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Re: Objection to Proposed User Fee Surcharge

Dear Mr. Administrator and Members of the Board,

I am submitting my formal objection to your intended application for a surcharge on my personal property as a means of collecting money for "more mitigation work on the Carmel River".

You have spent in the neighborhood of 111 million dollars over the past 30 plus years doing mitigation work on the Carmel River. The CPUC said you could no longer charge users the fee on Cal Am Water bills for many and varied reasons.

Your formal reply to that was a front page article in the Monterey Herald in which Mr. Stoldt indicated that the 3.7 million dollars you no longer have to spend made up one third (33.3 percent) of your annual budget. Your "User Fee Fact Sheet" (on your website) now states that the 3.7 million dollars amounts to 46 percent of your annual budget. If you can't get your figures right, what makes you think rate payers are willing to continue to allow you to assess us for money you spend foolishly and don't account for?

You Mr. Administrator, your Board, and your predecessors have done nothing over the past 35 plus years except spend hard earned tax payer dollars on studies, litigation, staff and benefits, your inflated salaries, and one can only imagine what else. And what do we the taxpayers, rate payers, and end users have to show for all of that? Not a sustainable water supply!! No dam on the river and no desalination plant!!

We began paying you for a dam on the Carmel River many, many years ago. Where has all of the money for that dam gone? I don't recall you asking those you serve if you could spend those funds on anything other than a dam. Since a dam is no longer a consideration, surely those funds should now be available for a desalination plant. No?

A desalination plant is fundamentally the most intelligent, feasible, and sustainable means securing a long term water supply for citizens on the Monterey Peninsula. Why are you not making this your number one priority?

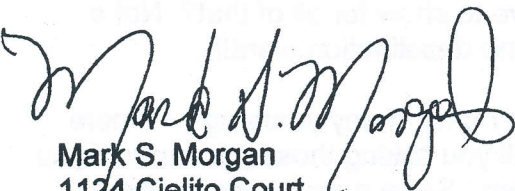
Now your attitude and the "Solves it All" plan you are arrogantly and egotistically pushing in a very self serving way is your Mitigation Program. Yes Sir Mr. Stoldt, "The Law" gives you the "Power, both express and implied" necessary to carry out your edicts, but you and your board need to be reminded that when you abuse that power as you are proposing, it can and will be stripped from you.

Your intent, after only having been a part of the MPWMD for a very short period and a resident for a very, very short time, is to dump treated tertiary water into the Seaside Aquifer and have it mix with other water, and you, the MPWMD, are going to take that water somehow and sell it back to Cal Am Water? And this "mixture of treated water with water that may or may not be in that aquifer during dry years such as the one we are facing will sustain people living here how? This is your "best plan" after almost 40 years of self edification, chest pounding, pomp and pageantry, and the expenditure of millions of dollars on analyses, studies, many frivolous, and law suits etc?

Personally Mr. Stoldt, I don't trust you, the members of the board, or the people your employing for the many committees we've already had to endure over the years. I can't trust any of you to spend one more penny of taxpayer money in any form, until you can get your facts straight on what you intend to collect and use the additional 3.7 million dollars for (whether its 33% of your annual budget or 46% of your annual budget). If you have to lay off people or take a cut in pay yourself, so be it. Show us a sustainable water supply.

When you can show the people you supposedly work for the first stage of physical construction at a site for a desalination plant or a dam on the Carmel River, as an end user, rate payer, taxpayer, or whatever the "flavor of the month name" is for us, don't expect me to stand by quietly while you find other ways to squander money you are "entrusted" to spend because you are arrogant enough to think you can.

As a taxpayer, ratepayer, citizen, I formally oppose you seeking any surcharge to supplant something you have not provided. No more money MPWMD until you can spend it in totality on a sustainable long term water supply for the Monterey Peninsula.  
**NO MORE!!**



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