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Via EmailCarl Holm, Assistant Director of Planning
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Subject: Draft EIR for County GPU-5; SCH Number 2007121001

Dear Mr. Holm:

This Office represents The Open Monterey Project. On October 28, 2008, I sent you a letter regarding the County's apparent failure to provide the Draft EIR for GPU-5 to the State Water Resources Control Board. I have received no response to my letter.

Since then, I have confirmed with Steve Herrera that the Division of Water Rights of the State Water Resources Control Board did not receive a Draft EIR for the proposed County GPU-5. In light of the serious overdraft of this County's major water supplies, the State's many ongoing years of attention to this County's water situation, and the significant unavoidable adverse impacts on County water supplies that are identified in the Draft EIR, the County's omission is another fatal flaw in the process.

The County should give the State Water Resources Control Board the complete Draft EIR in hard copy. The County should also make the correct and complete EIR reference materials available to the State and to the public. Only then should the 45-day public review period begin.

Very truly yours,



Molly Erickson

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Charles McKee, County Counsel
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Pajaro Valley Water Management District
Steve Herrera, State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights