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Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sirs.



The Board of Directors of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners (DMFPO) respectfully requests that the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) reconsider their Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued on October 20, 2009 to California American Water Company (Cal-Am).

The DMFPO represents and acts as a communications hub for residents and businesses who own property in the unincorporated Peninsula that is commonly known as Pebble Beach. Pursuant to that role the DMFPO board has kept abreast of the water issue on the Monterey Peninsula and we have specifically paid attention, on one hand, to the history of the CDO; and, on the other hand, to the parallel events that are occurring with the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), Cal-Am, the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) and other agencies and entities to implement a long term Monterey Peninsula.

The DMFPO board notes that there is general excitement in the Del Monte Forest and elsewhere on the Monterey Peninsula that a long term solution to the water crisis is finally in sight. We also note that there is general concern on the Peninsula that the overall timing and several specific provisions in the CDO will have a chilling effect on efforts directed by the PUC to get the long term solution, the regional desalinization plant at the county land-fill, up and running at the earliest feasible time.

There are three areas where we ask for reconsideration:

1. With regards to specific instructions that were capitol repair and construction products, we instructions that the SWRCB may be working with the result that attention and resources will be diverted away from the long term solution being sought by the PUC,

- 2. We ask that consideration be given to extending the time for the second tier of reductions. The major parties in the plan for the regional desalinization plant say that the facility can be up and running by 2012. By extending the second tier of reductions from October, 2011 into 2012, your board can keep appropriate pressure on the subject while working with the PUC and other agencies, entities and individuals are working so hard on a long term solution, and
- 3. We ask you to generally consider other modifications to the CDO which will be effective in achieving the common goal of reducing the amount of water being pumped out of the Carmel River while assuring the residents of the Monterey Peninsula that there will be an adequate supply of water for their needs.

Sincerely,

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