



MONTEREY COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

January 19, 2017

Dear Staff of the State Water Resources Control Board,

Please accept this support of the Monterey Peninsula Water District letter dated January 3, 2017 related to Condition 2. The Monterey Commercial Property Owners Association (MCPOA) members are very diligent in their support of the condition of the cease and desist order extension. Along with all residents and businesses of the Peninsula we take pride in the results of conservation efforts that have led to greatly reduced water usage in general and in particular diversions from the Carmel River.

MCPOA has also been an active participant in the pursuit of alternative water sources including Pure Water, Cal-Am's desalination plant, aquifer storage and recovery systems and more. We recognize and embrace the importance of our region's environmental quality including the health of the Carmel River. MCPOA is highly supportive of the 8,310 acre feet limit and subsequent reduction of diversion as we move forward with these worthy investments in a sustainable water supply for our Peninsula.

MCPOA is dedicated to the 8,310 acre feet as a maximum diversion from the Carmel River. We believe that the community has proven that we operate with water usage as a primary driver of our decision process on how properties are used.

For this reason MCPOA asks that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District allocation of water for individual properties be the recognized allocation allowed for these properties. MCPOA asks that your staff interprets condition 2 in a manner that does not unduly burden individual property owners by limiting water usage to a level below allocated usage.

MCPOA members have been active in reducing water usage on the Peninsula, developing alternative water supply sources to the Carmel River and respecting not only the 8,310 acre feet limit but more importantly the natural surroundings with which we have been favored. Thank you for considering our request to allow the diversion limits to be the guide via the MPWMD and not be extended to eliminating the ability of property owners and more importantly the community to enjoy properties being improved by rezoning and alternative uses.

With regards,

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