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Subject: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Dear Senator Jean Fuller,

Thank you for responding to my letter of 3/28/18. In addition, I wish to express how pleased I am to have met you at the gathering recently held by Pat Ferris at her home west of Inyokern. I am just sorry there was neither the time nor opportunity to discuss the subject issue with you, but we both know these gatherings are for different purposes.

Before I address the main purpose of this second communication, I wish to state that if the subject matter is addressing an area in which you are not involved, party to or for other reasons do not wish or can become involved, please do not hesitate to let me know so I will not continue this discussion. As my California Senator, I am assuming you are responsible for all areas of legislation, no matter what the issue. However, that may be an incorrect assumption and, if so, I will withdraw further from from any continued communication.

Moving forward to my issues, unfortunately, I must inform you that the response communicated within your April 18 letter answering my original communication is way off target. Whether you or (more likely) your staff member(s) prepared this response, I must tell you that my concerns have absolutely nothing to do with the recommendations within your letter.

To bring this communication and my asking for your help back to my original focus, I am ***not*** addressing “residential water rates and usage.” ***My stated concerns*** have nothing to do with water bills and rates thus CPUC is of no help or interest pertaining to this issue. I think you know ***contacting Governor Brown*** is a waste of time. He signed the illegal (IMO) and unconstitutional regulations that are now demanding this ultimate interference with private-property well owners’ property and water rights. That should never have happened and was based on the ignorance of those voting on this mess with inaccurate and inadequate knowledge regarding government solutions to any possible water-shortage problems in various areas of California. As for ***attending IWVGA meetings***, I am very aware upon that which these members base their “expertise” and of the resulting errors of their positions and attitudes. Said members’ lack of knowledge of this subject leads to terrible incorrect actions. In addition, such so-called public meetings which are so regulated that private citizens are never given adequate time nor platform to “try to educate” this group to the facts and reality is almost always very unproductive. It would be a waste of my time if I were to even be given the 3- to 5-minute opportunity. I’m also sure IWVGA members’ response would be, in essence, “don’t confuse me with the facts when I have already made up my mind.”

Just the fact that this IWVGA group wants to impose a tax or fee per gallon pumped out of any privately-owned water well on private property for the specific purpose of raising funds to pay for legal oversight and consultants expenses to seek ways to impose more government on our backs is ludicrous. Why in the world would we pay any entity to use same to pay for mostly

incorrect and damaging information to make us suffer the loss of our constitutionally-guaranteed water rights to begin with! Government is once again overstepping their constitutionally-imposed limits.

Please, reread my original letter with my attached original article (enclosed herein to save you time searching your files). Also, please note that this article has not only been published as an editorial in the local newspaper, The News Review, but has also been sent to the Pacific Coast Legal Foundation and the American Civil Liberties Union (for starters) asking for their involvement since this problem of bad legislation which attacks citizens' water rights must be corrected at the Sacramento level where this mess has started. Legal and citizen correction will automatically stop these local levels of interference. I know I keep repeating the bottom line here, but that is what must be understood in order to correct this legislative error.

Having dealt with government for many years (first exposure in 1957), I believe this case will probably take the bringing of civil-rights law suits to bring politicians in Sacramento into line. Bottom line is that there is tremendous ignorance in our political arena regarding the truth of California drought/water shortages upon which decisions are being made with Mother Nature's factual solutions being discarded! This is only a possible problem in small areas of California, not a blanket over the entire State. I truly believe that only the local citizens of any such problem/threat regarding water issues will make the right decisions themselves. If water shortage becomes a true threatening fact, then local people and business will move elsewhere...that is one of Mother Nature's balancing processes which works far better than government interference ever will. Yes, there are specific areas in which government can correct problems, but over-all, blanket legislation is NOT TO BE IMPOSED! That does not work.

I would be happy to somehow meet with you, Jean, to discuss this problem if I can help bring better understanding. I sincerely believe that when our representatives like you completely understanding this issue, we have a chance to solve any actual and real problem(s).

Best regards,

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Enclosures: My March 30 letter w/cc of myeditorial attachment
My article on IWVGA