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Mr. Quint
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights

Dear Mr. Quint

This letter is in reference to CDO WR 2009-0600 on the up-coming hearings on the Cal Am issue. It is my understanding that the option is either a fine or an extension giving Cal Am additional time to produce a sustainable source of water for the Monterey Peninsula.

Cal Am was ordered by the SWRCB in 1995 to begin finding and producing this new source of water, and to date has nothing to show for it.

The error of this dilemma seems to be with the SWRCB. At the time of issuing this order, the board should have put Cal Am on a schedule of fines throughout the years for not doing its due diligence. Without being fined, the company had no incentive to stop this illegal diverting of water from the river. Letting Cal Am continue this illegal diverting has cost the Peninsula ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars as Cal Am was paying nothing for this State-owned resource of water and selling it to its ratepayers at a huge cost to profit its shareholders.

Over these same years, Cal Am has attempted three times to produce this new source of water and has failed on all three projects. Once again no incentive, no results. These failed projects have cost ratepayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Cal Am has not been a "good neighbor" to the State or the ratepayers. If your threat to fine Cal Am with a fine has failed to get the company to obey your CDO, then please do not punish the ratepayers with water cutbacks for that failure. An extension of the CDO deadline would only produce the same results that you are facing today.

Respectively submitted,

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