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Felicia Marcus, Board Chair Tom Howard, Executive Director State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Mathew Quint Division of Water Rights SWRCB PO Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Via email and fax

Re: Preliminary staff recommendation to modify CDO WR 2009-0600 California American Water - Monterey

Dear Ms. Marcus, Mr. Howard and Mr. Quint,

The 1,300 members of the Monterey County Association of REALTORS® are concerned over the Preliminary Recommendation released by the SWRCB on June 17, 2016.

The unilateral removal by SWRCB staff of four critical, previously negotiated provisions puts our small businesses at risk and jeopardizes our members' ability to work on the Monterey Peninsula.

The four provisions are: 1) The effective diversion limit reduction from 8,310 acre-feet-perannum (AFA) to 7,990; 2) The elimination of carryover credits; 3) The removal of supplemental water rights and acquisitions flexibility; and 4) The creation of a hard deadline for Milestone #1 independent of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval of the Ground Water Recharge (GWR) purchase agreements.

We ask you to restore the four previously negotiated provisions in the settlement as outlined in the letter from California American Water – Monterey, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the City of Pacific Grove and the Pebble Beach Company dated June 29, 2016.

Sincerely.

Renee Garner