

Dear Sirs,

I understand that you intend to enforce draconian water use restrictions on the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula.

As I understand it, this action penalizes those of us who have lived here for some time and proposes no solution to deal with our long term water use needs to support our current population. (I set aside further development needs as a separate issue.) It appears you propose to move long time productive citizens and tax payers to less than subsistence levels of water usage. This is a huge mistake in my opinion.

Before cutting all of us off, shouldn't you have an alternative plan in place to support the level of use and quality of life that already exists here. Desalinization plants have been proposed here for a number of years as an alternative. That seems a good solution. The science seems in place to make this a reality. Are you a driving force in making that a reality?

You may not care about us as individual, small communities but you should care about us as revenue producers for the State of California. If you turn these communities into dust pits, you only further reduce the existing and potential tax bases and their associated revenues for the State of California at a time in which California is already drowning in it's overwhelming debt burden.

Anything that further exacerbates that issue, like your plan (if I understand it correctly), should be viewed as very dangerous to all of us citizens of the State of California. You can hardly afford to drive more existing and potential tax payers away by such policies. For the good of California, I urge you to reconsider this dangerous plan of significant water rationing in Monterey County and rather work with the county and localities to develop reasonable alternatives to the Carmel River water source, like desal plants, as an example

Respectfully yours,  
Marcia Hayes.

