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**Carmel River Watershed Conservancy**

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September 13th, 2007

The Chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management Board,
5 Harris Court, Building - G,
P.O. Box 85,
Monterey, CA 93942-0085

Dear Mr. Pendergrass,

The board of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy notes with great interest that you are to consider the purchase of software ("A Pattern Recognition System for SCD" presented to the CRWC by Cory Hamilton on August, ??) that will enhance the existing recording of steelhead passing up the San Clemente ladder and over the counter.

Much has been done over the years by staff to collect information on the passage of steelhead on each annual migration that has occurred, except in those years that the river did not run to the ocean. It is fitting that now is the time to acquire the technology to eliminate the physical aspect of staff spending time visually to assemble the data. Time which can be better spent on areas that cannot be accomplished with computers.

We understand that total cost of the new technology will be about \$12,000 to upgrade to a system that will digitally monitor fish that have been recorded passing over the dam. If budgetary considerations are a problem but nevertheless the board approves the expenditure, the CRWC will donate \$1,250 towards the cost.

Our members appreciate the efforts of board and staff of the Management District in their endeavors to mitigate the problems that beset the Carmel river and the Steelhead..

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clive Sanders", written over a horizontal line.

Clive R. Sanders
President