

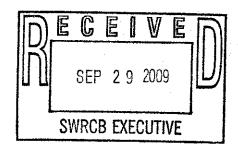


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To: State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

RE: COMMENT LETTER - 10/20/09 BOARD MEETING CAL-AM CDO



I am dismayed that the SWRCB continues to pursue such a dramatic and poor economic decision to adopt the draft Cease and Desist Order against Cal Am. This would decrease the amount of water available within the Cal Am service area to levels not sustainable by the residents or the business already under duress. Our quality of life and economic vitality already crippled would face a complete melt down for our communities.

I implore you once again, to delay water cutbacks to give us time to develop a water supply by 2012 as is currently our plan. Any cutbacks prior to this can not possibly be met without dire consequences regardless of the rate increases imposed. Business would close, schools would suffer, housing recovery would be crushed and the overall life on the peninsula as we know it would cease to exist.

Adapting the draft Cease and Desist Order is as drastic a measure that could possibly be imposed on the Monterey Community. It is as good as a death sentence to the vitality of Monterey.

I would rather see the SWRCB help support our efforts to develop alternative water resources and provide political, environmental and financial incentives to help solve this problem. To simply say stop and go backwards with-out an alternative is politically narrow-minded and not in the best interest of our community as a whole. Any political will currently in place to resolve the solution would crumble and place the Monterey Peninsula years away from meeting the 2012 goal.

Prudence would dictate that SWRCB think twice before jumping for us.

Respectfully

Stephen Adams

Sent via email