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**BEFORE THE STATE WATER  
RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

In the Matter of the State Water Resources )  
Control Board (State Water Board) )  
Hearing to consider Monterey Peninsula )  
Water Management District's (MPWMD) )  
Petitions to Change Permits 7130B and )  
20808 (Applications 11674B and 27614) )

Hearing Date: September 24, 2007  
Carmel River in Monterey County

**EXHIBIT LH-3**

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**Carmel River Lagoon Management Plan (Endangered Species Habit Criteria) List**

**Carmel River Lagoon Management Plan  
Criteria for maintaining the Listed Endangered Species\* habitat values  
of the Designated Critical Habitat of the  
Carmel River Barrier Beach Lagoon**

**Geophysical conditions:**

- A) On initial breach, with non-flood flows, the designated critical habitat of the lagoon should be maintained with a minimum 4 foot NGVD water surface elevation.
- B) Post breaching WSE should be maintained above 4 foot NGVD and managed for a 5-7 foot WSE through February 15, except post flood flows when an open ocean breach may be present as a result of flows in excess of 2500 cfs.
- C) February 15 – March 15: a lagoon WSE of 6 - 7 foot should be maintained except immediately post exceptionally high flows.
- D) March 15- cessation of river flows: A lagoon WSE of 6- 10 feet NGVD should be maintained, with planned lagoon WSE of 10 feet when the outlet channel closes for the summer.

**Geo-chemical conditions**

- A) Throughout the above described portion of the year, an outlet channel elevation, and configuration should be maintained such that normal sized waves (sub 10 feet) do not reach into the lagoon to contaminate the freshwater barrier beach lagoon ecosystem.

**\*Listed South Central California Steelhead and California Redlegged Frogs**

From Carmel River Lagoon Technical Advisory Committee, "Criteria for Maintaining the Listed Endangered Species\* habitat values of the Designated Critical Habitat of the Carmel River Barrier Beach Lagoon," Proposed Short Term Management Plan, Winter 2005-06 (Draft), November 9, 2005.