

January 29, 2019

Water Peninsula Water Management District P.O. Box 85 Monterey, CA 93942-005

Dear Board of Directors,

As you are involved with feasibility studies regarding the possible take over of Cal Am, we ask you to keep in mind the premise and promise on which Measure J passed. During the campaign virtually 100% of our neighbors, friends, and acquaintances who made the choice to support/vote for Measure J did so because they believed that, immediately upon a successful takeover, water would be *cheaper*. Every public water sign said 'Want Affordable Water?' The inference was clear.

Citizens who supported Measure J (and those who didn't) want the feasibility study to demonstrate that there will be **immediate and permanent reduction in water rates now**. Not five years from now, not twenty years from now, not sometime in the distant future, but **now**. The decision to move forward on takeover must be based on the premise and promise for which citizens made their vote. Without the certainty of that promise, the takeover is not feasible.

We encourage you to make your decision based on immediate and permanent reduction in water rates.

Sincerely,

G16 Coalition Board of Directors Dawn Poston Michael Addison Frank Lunding Lawrence Samuels Carol Vetter