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**Subject:      REQUEST TO LIFT MORATORIUM FOR WATER PERMITS IN  
                  HIDDEN HILLS AREA**

Dear Mr. Tamagni:

Thank you for your letter dated May 22, 2010 (received May 26, 2010) to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD or District) requesting that the current temporary moratorium on issuing Water Permits in California American Water's (Cal-Am) Hidden Hills Unit be lifted. You cite your understanding that water savings in recent months and in Water Year (WY) 2009 show that Hidden Hills is below its Pro Rata Expansion Capacity (PREC) limit, and lifting the moratorium is justified.

The District applauds the Hidden Hills community for its water conservation efforts. We also understand that Cal-Am has made some significant repairs to leaks in the system. However, as Henrietta Stern, Project Manager, explained to you on the phone on May 26, 2010, District Rule 40-D-3 requires District staff to monitor a system "...for twelve (12) consecutive months after the water system use is less than its Pro Rata Expansion Capacity."

The reference PREC value is 0.482 acre-feet per year (AFY) per connection for the Hidden Hills system, based on the permitted production limit of 229.9 AFY and 477 permitted connections. Reviewing the rolling 12-month average data, the Hidden Hills PREC dropped to 0.482 AFY/connection in August 2009, and has stayed below that value since then. Rule 40-D-3 requires us to wait until after July 2010 (12 months) in order to make an assessment. Thus, the earliest opportunity to consider lifting the moratorium will be August 2010, assuming the PREC value stays below 0.482 AFY/connection each month.

Your letter correctly stated that the PREC value was below 0.482 AFY/connection for WY 2009 as a whole (October 2008-September 2009). However, the majority of months within WY 2009 were over the PREC limit, while some were under, resulting in an annual PREC of 0.4817 AFY/connection/year, or barely under the PREC limit. This value was derived from 210 AFY production divided by 436 connections reported as of September 30, 2009.

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In August 2010, District staff and counsel will review the data and begin the process to consider removing the moratorium on accepting applications for new or intensified water uses in the Hidden Hills system that was imposed in March 2009.

I trust this letter responds to your request. If you have any questions, please contact me at 831/658-5650 or [darby@mpwmd.dst.ca.us](mailto:darby@mpwmd.dst.ca.us). The technical staff contact is Henrietta Stern, Project Manager, at 831/658-5621 or [henri@mpwmd.dst.ca.us](mailto:henri@mpwmd.dst.ca.us).

Sincerely,



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