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1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attention: Kathy Mrowka  
John O'Hagan  
Marianna Aue  
Les Grober

**Re: Comments on Condition 2 – Cease and Desist Order – WR 2009-0060**

Dear Ms. Mrowka, Mr. O'Hagan, Ms. Aue and Mr. Grober:

The Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1908 and is the leading broad based business organization on the Monterey Peninsula. We represent more than 800 businesses and organizations in the region that employ over 30,000 workers who are also residents of Monterey County.

The economic vitality of our region is dependent on efficient and resourceful water management. We have a proven allocation system for counting water resources. To change the rules now would curtail opportunities which are essential to our region's economic future.

We have a workforce housing crisis that can't be solved without flexibility and reasonable prospects for affordable mixed use housing. Employees are forced to move farther away from their job sites which causes additional traffic, pollution and associated wasted fuel resources.

We don't expect the State Water Resources Control Board to fully understand the realities of our community's interdependent economy. However, we urge you to consider the negative economic impact of restricting changes of use and zoning that can be managed locally without adverse impacts utilizing best water conservation management practices.

Please allow the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's regulatory framework to stand with the understanding that our community is committed to continuing its efforts to conserve water resources and stay below the agreed upon Effective Diversion Limits.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Jody Hansen  
President and CEO