

Dear State Water Board Members,

I am writing as a resident and business owner in the hospitality business on the Monterey Peninsula. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE carefully consider the implications of your actions in enforcing any additional cutbacks in our water supply until we have a new source online. I recently served on the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors for 4 years and I am extremely familiar with the many and myriad ways that ALL of our citizens and businesses have conserved and conserved and cut back water usage since the imposition of State Order 95-10. We, as a community, have joined together to use our water in some of the most responsible and innovative ways demonstrated throughout the state. Yet, if you impose further cuts to our supply, our lives and businesses will be hit in ways that will punish those of us who have already worked that extra bit harder to conserve and become more efficient. I firmly believe that the present plans, discussions and agreements in place are finally leading to a real solution to our region's water needs -- balancing a whole slew of solutions with the need for replacement water for the Carmel River and the Seaside Basin and could also provide the mechanism to supply water to legally (and environmentally certified) plans of our local cities to grow reasonably (if necessary). These economic times have hit all of us hard and to use fines and other measures to force further cutbacks will only serve to cripple both our local industry and our residents. Please do not impose the cutbacks outlined in the draft CEO but instead put the planning agencies on notice that a new supply project must not be delayed and assist in anyway the political means that could make that happen sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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