

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition of the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Pebble Beach Company, Associated General Contractors – Monterey District to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

March 19, 2018

Submitted at 3/19/18 Board Meeting
by John Narigi - Item 13

Andrew Clark, Board Chair and
Members, Board of Directors
Dave Stoldt, General Manager
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
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Transmitted by fax to 831-644-9558

RE: Item 13 on March 19, 2018, Adoption of Resolution 2018-05

Dear Mr. Clark and Mr. Stoldt:

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses urges you to adopt Resolution 2018-05.

The Coalition has worked with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) for almost two years to secure a reasonable interpretation of Cease and Desist Order Condition 2. The State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) ordered their staff to reach a reasonable interpretation with community leaders back in 2016. In spite of several meetings and phone conferences, which Coalition members participated in, SWRCB staff has still not acted.

It is time to confirm an interpretation of Condition 2 and eliminate confusion over its intent. MPWMD's interpretation has been successfully implemented historically with no increased pumping from the Carmel River. Recently the Monterey Bay Aquarium Education Center was allowed a favorable interpretation of Condition 2. Such a ruling was accepted by the SWRCB, others should not be penalized.

Please vote to adopt Resolution 2018-05; the Peninsula community has honored for years the water policies of MPWMD without creating excessive use, the language set forth in Resolution 2018-05 will allow MPWMD to reinstate their previous management practices without negative impact to the Carmel River.

Sincerely,

John V. Narigi, Chair
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