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State Water Resources Control Board
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Matthew Quint
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Marcus, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Quint,

In accordance with the State Water Resources Control Board's ("SWRCB") Notice of Comment Deadline & Rationale Document for Preliminary Staff Recommendation, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula ("CHOMP") hereby submits comments on the Preliminary Staff Recommendation ("Preliminary Recommendation") to Modify Cease and Desist Order WR 2009-0060 ("CDO") released by the SWRCB on June 17, 2016.

It is our mission as the only hospital on the Monterey Peninsula to meet the changing health care needs of our community and surrounding areas. Few industries are changing as rapidly as health care, necessitating investment in various outpatient services and new locations, including but not limited to, wellness, primary care, and chronic disease and case management services. Having a sufficient water supply on the Monterey Peninsula is critical for public health and safety needs, key for economic vitality, and necessary for CHOMP to be nimble in pursuing new health care solutions to meet the ever-changing demands.

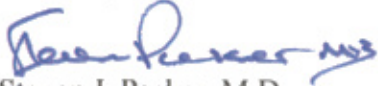
As a key stakeholder on the Peninsula, we're acutely aware of our region's long-term water supply issues, and support multi-pronged efforts to address the matter. I appreciate SWRCB's staff acknowledgement of extending the CDO five years to December 31, 2021. However, I am in receipt of the June 29, 2016, joint letter from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, California-American Water Company, City of Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach Company, and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, which addresses the following four SWRCB staff recommendations that are inconsistent with mutual agreements: 1) Effective diversion limit; 2) Carry-over credits; 3) Supplemental water rights and acquisitions; and 4) Milestone #1 regarding GWR.

When it comes to your health, everything matters.

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On behalf of CHOMP, I want to extend our support for the recommendations made in the June 29, 2016, joint letter to the SWRCB, and respectfully request that SWRCB staff modify its proposed amended CDO accordingly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Packer M.D.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven J. Packer, M.D.

President & CEO

Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula