

Submitted by staff  
at 1/29/14 Board  
Meeting Item 21

## Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

*A coalition of the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Associated General Contractors – Monterey District  
to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost*

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Dave Potter, Chair, and Board of Directors  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
5 Davis Court, Building G  
Monterey, California 93940

Re: Agenda item 21, Cal Am But-Out initiative

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses urges your Board, in the strongest of terms, to move the Public Water Now petition forward to a vote by the public. We have been clear in our opposition to the petition, but we also believe that since Public Water Now (PWN) apparently has met the legal requirements to qualify the petition for the ballot, and because signators undoubtedly believed the petition would lead to a vote, the District Board should follow through and let the voters decide if they want to go further down this path.

Whether or not to proceed is a very complex issue. The public should be made fully aware of all the issues and be allowed to publicly debate the wisdom of starting down this path. The only reasonable way to proceed at this point is to go to the ballot box and let the voters decide. For the Board to take any other action would be a disservice to those who signed the petition and the District's residents and voters.

Move the PWN petition forward to an election.

Sincerely,



John Narigi, Co-chair