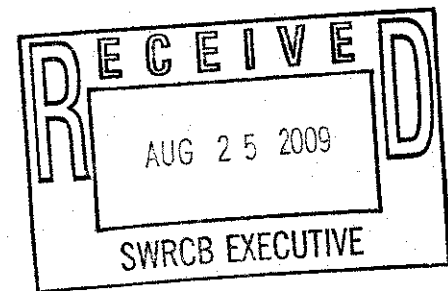


August 24, 2009

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk of the Board
SWRCB, 1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814



Subject: Cal Am CDO Hearing Workshop

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce and the 500 members, we are writing to express our position on Cal Am CDO under consideration. The Chamber's mission is to promote the well being of local business and the prosperity of the community as a whole. It was established in 1915 and been dealing with water issue for years.

We understand that the CDO will result in a moratorium on new water connections. This will devastate our businesses during the tough economic conditions. Customers in our water district would be limited to 50 gallons of water per person, per day! As a destination, we compete with other areas in and outside our state. We are in a very difficult position since we have conserved water to the maximum levels and are currently asked to further reduce consumption. We are positive that as consumers, we will not be able to conserve the amount as recommended by CDO. Key players in our district are gathered around and supporting a regional water solution. This is the first time that we have experienced such cooperation between stakeholders, looking for a long lasting water source that will reduce the impact on the Carmel River.

In closing, we urge the Control Board reject the CDO and allow the local jurisdictions to solve the shortage problem through the regional approach.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ed Flatley
Chairman

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President