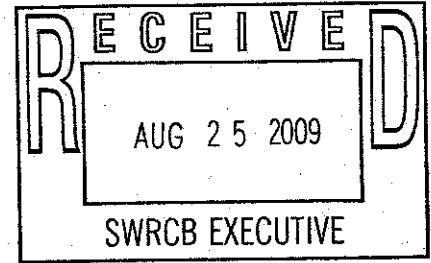


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To the State Water Resources Control Board:

We have lived in Carmel Valley for 27 years. We have nurtured our small orchard with a drip system during that time. We also have some perennials that require little water, but serve as a firebreak from the dry rangeland during summer and fall. We have always been careful with water use. We would find it difficult, if not impossible, to comply with the proposed restrictions. We have argued for dredging the existing dam on the Carmel River, or building a new one, to trap the millions of gallons of rainwater that run to the ocean each year and release that water responsibly. "Environmentalists" have frustrated these efforts. Please be reasonable, especially in anticipation of an El Nino event. California has enough problems without further alienating taxpayers.

Sincerely, Gene and Barbara Zellmer