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water delivery system

Comments from the delivery end of the nose -

I am a ratepayer and I think ratepayers are getting bored.

One of many reasons - The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District - instead of providing transparency and leadership ~~to~~, understandable to the public, is contributing to public confusion.

Example: The District Board on 8/15 reversed a decision made July 18 to form a committee to study the WaterPlus proposal that it purchase Cal-Am. I was in attendance July 18. No statement was issued regarding the reversal - more time is being wasted.

The President of the Carmel River Steelhead Association said - "this was an excellent example of a government agency being responsive to its constituents" I see it as a decision made behind closed doors - an excellent example of a government agency treating its most numerous constituency like mushrooms.

Another example: Dick Heuer, with excellent bona fides, has proposed "reconsidering the dam" - as argumentative as this may be it has very substantive reasons to be given a fair hearing. Two of these reasons are: 1) If we had started a dam in the 1980s - we would today have 24,000 acre ft. of water waiting for our use - its value would range from \$96 million at 4,000 acre ft. to \$180 million @ 1,500 acre ft - these are estimates for dead deliveries.

2) Mr. Heuer can make a persuasive argument that a dam today would cost less than half the cost of a dead facility - and it would pay for itself. The District's only answer seems to be it is too late to change horses in mid stream - if I may flog the water correlation time's up.

Dave Stott - New Managers