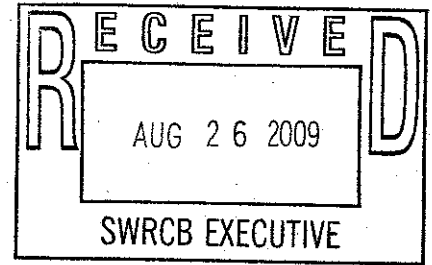


Jeanine Townsend  
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State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Townsend,

I live in Pacific Grove and am a California American Water customer.

I am writing in support of the state's proposed cease and desist order to Cal Am.

You should know also that Cal Am is running a scare campaign here, threatening Monterey Peninsula residents with severe rationing, much higher water rates and a complete ban on new construction.

Please hold Cal Am's feet to the fire and stop the excessive diversion of water from the Carmel River.

Thank you,

/s/

Donald Murphy  
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