

The Monterey Peninsula needs water to live. We ought to be congratulated for the fine job we do already in conserving water. The Monterey Peninsula has long conserved water in greater ways than other places in this state. We are extremely water conscious and a moratorium could have serious impact on the lives of all who live here. The economic impact could be crippling for the hospitality and tourism industry at a time when people are already struggling. It is not realistic to think that people can't water their yards. Soon we will look like Arizona with decomposed granite in our front yards. Housing for senior citizens needs to be built. The list is long of the negative impacts this order could have on the people and the economy of the entire region.

This problem needs to be solved in a proactive solution oriented way rather than a knee jerk reaction to an activist group. Putting a population of fish ahead of the lives and livelihood of people, real people who live here and make their living here is really unconscionable. I agree we need to stop pumping so much from the Carmel River but not until there is solution in hand that does not destroy the quality of life for the citizens of this community who have already done so much.

I ask that you weigh in on this matter and support residents and businesses in our area and seek a user friendly and reasonable approach to this problem.

Thank you.

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