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**Subject:** Hearing on Cal American Pumping of Water from Carmel River

As a resident of Carmel for 22 years who has diligently worked to reduce personal water usage at my home and who has been a member of the business community over that time period, I am sensitive to the need to preserve the Carmel River and its inhabitants, to the human costs of reducing pumping of water from the river until a new water source is up and running and to the political machinations associated with putting in place a new water source. I know this is not an easily resolved problem. Yet I urge you to not go forward with what amounts to draconian measures such as those proposed to cut water pumping by 50% over the next 15 years. Rationing required to meet any reduction near that level will place a grave hardship on this community -- dry up in every sense of the word one of the worlds most vibrant and beautiful areas.

Granted it has taken this community a long time to come up with a solution to our water shortage problem, but now that we seem well on the way to solving the problem it would appear that positive reinforcement on your part is the most appropriate action. Please do not force us to "turn off" our community.

Sincerely,

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