



January 18, 2017

Ms. Kathy Mrowka
Mr. John O'Hagan
Ms. Marianna Aue
Mr. Les Grober
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SWRCB CDO Condition 2

We are writing to express our strong support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's January 3, 2017 proposal on the interpretation and implementation of the CDO's Condition 2.

The Monterey County Hospitality Association has over 250 members representing all phases of the hospitality industry throughout Monterey County and the region. Our industry employs more than 20,000 people and generates over \$2 billion in local tax revenue. We are the County's number two industry behind only agriculture. MCHA is a founding member of the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses and we fully support the Coalition's work and position on this matter.

MCHA understands the need to carefully regulate the use of water to assure that our water supplies are well managed and that the community's commitment to meet the terms of the CDO is kept. We are concerned however that the absence of an objective set of rules for water use for changes of use and rezoning will be a detriment to residents and businesses alike. We need to be able to assure our businesses are sustainable and that the housing needs of our community, particularly affordable and workforce housing can be met. We think the District's proposal will help do those things.

We believe the District's January 3rd proposal will provide for the clear, consistent and judicious use of our limited water supplies. Our community and our industry have worked diligently over the years with the District to develop and administer a fair set of rules which has resulted in water savings of more than 3,000 AFY. We believe that proven success combined with the District's proposal will benefit our community and meet the purpose and intent of the CDO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Bonnie Adams', is positioned above the typed name.

Bonnie Adams, Executive Director
Monterey County Hospitality Association