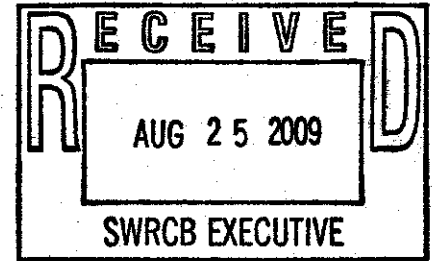


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**From:** Mary Bell [mailto:marybell@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2009 5:27 PM  
**To:** 'commentletterswaterboards@ca.gov'  
**Subject:** Monterey Peninsula Water Rationing.

I am stunned to learn that the Water Resources Control Board is even considering imposing these draconian water restrictions on the Monterey Peninsula. The past 28 years I have watched the water problem on this peninsula and never have I heard of any solutions proposed by the Water Resources Control Board.

The local residents here have done more to conserve water than in any other part of California. At 75 gallons per day per capita, we can hardly be accused of water wasting.

Personally, I have destroyed my flower garden, covered everything with wood chips and now enjoy one pot of geraniums. I have low flow toilets, a low flow dishwasher and do everything I can to reduce my usage.

I view these measures as unwarranted, and undeserved until an alternate source of water can be provided to us. How about talking to Cal Am to reduce their leakage from 12% to 3%? How about helping us instead of punishing us.

Instead, you have taken the position that punishment of local residents and destruction of one of the most beautiful places in the world is the solution.

Please reconsider.  
Thank you.

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