



Supplement to November 17, 2025 MPWMD Board Packet

The letter dated **October 30, 2025**, was sent to the Board and is included in the meeting packet under the section titled “**Letters Received and Sent**”. A summary of the correspondence is provided in the table below for reference:

Author	Addressee	Date	Topic
Janet Ash	MPWMD	10/30/25	Letter of Support for Modifications to the Cease-and-Desist Order WR 2016-0016



Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

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October 30, 2025

Dr. Juliet Christian-Smith, Deputy Director Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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RE: Letter of Support for Modifications to the Cease-and-Desist Order WR 2016-0016

Dear Dr. Christian-Smith:

As Superintendent of Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, I respectfully request the State Water Board to modify the Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) to allow the Monterey Peninsula to experience an increase in much-needed housing and economic development.

The Pure Water Monterey project, which came online in 2021, coupled with the Monterey Peninsula's longstanding commitment to water-wise conservation strategies for both commercial and residential water consumption, has resulted in California American Water (Cal-Am) not exceeding the legal amount of water available from the Carmel River for the past four years. With the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project now online, there is no threat of Cal-Am exceeding the legal water right limits on the Carmel River in the foreseeable future. This was confirmed by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in a decision adopted on August 14th, 2025.

The current moratorium on new connections was put in place by the CPUC in response to the 2009 Order WR 2009-0060 by the State Board. This restriction on setting any new water meters in the service area could be lifted if the State Board were able to rescind Condition 2 of the CDO.

Our communities and vested stakeholders are eager to start fulfilling the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) in order to have more affordable housing options for local workforce employees. Working to align business and housing element interests for the benefit of our members is a win for all communities on the Monterey Peninsula.

As Superintendent of Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, I encourage you and the State Water Board members to modify the Cease-and-Desist Order to allow our area the opportunity to have some independence in developing projects that work for our residents and businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PK Diffenbaugh", written over a white background.

PK Diffenbaugh
Superintendent