

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife and I are relatively new homeowners in Carmel and have just learned about the Water Rationing program being considered by the State Water Resources Board on Sept 2. As we understand the proposals, residents of Carmel will be required to make radical reductions over the next 15 years in order to help achieve state-wide goals. While we certainly support longer range strategies to conserve and extend the certainty of longer range water supplies, we expect fair apportionment of the burden. Certainly, some reasonable reductions are expected and accepted as we all do our part to aid the conservation effort; however, we believe that arbitrary impositions of volumetric reductions, elimination of metering (the only way to determined accurately individual household use), and mandatory restrictions are totally unfair.

As we understand it, Carmel residents are already setting the standard for conservation, having a per capita consumption of 75 gallons per day – a rate that is among the lowest in the State. We would urge the Board to consider apportionment methods that fairly account for the efforts already being taken by Carmel residents and to accelerate their efforts, in parallel with these near-term measures, to investigate viable long term strategies and resources for Cal Am customers.

We strongly believe that these punitive measures are short-sighted and unfair. We invested in our property for a quality of life associated with living on the Monterey Peninsula. We suspect that these measures, if implemented by the Board, would greatly diminish that quality of life and do unfair harm to the local community's economy.

Again, we believe we already do our part in conservation. In fact, Carmel's citizens set the standard! Do not penalize us for that.

Sincerely,

Bruce and Roberta Stover
Carmel Homeowners

