

Date: March 19, 2003

TO: Interested Agencies and Members of the Public

FROM: Henrietta Stern, Project Manager

**SUBJ: AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT CARMEL RIVER FLOW THRESHOLD REPORT
FOR 60-DAY REVIEW –

COMMENTS DUE MONDAY, MAY 19, 2003**

At its February 27, 2003 meeting, the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Board directed that the draft Carmel River Flow Threshold Report, prepared by Jones & Stokes Associates (JSA), be circulated for public review for 60 days. The report presents recommended Carmel River flows for use as “thresholds of significance” in the water supply project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These flows reflect minimum flows needed to support current populations of steelhead fish, California red-legged frogs, and riparian (streamside vegetation) habitat. These flows are not recommended instream flows to be used to operate a water supply project.

Since the February 2003 version of the report contained miscellaneous spelling and other minor errors, and certain sentences needed clarification, JSA refined the February 2003 version and submitted a new version on March 18, 2003. There are no substantive changes in the March 2003 version as compared to the February 2003 version, which is currently on the MPWMD website.

In the very near future, MPWMD will post the March 2003 version on our website at: www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us. Hard copies can also be viewed at the District office and at local libraries. You may request a personal hard copy for the cost of reproduction.

We look forward to receiving your comments, which must be received no later than ***Monday, May 19, 2003 by 5:00 PM*** at the District address shown on letterhead above. You may also submit comments via e-mail to henri@mpwmd.dst.ca.us. Please contact me via e-mail or by phone at [831/658-5621](tel:8316585621) if you have questions.