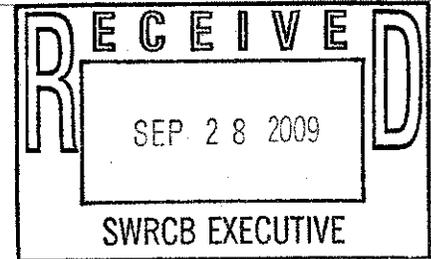


commentletters - COMMENT LETTER - 10/20/09 BOARD MEETING CAL-AM CDO

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9/28/09
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Dear Ms. Townsend:

Please include this email in the record as my written public comment on the draft Cease and Desist Order from the SWRCB to California American Water.

I am **OPPOSED** to the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) and urge the SWRCB to **NOT** approve the CDO.

Given the current state of the economy, issuing such a CDO at this time would amount to reckless disregard for Monterey County's dire financial circumstances. A CDO would adversely impact the hospitality industry in Monterey County, which in turn would lower county tax revenues at a time when our Monterey County government is on the brink of bankruptcy.

Moreover, just today, I read in a local newspaper (the Carmel Pine Cone) that last summer's Basin Complex fire has caused water levels in the Carmel River to rise dramatically, apparently due to burning/removal of many thousands of acres of vegetation that would have consumed vast quantities of water. This condition will last for years, giving the SWRCB, California American and the public time to resolve this problem.

Respectfully Submitted,

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