

July 13, 2016

Mr. Matthew Quint
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water rights

Dear Mr. Quint:

I am writing out of concern about some of the restrictions in the staff's preliminary recommendation to modify the CDO for the Carmel River. While the extension is extraordinarily important for this community, so is the requested EDL of 8310 acre-feet per year. They go hand in hand.

This community has been operating on a knife's edge for years as everyone has made efforts to creatively save water. Real people have made real sacrifices and made real lifestyle changes. It is no small sacrifice to realize what has been accomplished as a result. The staff's preliminary recommendations feel like the "knife's edge" has now turned into the "knife's point" and it's posed to do serious damage. This position by staff is a direct penalty to the entire community; it specifically jeopardizes our economic vitality and livability and is very distressful to real people.

It seems that if the end goal is to get Cal Am in compliance and to allow enough time to complete a viable water source, penalizing the entire community adds absolutely nothing to enhance or support the five-year plan to reach that goal.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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