

commentletters - Comment Letter for October 20th Board Meeting - Cal-Am CDO

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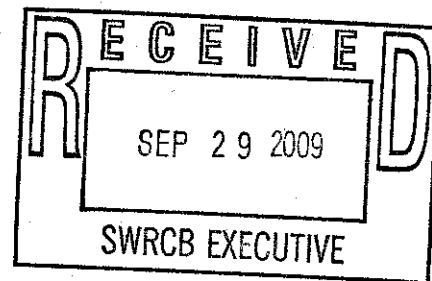
September 29, 2009

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board

TO: Board Members

FR: Tom Glidden / La Playa Hotel / Carmel CA.

RE: Potential for Serious Harm - CDO to Cal Am



I'm sorry to be providing commentary at the last minute, but with the recent economic turndown to tourism in the past year - all hands are "on deck" providing service to our guests - Managers and staff alike.

To the point: I've been watching with concern the articles appearing in our local news about the pending actions on the CDO potential to Cal Am for our area. I've not personally communicated on this issue, figuring that with the HISTORY our area has created in water conservation over the past decade - your board would realize that all conservations measures have been implemented with great enthusiasm to avoid the very issues involved with your proposed CD

Additionally, with conservation efforts all but exhausted, the only solution our county faces is the final determination of a new water resource for our area. I'm certain you are aware of the difficulties and challenges we have faced in this regard - but sincerely, I believe that the business and resident citizens in our area are committed to finalize a new resource option within 2 to 3 years. THIS is truly the only option we can engage in at this time.

Warning - if the hospitality industry (23,000 employees strong) is forced to reduce our capacities at doing business we will be in serious trouble if not dire straights. Our ability to be full (100% occupancy) during our high season and on many weekend is the ONLY reason we can barely make ends meet. If I'm forced to reduce my room count during these high demand times - well, we won't be open for long.

Thank you for understanding the personal and extreme hardships that would come about with the proposed CDO to Cal Am, and give us the opportunity to get our new water resource program in place.