

To: State Water Resources Control Board

Subject: Cal Am Water – Proposed Cease and Desist Order

I am strongly opposed to any mandate from the Board that would require California American Water to reduce pumping from the Carmel River aquifer in the near term. Instead, I request that the proposed cease and desist order be deferred until significant supplemental water sources, now actively under development, are brought on line.

Restrictions to pumping from the aquifer at this time would penalize Monterey Peninsula residents who already lead in water conservation throughout the state. It would adversely affect individuals and their property as well businesses, and further damage an already weak economy. While I agree that the quantity of water drawn from the aquifer should be reduced as soon as feasible, now is not the time. In this instance the needs of residents and supporting businesses must come first.

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