



July 13, 2016

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Felicia Marcus, Board Chair  
Tom Howard, Executive Director  
State Water Resource Control Board  
1001 1st Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Marcus and Mr. Howard:

As you consider the item regarding the Monterey Peninsula water availability, it is essential you consider the severe impact your decision would have on the critical Defense Department missions on the Monterey peninsula.

The Defense Language Institute (DLI), the Navy Postgraduate School (NPS), the Defense Data Manpower Center (DDMC) and Fleet Numerical and their supporting activities, are contributing 1.5 billion dollars of economic activity into Monterey County. They are also essential components of our Nation's national security infrastructure and training capability. The Center for Homeland Security, co-located with NPS, is an essential part of providing public safety professionals from across the country the critical education necessary to keep our communities safe.

The Army and Navy Secretariats have made it clear a key component of measuring the military value of an installation is the region's infrastructure ability to support the missions assigned. In our opinion, the Board staff recommended level of water availability for the Peninsula would jeopardize our ability to meet mission requirements. With adverse budget decisions being made every day, coupled with the threat of a new Base Closure round, we cannot cripple our ability to serve our military missions with sufficient water.

Our Region's requested approach for water availability will protect this key National Security and Homeland Defense capability for the good of the Nation and the State of California.

Sincerely,

  
Michael McCarthy  
City Manager