

I would urge you to find alternate sources of water in a proactive way rather than punish an area of this state that already conserves water at higher levels than other areas of the state. We are extremely water conscious on the Monterey Peninsula and a moratorium could have serious impact on the lives of all who live here. It is a travesty that you would put the lives of fish ahead of the lives and livelihood of people, real people who live here and make their living here. The economic impact could be crippling for the hospitality and tourism industry at a time when people are already struggling. I agree we need to stop pumping so much from the Carmel River but not until there is solution in hand that does not destroy the quality of life for the citizens of this community who have already done so much.

I am a citizen of this community and hate to see the private interests of a few people dictate to all of us who work so hard to preserve all the beauty we have.

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