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Subject: SWRCB Monterey CDO / Condition 2

Members of the SWRCB Staff,

I am writing with regard to SWRCB CDO Condition 2. My understanding is that substantial progress has been made towards a workable regulatory framework. This is important to our community.

For background, I am the Vice President of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy. Our organization prepared the very first Action Plan for preserving and restoring the watershed. I have served on the Conservancy Board for the past 16 years. I also serve on the Board of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. We administer the Seaside basin adjudication. 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.

I spoke at the July 19th hearing in Sacramento. At that time, I expressed my appreciation that the staff had revised its recommendations and was even more pleased later that day when Board acted on most of those recommendations. In my comments, I suggested that the staff engage our community and stakeholders in an open and collaborative manner 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.

I have since reviewed proposed interpretive language that addresses Condition 2. I wish to express 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. I believe that it 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 and our feet remain held to the fire.

This has been a long process for all of us. Too often our fractured community pulls against itself and we become our own worst enemies. In this case, I believe that we have come together for the good of the community and are set to achieve a reasonable outcome.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and understanding.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Bruno