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My name is Lindy Marrington and I live in Carmel, CA. I have thoroughly read your Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Desalinization project. As a marine and plant biology major from UCSC, I am adamantly opposed to the construction of a desalinization plant. Desalinization plants have been notorious for being extremely expensive and not effective. Their method of attempting to remove salt water from the ocean is not energy efficient, in fact it is extremely energy intensive. Salt water is highly corrosive and an entire host of other problems develop from desalinization.

This method will just divert the problem of overtaxing the Carmel river to now jeopardizing the Carmel coastline. It is sheer stupidity to dump the brine back into the bay and totally mess up the salt water balance. We have one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world and to mess with it in this way is pure recklessness. This issue should be put to a vote, not determined by a handful of politicians and a few public agencies.

This project sounds like trying to extract fossil fuels from the Arctic refuge area. The odds of something going wrong with the salt water intrusion is a fiasco waiting to happen.

What Monterey County and the surrounding area needs is a moratorium on construction/development. Much of this push for desalinization is so that developers can continue to come in to an already overtaxed finite environment and continue to expand their coverage of open space. The "Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project" is a bad idea all the way around.

Very concerned,

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