

Ms. Townsend-

We want to go on record as extremely opposed to any actions taken by the State Board with respect to California-American Water Co. that would result in additional rationing of, or unreasonable restrictions on, water provided residents of the Monterey Peninsula.

We have one of the best, if not the best, record in the State in minimizing water usage. Our current problem is a result of uncompromising and unrealistic environmental requirements, not wasteful activities by the residents and businesses in the Cal-Am service area. We have plenty of water flowing in the Carmel River to meet our current and future needs. Unfortunately, litigation and ambiguous election results prohibit Cal-Am from capturing winter flows for summer use.

Now we have the CPUC deciding which expensive, energy intensive, DESAL alternative we will have to build to replace Carmel River water. Since the CPUC decision is not expected any earlier than next spring, any action by the State Water Resources Control Board at this time is inappropriate, unfair, unneeded, and unwelcome.

Please insure that the Board members are made aware of our position on this subject during the workshop on Sept 2nd.

Thankyou,  
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