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Felicia Marcus, Board Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
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Dear Chair Marcus:

On March 17, 2016, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division sent a Notice to All Parties about the delay in the issuance of a recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Application A.12-04-019, California American Water Company's (Cal-Am's) Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP).

Under the new schedule, the re-circulated DEIR/DEIS is not anticipated until December 21, 2016; a final EIR/EIS will not be available until 10 months later, September 25, 2017; and certification of the EIR/EIS will not occur until November 8, 2017.

This delay threatens the Monterey Peninsula's water supply, which is in jeopardy due to the California State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB's) pending cease-and-desist order (CDO) concerning Cal-Am's diversions from the Carmel River. As you are aware, the CDO requires Cal-Am to terminate all unauthorized diversions from the Carmel River by the end of 2016 and imposes an on-going water moratorium. The result of the CDO is that the community will face severe water rationing and threaten the Monterey Peninsula's social and economic welfare.

It is my understanding that following negotiations with SWRCB's staff, Cal-Am and community stakeholders submitted a proposal to extend the CDO's deadline. The proposed extension would provide practical limits on Carmel River diversions during the extension period, provided specified project benchmarks are met.

Given the tremendous amount work that has been invested in the MPWSP and the unanticipated delays on the environmental assessment by the CPUC, I ask that you give all due consideration to granting an extension of the CDO.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM W. MONNING  
Senator, 17th District