

August 26, 2009

To: State Water Resources Control Board

Subject: Water Rationing

It is my understanding that water rationing will be discussed at the upcoming Water Resources Control Board meeting. Suggestions to ration consumption of water in the Cal Am district should be denied. We are down to a per capita consumption rate of 75 gallons per day, already. This is one of the lowest rates in the state.

If the purpose, as I understand, is to create a more environmentally friendly atmosphere for fish in the Carmel River, then there are other ways to do that. Solutions to the storage of the river water and releasing it appropriately can do a great deal to answer the need for fish and people.

It is not only unfair, but potentially dangerous to reduce the consumption of water in the heavily forested area in the Cal Am district. Individual properties are heavily treed as well as the wild forests in the area. Rationing should not be a consideration until viable alternatives to the Cal Am water source are in place.

Sincerely,
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