

commentletters

From: Quint, Matthew@Waterboards
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2016 7:18 AM
To: commentletters
Subject: FW: CDO Modification Hearing for the Monterey Peninsula



From: Neal Heckman [<mailto:nealh@gopalace.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Quint, Matthew@Waterboards
Cc: Neal Heckman
Subject: CDO Modification Hearing for the Monterey Peninsula

Dear Mr. Quint:

My wife and I are very concerned about the economic impact on the community and us personally based on the final recommendation of the staff. We would ask that the board strongly consider these points.

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- **We appreciate the SWRCB staff's recommendation to extend the order over the past two years to negotiate a modification to the CDO with the Staff Preliminary Recommendation that must be changed and our ability to comply with the CDO.**
 - **Please increase the Effective Diversion Limit (EDL) to 8,310 acre feet more than what staff has recommended -- but it means every figure recommended by staff will likely put us into the early stage water bills, that will grow to a 40% surcharge if additional cutbacks increase on top of the investment we're currently making to develop the people and businesses of the Monterey Peninsula.**
 - **Our efforts to save water are extraordinary and should be recognized. Carmel River has been significantly less than the limits your agency's reliance on the river has decreased by 46%, which is evidence of conservation already among the lowest water users in the state and yet we manage our consumption today is just 55 gallons per person per day, well below the order.**
 - **The CDO should reward us for conservation. If we manage to use the amount we save should be carried over to the next year. This not only provides the needed flexibility to keep us from exceeding the order.**
 - **A lot of progress is being made to develop an alternative water source (www.purewatermonterey.org) and a new pipeline to deliver its water from American Water, our local mayors and the Water Management District. The California Public Utilities Commission moving ahead on approval from the Carmel River.**
 - **Progress on the river itself has been remarkable -- the San Clemente Dam has been struck with other large pumpers from the river to pump less water. Deals like this should be rewarded by increasing California American Water's share of the water saved.**
 - **Please accept the changes California American Water, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority have requested.**

Sincerely,

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