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Herald Editorial Submission

We, the Water Supply Committee, of the Monterey Peninsula Management District acknowledge the District lacks broad community support. Some folks are upset with us for going forward with our fee that may become part of the property tax statement in the future. This is the same fee that you were paying on your Cal-Am water bill. You will not be paying both fees, only one. Some of you, who now oppose us, supported us for our elections and are our friends.

We are charged with making a difficult decision based on being fully informed of all the details of water supply vs. public pressure from the outside. Sometimes the comments we receive have been on the mean and personal side towards us. Since we signed up for this difficult task, we have to try and understand your frustration with the District and hope you understand that we only mean the best for all of us.

The State Water Board means serious business with their decision to limit our water supply in 2016. Most of us will have serious "quality of life" issues with the ramp down to 35 gallons of water per person, per day to say nothing about the overall effect on our local economy,

We are not asking you to trust us, as we have not yet earned your trust. After all, we also understand that the District has been a disappointment in the past. We have made sure that once the fees are no longer required for water projects, we will cease collecting the amount. We are, however, moving the District towards a water solution that will preserve our quality of life and economy.

The Board is focused on supply issues and we will endeavor to reverse some of the past actions (rules) that have not met with your support.

You sent us to the District to solve our water supply issues and we are. The time is now to fund water projects that are low cost, affordable and deliverable within the timeline set by the State. We, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management Supply Committee, are committed to the task and will, with your support, succeed.

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