

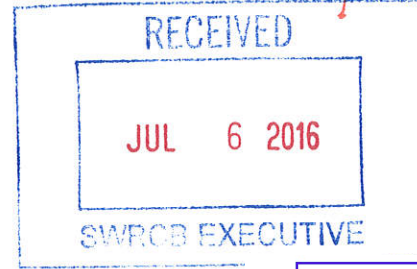
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Board Meeting 7-19-16--Item 7
California-American Water Company
Deadline: 7/13/16 by 5:00pm

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June 30, 2016

Felicia Marcus, Board Chair
Tom Howard, Executive Director
State Water Resource Control Board
1001 1st Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Marcus and Mr. Howard,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and our 450 members, we wish to express our support of the joint letter dated June 29th by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, California American Water Company, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, our City of Pacific Grove and the Pebble Beach Company in regards to the Preliminary Staff Recommendation to modify Cease and Desist order WR2009-006 released by the SWRCB on June 17, 2016. All parties involved are fully committed to take part in developing alternative water supplies for the Monterey Peninsula with minimal environmental and/or fiscal impacts on the community served as well the Carmel River. The joint letter clearly highlights the challenges of recommendations related to the effective diversion limit, carryover credits, and supplemental water rights and acquisition.

Our major concern with staff recommendation is the interpretation of the SWRCB order WR2009-0060, ordering paragraph 2 related to a change in zoning or use would be a change made by the City of Pacific Grove or Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. Recommendation is that Cal-Am water would use the lesser of the actual average annual metered water use for the five-year period 2008-2009 to 2012-2013. With out a doubt this will devastate the future of the City of Pacific Grove.

The Monterey Peninsula business community has been a leader in water conservation for the past 20 years. We are operating under the best possible standards while meeting water use demands of our businesses. Furthermore, just like the other business areas throughout the state, Monterey Peninsula businesses remain the primary economic driver generating the bulk of the operating budgets for local government agencies.

In closing, we strongly urge you to support the recommendation in the joint letter and incorporate it in your final Board decision.

Sincerely,

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President