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Address to the California State Water Resources Board April 1 2008
By Clive R. Sanders, President.

According to "Google" All Fools' Day, is one of the most lighthearted days of the year. However, you will recall that the jester or fool in England was often a wise man who was able to explain the complicated issues at Court in a way that everyone could understand. So let me play the fool today.

Almost 13 years has passed without any action on the part of the Board. I remember a few years ago, at such a hearing as this, listening to Mr. Arthur Bagget tell the very small audience, it was as if he was talking straight to Dr Roy Thomas of the Steelhead Association and me; and his message was "it is time you got your act together".

I think the community has done just that! There is a lunatic fringe group that wants to have a "public flogging" of those they deem responsible for our problems. There was a group that wanted to take over the water company. The voters turned that down. Some times we make a little progress, then someone finds fault and we are back where we started.

In addition to Cal-Am's CWP at Moss Landing or elsewhere, there is a newly developed UCSC plan that would be less costly and more user friendly. In fact this may be a way to further protect the Carmel River by Cal-AM relinquishing their ~~3200~~ acre feet water allotment and therefore providing only desalinated water. The Carmel River would be there in an emergency assuming that growth in the Carmel Valley and agricultural needs there do not get out of hand. Lastly, we appear to have resolved the Seismic dangers of the San Clemente Dam by the Re-Route of the Carmel River and Sequestering of the sediment behind the dam.

My point is that Cal-Am is an integral part of all we are planning. We need to be supporting them not sniping away at presumed failings. Their failure to meet the demands of order 95/10 is our problem. We turned down the new dam because of some peoples' fear of growth. We could have had all the water we wanted from the Central Valley at \$13 an acre foot but our leaders did not wish to be in the hands of the farmers. Maybe they were right. Even so I trust the board will adopt Mr. Laird's recommendations.

Lastly, can the board assure us that their mathematics is going to work? I returned to the Peninsula in 1991 and was surprised to learn that we were required to make up the shortfall in Cal-Am's revenue as the "enforced savings program" was so successful that Cal-Am had not been able to sell enough water to cover their overhead expenses. It seems unreasonable to enforce a new rationing order on the users that will require voters to lay out more cash for using less water!