

As a long term resident of the Monterey Peninsula and a supporter of past initiatives to solve the limited water supply on the Peninsula, the current State Water Resources Control Board Cease & Desist Order against the Cal Am company as well as all residents on the Monterey Peninsula is not only unfair and an overwhelming constraint on our lifestyle, but also a narrow minded and ill thought out decision.

No other community in the state has shown such a long-term commitment to water conservation and a change in our way of life that reflects an appreciation of this valuable resource. We have replaced and bought all new appliances, toilets, shower fixtures...etc. We have initiated and implemented voluntary conservation efforts and curtailed outdoor watering. We have limited our growth and put into place stringent ordinance on all new development. We have done and exceeded all that has been asked of us. And yet the Water Resource Board determines it is better to punish the community for their efforts than to reward them.

I don't have a solution to the water problem or the people problem in this community or the state. I feel I have exceeded my part as a concerned citizen and that all me efforts and expenses has been for not. This order is a punishment for a job well done.

If the State Water Resource Board only solution is to cut the water supply further by limiting the pumping of existing water, then I say they have not done their job in helping to solve the water problem in our community or for that matter the state as a whole. New ideas and technology need to be explored and implemented to meet the current water needs prior to restricting the only existing feasible water supply.

The Monterey Peninsula Community has set a standard the entire State of California should look to as a model of water conservation. The State Water Resource Board has a unique opportunity to lead the way in solving the State's impending water crisis by looking to and supporting the efforts going on here in our community. The only result by ordering further water pumping restrictions here before developing a solution is simply to disenfranchise one of the leading communities in the State at water conservation

Thank you for you consideration and attention to this matter.

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