



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To Water Users in the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
From the MPWMD Board of Directors

On January 15, a Draft Cease & Desist Order (CDO) was issued against California American Water (CalAm) by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

What does the Draft CDO say?

- In 1995, the State ordered CalAm to reduce diversions of water from the Carmel River by 76% (Order 95-10). CalAm has not yet met that goal.
- Over pumping of the Carmel River continues to cause significant harm to wildlife, steelhead, other fish, and their habitat.
- CalAm would need to reduce the amount of water it is currently allowed to take from the Carmel River by 15% starting October 1st 2008.
- Further reductions equaling 50 percent would be required starting October 2014.

What could approval of the Draft CDO mean to us?

- The State could fine CalAm \$1,000 per day as well as other penalties. *Those costs could be passed on to CalAm customers.*
- *Emergency plans could be put into effect*, including *water rationing* for households and businesses; a *moratorium* on new or expanded CalAm water connections; and *outdoor watering restrictions* (e.g. on businesses, golf courses and parks).

What has been done to conserve/find other sources of water to date?

- CalAm customers (households, businesses, golf courses, cities, etc.) collectively have achieved the 20% conservation limit in Order 95-10 every year but one, since 1996. In fact, the community used **28% less** water last year than it did in 1988 (refer to table on back page).
- The MPWMD Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project has been constructed, used successfully and is in the process of being expanded. This project draws water from the Carmel River when it is plentiful and stores it in the Seaside Groundwater Basin for use when the river is dry.
- MPWMD facilitated construction of the Pebble Beach golf courses' recycled water project; greatly expanded the Water Conservation Rebate program; is analyzing the potential for cloud seeding; and is actively supporting MRWPCA's proposed purified recycled project. MPWMD is studying five desalination project proposals: CalAm; MPWMD; Pajaro Sunny Mesa; REPOG and Seawater Desalination Vessel.
- MPWMD proposed construction of a dam and a desalination project in the 1990's but they were not approved by voters.

What are CalAm and the MPWMD doing about the Draft CDO?

- CalAm has filed a protest with the SWRCB due to concerns for health, safety and other reasons. This has triggered an SWRCB public hearing in June 2008, and consideration of a decision by the State which could approve, modify or reject the Draft CDO.
- MPWMD will be participating in the SWRCB hearing and considering a position on the Order.
- Before the hearing, MPWMD will reactivate a Citizens Advisory Committee to study the Draft CDO, and conduct a special meeting to receive public opinion on the matter.

What can CalAm customers and concerned citizens do?

- **Attend the April 1 SWRCB public input meeting on the Draft CDO set for 1 PM in the De Anza Room at the Portola Hotel & Spa, Two Portola Plaza, Monterey.**
- **Voice your opinions on the Draft CDO at the April 21 MPWMD Board Meeting at 7 PM at the District office.** Also, contact the SWRCB, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), your legislators, local elected officials, community groups, and neighbors by phone, fax or letter.
- If you have already been conserving, reusing and recycling water, keep up the good work!
- All water users—including businesses, hotels, golf courses, parks, industries, schools, institutions and households should do their **fair share** to stop water waste and water loss.
- Advocate sustainable ways that the District can improve water reduction/recycling/reuse or augment the current supply.

Where can you learn more?

- CalAm (831) 646-3208; www.calamwater.com and www.waterfacts.com
- For issues affecting the Monterey Division, *water conservation tips, and staff contact:*
 - CPUC (415) 703-1584; www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/
- SWRCB (916) 341-5300; www.waterrights.ca.gov/Hearings/CalAm.html
- For draft CDO hearing dates and staff contact:
 - MPWMD (831) 658-5600; www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us

For water supply alternatives, *water conservation ideas and complete text of Order 95-10.*

CalAm Customers Used 28 Percent Less Water in 2007 than in 1988

Customer Type	Reported Demand		Reduced Demand	
	1988		From 1988	
	Acre Feet	2007	Acre Feet	(%)
Residential	7,954	6,508	1,446	18%
Multi-Residential	2,261	1,302	959	42%
Commercial	3,836	3,029	807	21%
Industrial	100	93	7	7%
Golf Course	1,271	421	850	67%
Public Authority	1,649	963	686	42%
Other	208	59	149	72%
Total	17,279	12,375	4,904	28%