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Doug Bosco, Chairman
Board of Directors
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, Suite 1300
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support for the Carmel River Reroute and San Clemente Dam Removal Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Board of Directors would like to express support for the California Coastal Conservancy's (CCC) proposal to reroute the main stem of the Carmel River and remove the outdated and unsafe San Clemente Dam. The District is concerned, however, that this project should be achieved in such a manner so as to not diminish or otherwise compromise water rights, including pre-1914 water rights, associated with San Clemente Dam. MPWMD's mission is to manage, augment, and protect water resources for the benefit of the community and the environment. MPWMD recognizes that the CCC alternative presents a unique opportunity to remove the threat to public safety that this dam poses while also improving conditions in the river for aquatic species for which MPWMD has active management programs. In particular, the bypass project would complement efforts by MPWMD to improve steelhead habitat along the river and to rear steelhead at our nearby Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility (SHSRF). The project would also reconnect a significant portion of the upper watershed with the lower reaches of the Carmel River, where MPWMD has implemented intensive streambank and floodplain restoration programs.

We encourage the CCC to continue to pursue this project, and we look forward to working with your organization during the final project design to incorporate MPWMD's interests in maintaining and operating the SHSRF facilities. If you wish to discuss the project with MPWMD staff, please contact Larry Hampson at (831) 659-2543 or Kevan Urquhart at (831) 658-5643.

Sincerely,

Judi Lehman
Chair of the Board

cc: Paula Landis, Chief, San Joaquin District, Department of Water Resources
Craig Anthony, General Manager/Central Division, California American Water
Trish Chapman, Project Manager, State Coastal Conservancy
MPWMD Board of Directors