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## **DECLARATION OF GARY TATE CONCERNING STREAM FLOW IN GARZAS CANYON**

**I have lived in Carmel Valley for 29 years. I retired three years ago as General Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. As Manager, I negotiated the public purchase of the lower portion of the Garzas watershed from the Condon and Fish families. I planned and developed public trails in the Garzas Canyon. I have hiked in the Garzas Canyon each year for the last 20 years.**

**In my annual hike to Garzas Canyon in October 2001, I was amazed at seeing no water in the stream at the intersection of the Redwood side-canyon and the Garzas Creek. In past years, water was always present and flowing in this section of the creek at this time of the year.**

**One possible explanation is the extraction of "ground water" from wells on the San Carlos Ranch. It was my understanding that when this development was proposed, the EIR stated that upstream wells would have little or no impact on the water flows in the Garzas watershed and the Carmel River aquifer.**

**I request regulatory agencies answer the following questions:**

- What data is available from the Water Management District that maintains a gauging station on the Garzas Creek?**
- What information is available as to water extraction rates from upstream wells by the San Carlos Ranch?**
- Which wells are being pumped and what data is available from monitoring wells located in the Garzas watershed?**
- Is water extraction from upstream wells impacting stream flows in the Garzas?**
- Does San Carlos Ranch conditions of development approval address this concern?**

**Based upon the answers to these questions, additional comments can be presented about appropriate mitigation measures.**