

A significant citizens effort in this era

In the spirit of Elmarie Dyke, the citizens of the Monterey Bay area must persevere in the effort to purchase public control of OUR water. This, next to significance to the event of 1965, to keep Humbe Oil from building a refinery that would have done irreparable harm to sea life and surrounding habitat at Moro Cojo Slough.

The tactics of CalAm are an example of placing the private for profit corporate interest above the public wellbeing. CalAm has used this three legged stool against the public: DISINGENUOUS- the "misplaced" salinity sensor in a test well, parading the "lady from Felton" before the media, (just survey Felton's resident to hear their content of their buyout) DIVISIVENESS- buying the influence of the hospitality business with a favorable rate payment structure, DELAY- obstructing the buyout progress ie. the LAFCO affair, impeding the implementation of the recycle water purification project. Among examples!

The foremost reason CalAm seeks to build (it has been permitted!!) an absolutely, in this area, an environmentally disastrous proposal, is to inflate the price the public can reasonably or perceptibly afford. Given the extremes predicted for global weather, improved and increased storage is the solution to our future needs. Simply look to the Middle East to see the disastrous effects upon the populace being driven off the land by pervasive drought.

Let us not be driven to complacency and take public control by quite capable people of our existential resource.

Very truly yours,  
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