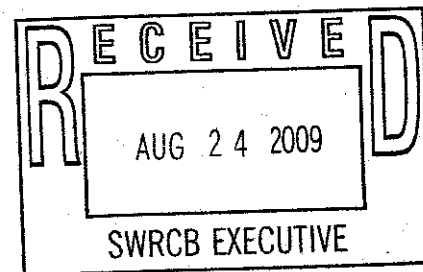


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Reducing our consumption of the Carmel river water is an outrage. The river is dry most of the year, and when it does run, it is all wasted and runs into the ocean. We have a dam on the river which from years of neglect is largely silted up providing at most a hundred acre feet or so of storage from its original 2000. The dam needs to be seismically retrofitted to meet current standards, so if we are going to spend the money to do that, does it not make sense to remove the silt so that we can add to our water supply? As far as I am informed, there are no endangered species which would be impacted by such a move, other than the good citizens of the Monterey peninsula who would benefit.

The proposed desalination plant is a bad idea. It is very demanding of energy and it makes the cost to produce water directly proportional to the cost of energy in a linear relationship. This is hardly a "green" solution compared to repairing and restoring the dam to its original capacity.

respectfully
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