

7/11/2016

Matthew Quint
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Mr. Quint,

I'm writing in advance of the SWRCB meeting scheduled for July 19, where the Board will consider the application to extend the deadline for the CDO prohibiting CalAm from pumping from the Carmel River.

I am a resident of Monterey, and am extremely concerned about the consequences of the proposed restrictions to pumping being considered as part of an extension to the CDO. I have watched a large number of people spend a huge amount of time over the past several years working hard toward a water supply solution, and I know we are very close.

I'm certain that the restrictions being considered would do more harm than good in reaching a timely and long term solution to the Monterey Peninsula's water issues. Local businesses and residents alike have really gone the extra mile, conserving at a rate that is at or near the best in the state. Personally, we have sacrificed our lawn, and much of the landscaping on our property, and have learned to get by with much less water. Our usage has gone from 3000-3500 gallons per month, down to 1000-1500 gallons. I'm not sure how we can use less than we are.

The business community has spent huge sums of money on fixture upgrades, along with educating their guests on conservation. The only way I see for most businesses to use less water is to shut down hotel rooms, or remove tables from restaurants. If that happens, people will lose jobs, and our local economy will suffer hugely. The hospitality industry employs approximately 22,000 workers on

the peninsula. We can't put them out of work. I am an employee of the hospitality industry, and if I lost my job, I would no longer be able to make my monthly housing payment. Monterey is an expensive place to live, and even a short period of unemployment would have devastating effects on many of the workers if they were to lose their jobs.

As strongly and respectfully as I can, I urge the State Water Resources Control Board to grant the requested 5 year extension of the CDO under the conditions agreed upon in the original request dated April 28, 2016.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Aldinger', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Patrick Aldinger
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