



California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region



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PVWMA Ad Hoc Basin Management Plan Committee
c/o Mary Bannister, General Manager
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency
36 Brennan Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Dear Committee Members:

BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE AND LIST OF POTENTIAL WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

Harvey Packard of my staff attended the Ad Hoc BMP Committee meeting on August 4, 2011. He appreciated the opportunity to get up to speed on the BMP update process and to provide some input from the Central Coast Water Board perspective.

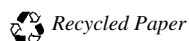
As Mr. Packard mentioned at the meeting and I discussed in my July 5, 2011 letter to Mary Bannister, we believe that improved agricultural irrigation efficiency could lead to significant reductions in groundwater pumping, at a cost much less than many of the potential projects being considered by the Committee. We ask that you put ag irrigation efficiency on your list of potential projects, perhaps in the "Demand Management" section, and that you seriously consider it in your BMP update.

The Water Board considers seawater intrusion in the Pajaro Valley to be a serious water quality issue, one that is high on our list of priorities. Water Board staff is committed to providing our full cooperation and assistance to you and the Agency in your analysis of the alternatives and future project permitting.

Attached is a copy of our July 5 letter to the Agency for your information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Harvey Packard at (805) 542-4639 or hpackard@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer

Attachment: Water Board letter to Mary Bannister dated July 5, 2011

c: Tom Howard, Executive Director, State Water Resources Control Board
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Members

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