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Re: Preliminary Staff Recommendations to Modify Cease and Desist Order WR 2009-0060

To Felicia Marcus, Tom Howard and Matthew Quint of the State Water Resources Control Board:

I am submitting these comments on the preliminary staff recommendation to modify cease and desist order WR2009-0060 released by the State Water Resources Control Board on June 17, 2016.

As a business owner who employs more than 400 hard-working people on the Monterey Peninsula, I and my employees are pleased that you have extended the deadline to terminate diversions from the Carmel River until 2021. Local stakeholders and residents have been working hard, looking for every avenue to conserve water and develop new supplies. Court battles, environmental controls and red tape have slowed the process, but the people on this peninsula will persevere and we will accomplish this.

We know that it's vital that we do. Our economy depends on being able to serve the many visitors who come here. Some years are better than others, so it's important to be



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able to capitalize when the economy is strong. Frankly, we all understand that reliable employment for many thousands of workers here requires a reliable supply of water. Water means jobs. This is why so many here are concerned with a number of other recent changes made in the preliminary recommendation. We fear such drastic reductions that give no leeway could leave the economy at the whims of rain clouds during an extended drought.

I am asking that, in the best interests of so many local residents here, that you adopt the recommendations made by our local coalition of stakeholders, which include the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, California American Water, the City of Pacific Grove and the Pebble Beach Company. These are changes that have been well considered, negotiated and formulated with care by a wide consortium of diverse interests.

One of the recommendations is to extend the Effective Diversion Limit to 8,310 acre-feet, just a little bit more than the 7,990 afa now being proposed. Another is to allow carryover credits of up to 750 acre feet, which would not only give the area some leeway in years we needed it, but incentivize water conservation by the entire community. There is also a milestone set for Sept. 30 of this year in regards to CPUC approval of water purchase agreements for Cal Am that we ask to be extended until Dec. 31.

California's history starts with the Monterey Peninsula. It is the crown jewel of the Central Coast – one of the most beautiful places in the world. Help us keep it that way for generations to see.

Sincerely,

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