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Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

The Draft EIR for the Central Coast Water Project is deficient in 2 respects and is incorrect in 1 instance.

First, the Draft EIR analyzes the Moss Landing and North Monterey County projects in their entirety, whereas it analyzes only Phase 1 of the Regional project. Not analyzing the Regional project in its entirety, including Phase 2 and its significant additional environmental and cost saving benefits, leads to an incorrect conclusion.

Second, as it relates to the Regional project both the Moss Landing and North Monterey County projects potentially solve only part of the regional water shortage problem. They leave the problem of a limited water supply unanalyzed and unresolved. That problem is, where will the water come from to provide for the students in the local high schools who will shortly be graduating, getting married, starting families of their own and needing new housing and its required water? The Regional project in Phases 1 & 2 addresses and solves this problem and should be analyzed in its entirety in the EIR as were the Moss Landing and North Monterey County projects.

Third, The draft EIR assumes that the energy for desalination will come from existing commercial energy grid whereas in fact the Regional project is designed to generate its own power from a green source, methane gas from the land fill to run the generators necessary.

We request a supplemental EIR be prepared to take into account the above mentioned deficiencies and error.

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President  
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**Notice of Extension of Comment Period to April 15, 2009**

**Draft Environmental Impact Report – Coastal Water Project, Monterey County**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is providing notice today that it intends to extend the public comment period to **April 15, 2009**, for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for California American Water Company's (CalAm) proposed Coastal Water Project (CWP) located in Monterey County, California.

California American Water Company has filed an application (A.04-09-019) with the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to build, own, and operate the Coastal Water Project. The CWP would include a desalination plant, an ocean water intake system, a brine discharge system, a product water conveyance system, and aquifer storage and recovery facilities. A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements to notify agencies and interested parties that the CPUC, as the Lead Agency, would be preparing an Environmental Impact Report for the CWP. The NOP contains a description of the Proposed Project, its location, and a summary of the potential environmental impacts to be addressed in the EIR. The NOP can be viewed on the project website at the following link: <http://www.CWP-EIR.com>

**The public comment period for the DEIR will now be open until April 15, 2009.** The DEIR is available at 17 public libraries throughout Monterey County and the County Clerk's office, as well as on the internet at <http://www.CWP-EIR.com>. Copies of the DEIR on CD-ROM are available by request at the addresses given below. All comments on the DEIR must be received by the close of the comment period in order to be considered. Comments may be forwarded to the CPUC as follows.

By U.S. Mail or other delivery service to:

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Subsequent to the close of the comment period, the CPUC staff will respond to comments and prepare a Final EIR (FEIR) for independent review by the assigned Administrative Law Judge and certification by vote of the CPUC. The CPUC staff intends to issue the FEIR toward the end of summer 2009 for submission into the formal proceeding record and final consideration by the Administrative Law Judge and the CPUC.