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Subject: SWRCB Monterey CDO / Condition 2

Members of the SWRCB Staff,

Back in January, I wrote you with regard to SWRCB CDO Condition 2. At that time, I felt that substantial progress was being made towards a workable regulatory framework. Unfortunately, this matter remains unresolved.

Again, for background, I am the Vice President of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy. I have served on the Conservancy Board for the past 16 years. I also serve on the Board of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. I have served on this board since its inception, including 6 years as its Chairman. I am writing as a ratepayer and resident of the District.

It is hard to believe that EIGHT MONTHS HAVE PASSED since I spoke at the July 19th SWRCB hearing in Sacramento. At the hearing, I expressed my appreciation that the staff had revised its recommendations and that the Board had acted on most of those recommendations. In my comments, I encouraged the staff to develop regulations that are consistent with local land use flexibility and decision-making. Consistency and the elimination of confusion were important aspects of the request.

With regard to the interpretive language that addresses Condition 2, I wish to reiterate my support for the proposal submitted by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District on January 3rd. The proposed language is consistent with the CDO and addresses the concerns that were expressed by so many of us at the hearing. The District's proposal has broad support from electeds, credible advocates, and substantial community organizations. There will always be some that won't be satisfied. Please don't let a small band of naysayers override community consensus.

I am certain that the proposal will provide the community with the guidance we need while ensuring that SWRCB's desires are met. I am confident that it will not result in increased water use. The spirit of the CDO is not compromised.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Bruno