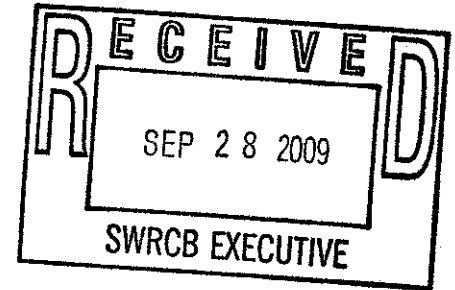




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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
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Subject: Cal Am CDO

Dear Board Members,

Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce was established in 1915. The Chamber is the only business association in the City and we represent 510 members. We have been involved in the water supply issues for many years. We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed CDO under consideration against California American Water for the diversion of water from the Carmel River in Monterey County.

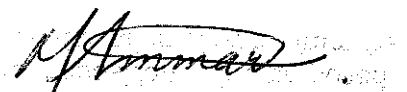
We are certain that in this prevailing economic conditions, the CDO will create a panic in the area as a result of declining business and taxes. Over the years, the business community has saved a lot of water and our per resident consumption is one of the lowest in the State. Customers in our water district would be limited to 50 gallons of water per person, per day! As a destination we compete with other communities in California and other States. The CDO will create an unfair disadvantage to our businesses. This will devastate our businesses during challenging times.

Key players in our County are gathered around and fully supporting a regional water solution. This should be at the review process in the next 60 days.

In closing, we urge the Control Board to 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