

Submitted at
1/28/2010 MPWMD
Board meeting.
Item 20

Via Fax and Email

January 28, 2010

To: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board
RE: Urgency Ordinance Hearing January 28, 2010

Dear MPWMD Board Members:

As a property owner with a pre-application for a WDS submitted to the MPWMD, I earnestly urge you to consider the personal hardship and financial investment involved in my efforts to develop my 5 acre parcel in Carmel Valley APN 189-021-005, which I purchased in 2003 with a permitted well.

Since I first submitted a pre-application for a WDS in 2008, I have proceeded with additional testing and reporting as required. Just this process alone has exceeded \$20,000. The architectural and other fees and services with took me through Project Approval (issued by Planning in November 2006) cost more than \$200,000. Property tax, which I have incurred since June 2003, exceeds \$1000/month.

Tonight as you meet to discuss the Urgency Ordinance, please consider the financial effect of delays in WDS application processing on individual property owners like myself who have been working through the process. The effect on me has been devastating. I have a certified appraisal that shows that, without use of my well, my property is worth 10% of what I paid for it in 2003. And again, I continue to incur taxes in the amount of \$1000 per month every month I cannot go forward with my project.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

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cc: Henrietta Stern, MPWMD Project Manager
Jon Sather Erlandson, Architect
Aaron Bierman, Hydrogeologist