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Item 3*

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Kristi Markey, Chair  
and Members of the Water Demand Committee  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
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Subject: Comments on November 6, 2013 Agenda Action Item 3

Dear Chair Markey and Members of the Water Demand Committee:

These comments are submitted on Action Item 3 on today's agenda on behalf of Save Our Carmel River (SOCR), Patricia Bernardi, and The Open Monterey Project. We urge the Committee to recommend that the Board reject Draft Ordinance No. 158.

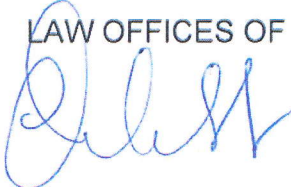
Draft Ordinance No. 158 proposes amendments to District Rule 28-B which are inconsistent with numerous aspects of CEQA, including lead agency provisions, cumulative analysis of environmental impacts, and appropriate review and mitigation. The ordinance has potentially significant environmental impacts that have not been evaluated and mitigated. The ordinance should be rejected.

As a next step, the District may consider notifying the jurisdictions that the proposed ordinance would assign a new task and pose a new risk to the jurisdictions, and the ordinance would require the jurisdictions to assume all risk and responsibilities arising out of the jurisdictions' actions on water credit transfers.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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