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Barbara Evoy, Deputy Director  
Division of Water Rights  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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Re: Comments for Consideration Concerning The Carmel River CDO

Dear Ms.Evoy,

There are very few Carmel River steelhead left. The last remaining fresh water, quality habitat in the lower river is the lagoon. During the last few years, it has been full of hundreds of large Stripped Bass. These predatory fish are new to the Carmel River. Their numbers and their size mean death to young steelhead. There needs to be a full scale and successful effort to rid the Carmel Lagoon of these predators.

The pumpers from Table 13 appear to be ignoring the cut back your agencies require. I believe that as the flow into the Lagoon drops below 5cfs all Table 13 pumping is to stop. I believe your lack of attention and enforcement has allowed another illegal diversion. You need to have your enforcement officer check the electrical record on all the Table 13 pumps and make sure they stay off. There is a failure to manage and enforce and it is imperative if the steelhead are to remain and thrive.

300 acre-feet is a lot of water 97, 760,000 gallons. The fish in the Carmel River would enjoy those 98 million gallons running down the dry lower river in the summer. DO NOT let them convince you 90 million extra gallons will not help the fish or environment.

Sincerely,



Roy Thomas, D.D.S.