

The proposed reduction in water supply to the Peninsula is at best ill-advised and at worst an action which will result in the economic and social destruction of a community.

This is not a hyperbolic statement, rather it is reality. We are now the largest savers in the State of California, . Given the draconian requirements being proposed, the results will be a death blow to tourism, which is already being adversely effected in the recession we are enduring. Property values will fall even further than they have in these difficult times and who knows what the impact will be on our major economic driver, agriculture. This is like pouring gasoline on a fire. Unless and until additional adequate water sources are developed, a moratorium should be placed on any plans to further reduce the pumping of water from the Carmel River. That our local water authorities have failed to solve this problem, in spite of spending millions of taxpayer's dollars over the past decades, should not result in punishing our community. It is time for COMMON SENSE to prevail.

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