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Dear MCAR GAD,

Welcome to the "Stone Report", a publication brought to you by the Government & Community Affairs Department of the Monterey County Association of REALTORS®

## Updated Water Disclosure Now Available

MCAR has made available an updated Monterey County Supplemental Water Disclosure for your use. Current challenges with the State Water Resources Control Board and their pending decision on the Cease and Desist Order, necessitate an increased level of awareness and coverage for all parties involved in a transaction where water availability may be an issue.

To access the updated Water Disclosure, please click [here](#).

[Previous Water Updates Available Here](#)

## The Coalition to Save Our Water

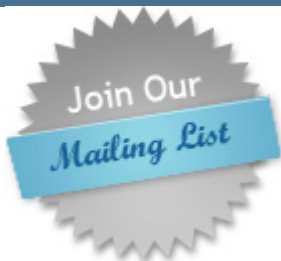
### Our Water, Our Lives...

State bureaucrats are threatening to take away your water. The only way to stop them is for you to make your voice heard now.

On **October 20, 2009**, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in Sacramento will decide whether you'll be able to water your garden -- or even take a shower every day. Yes, it's true!

For years, you've cut water use; there has been a continuous threat of rationing; no water has been available in the Monterey Peninsula for affordable housing, medical clinics, and other important purposes.

Even though you and your neighbors have cut water use by 30% the State is



considering a plan to reduce water allocations by 25% more.

What can you do? You can join neighbors, mayors, labor leaders, health care professionals, teachers and others in the most important community effort in memory: Preserving our community's access to its most vital resource - our water supply!

How can you help? You can join your friends and neighbors in a trip to Sacramento to make sure the State doesn't turn its back on your needs. We are arranging a bus caravan trip to Sacramento to tell State officials they must not deprive Monterey Peninsula of water needed for the health of our families, our homes, and our businesses. To sign up, please contact: [ourwaterourlives@gmail.com](mailto:ourwaterourlives@gmail.com) or call (831) 646-3270.

**When:** October 20, 2009 9:00 a.m. (Time and Date subject to change by SWRCB)

**Where:** Meet at the University Village shopping center, Hwy 1 & Imjin Parkway. The hearing begins in Sacramento at 1:00 p.m. Expect a late night return to Marina.

**What: FREE** Bus Caravan to SWRCB Hearing Bus transportation, food and refreshments provided.

**RSVP** and stay in touch for updates and changes!

***Coalition Action Partners:***

*Monterey County Association of Realtors® ~ California American Water ~ Monterey County Hospitality Association ~ Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce ~ Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce*

## Facts about the Monterey Peninsula Water Raid

- The 25% additional water cutback the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) wants to impose on Monterey Peninsula will cause businesses to shut down, banks to stop loaning money, and residents to move away.
- The SWRCB wants to place a moratorium on all new water permits. This will stop our cities from being able to build even essential projects, such as low income housing.
- Residents of the Monterey Peninsula now average 70 gallons of water use per day. That's one of the lowest water uses in the state. Why is the state punishing us for our good behavior?
- Our community has made great progress toward a new water supply. The only things standing in the way are the permits we need from dozens of state and local agencies. How can one state board punish us when other government agencies won't let us produce more water now?
- The people of the Monterey Peninsula have already paid a very big price because of our water shortage. Unlike other communities in the U.S., we need government permission to add a toilet, sink or any other water fixture to our houses. New houses cannot be built, businesses cannot expand, and even projects such as medical clinics and affordable housing are held hostage.
- This will result in rate schedule increases which will impact seniors and families on fixed incomes.

- Don't let the State grab our water. It isn't just water... it is our lives.

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## Critical Water Issues Panel

The Monterey County Association of REALTORS® in conjunction with the Women's Council of REALTORS® Monterey Peninsula Chapter, are hosting a Critical Water Issues Panel on October 16, 2009. The panel will feature key water professionals throughout Monterey County, representing both the public and private sectors. We will discuss the current challenges associated with the CDO, proposed water solutions including the above mentioned Regional Water Project and potential impacts for current and future homeowners. Additional information on this event can be found [here](#).

This event will fill up fast, so reserve your seat as soon as possible. You can register for this event by calling the MCAR office at (831) 393-8660 or online by clicking [here](#).

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*Until next time,*

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