attempted to address the issues that you raised in the draft language that I am currently reviewing and my staff is vetting. Your patience in dealing with the timelines of the Legislature has been greatly appreciated.

Based on legislative deadlines, we have approximately one month before bills need to move out of Senate policy committees. I would like to spend the next two weeks addressing stakeholder needs and prepare final language for the Senate's policy Natural Resources and Water Committee to review. Please be assured that I intend to work with your staff and committee members prior to the next hearing and keep you abreast of new changes. My hope is to present an amended bill in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee that reflects input that I have received from you and other interested parties. Therefore, I have requested that the Senate committee delay scheduling a hearing for at least another two weeks.

Again, I appreciate your patience and your participation.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, 27th District