

EXHIBIT 18-P

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 20, 2009 7:43 AM  
**To:** Ed Ghandour\_SNG  
**Subject:** Re: Seaside Basin Adjudication

Mr. Ghandour,  
I did receive the letter and concur.

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Hi Ken-

Last Sept/October we had discussions and I sent you the attached letter. In going over my notes, I did not see that you confirmed its receipt. Would you please confirm receiving it and concur.

Thanks,

Ed

Ed Ghandour

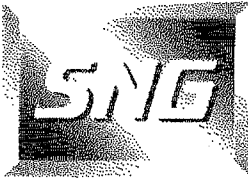
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October 10, 2008

Mr. Ken Emanuel  
State Water Resource Control Board  
1001 I Street  
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REF: Seaside Basin Adjudication Consistency with Order 95-10

Dear Mr. Emanuel:

Thank you for taking the time on September 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Seaside Basin Adjudication Decision and any role that the SWRCB or Order No. WR 95-10 might have on pumpers/water systems in the Seaside Basin. I wanted to confirm our discussion. In our conversation, I described to you that we are applying for a Water Distribution permit with the MPWMD pursuant to the Seaside Adjudication Decision (as well owners) and that additional documents, including the Judgment which you were not familiar with, can be found in the Seaside Basin Watermaster web site. You indicated that you wished to do additional research.

You called back and indicated that you reviewed documents and also spoke with Ms. Kathy Mrowka, one of the co-authors of Order 95-10 affecting the Carmel River. You noted that Order 95-10 clearly affects only Cal-Am as it relates to their operations in the Carmel River Tributary and watershed with its wells situated in the lower Carmel River. You reiterated that Order 95-10 only pertains to Cal-Am and nobody else, it is specific to Cal-Am in the Carmel River, and directed me to look at the first page of the Order which spells out the fact that this Order is only against Cal-Am, and that it is not directed at other users or pumpers in the Seaside Basin. You further confirmed that SWRCB has no jurisdiction over the Seaside Basin pumpers or its water systems which have nothing to do with Order 95-10.

I trust that this accurately summarizes our conversation. Thank you for clarifying the questions discussed.

Sincerely your,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Ghandour', is written over a white background.

Ed Ghandour