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To Who it may concern;

I have been asked by the Sierra Club to write down my observations concerning water use activities at Moore's Lake, Garzas Creek, and the newly constructed water storage ponds on the Rancho San Carlos. I am a life long resident of Carmel Valley and have been driving by area discussed in this declaration almost daily for the past 30 years.

In 1999 I filed a complaint with Monterey County and the state water board regarding use of water from Moore's lake. At the time the ranch was dredging & rebuilding the lake and had drained most all of the water from the lake to their storm water retention ponds and then used it to water the golf course. The ranch had constructed both temporary and permanent waterworks to transport the water. The complaint was dismissed based on the fact that the work needed to be done, and was a one-time use. Frankly, I feel the water could have been put to a better use by slowly pumping a great majority of it down Garzas Creek to replenish the already overtaxed Carmel Valley Aquifer, then at least, there would have not been an overall loss to the Carmel Valley Water Resource System.

This past summer/fall I again observed what I believe to be the transfer of water from Moore's lake to the retention ponds and eventually onto the golf course in violation of their conditions of approval (specifically #190) and the spirit of their proposed project to have an independent water system. As I would drive down Robinson Canyon Road, I could observe their retention ponds being severely drained to the point of being empty as the summer progressed. During this period of time, the ponds would have a small clear flow of water entering the ponds, presumably from their system of wells. Then every so often, the inflow would dramatically increase, become more turbid (A period of time when Moore's Lake had very dirty water in it) and correspondingly Moore's Lake started to drop incrementally. Leaving new 1 to 2 inch water rings on the shoreline every night. By the time the winter rains started, the lake's water level was lower (about eight feet) then I had seen during our most severe drought periods. I realize this is circumstantial evidence, but I know of no other reason that the water level would drop so much other then diversion from the lake.

I also observed that the supplemental bypass releasing of water down Garzas Creek did not occur until late November, long after the stream had been dry, and interestingly very soon after the recent inquiries/complaints started regarding the operational protocol. There may very well be legitimate explanations for everything mention above, but as stated before, this is simply what I observed.

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