

Supplement to 10/15/2012 MPWMD Board Packet

Attached are copies of letters received between, September 16, 2012 and October 8, 2012. These letters are also listed in the October 15, 2012 Board packet under item 19, Letters Received.

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Amy L. White	MPWMD Board	9/17/12	Item 15 – Discuss and Recommend District Position
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From:

Dave Stoldt

Sent:

Sunday, September 16, 2012 7:59 PM

To:

Arlene Tavani

Subject:

Fwd: CAL-AM Water Bills That Spike Up Without Any Reasonable Cause

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Dave Stoldt 508-954-8414 Sent from my iPhone

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "R. J. Roland" < rjayroland@gmail.com > Date: September 16, 2012 7:48:06 PM PDT

To: <dstoldt@mpwmd.net>

Cc: "R. J. ROLAND" < RJAYROLAND@GMAIL.COM>, < Jhparise@aol.com> Subject: CAL-AM Water Bills That Spike Up Without Any Reasonable Cause

Mr. Dave Stoldt, General Manager MPWMD

My name is Jay Roland. My home is at 33 Castro Road, Monterey. I own the properties at 500 Sloat Avenue and 15 La Playa Avenue. I have experienced a very high bill from CAL-AM as have many others in my community. At each of the properties I have been notified by CAL-AM of the high water usage. The only actual "spiked" water bill has been at the 33 Castro Road address. This is not just my problem, because many other consumers have written similar stories to the Monterey Herald.

Something is wrong and I think it is time that the MPWMD gets involved. I am requesting that the

Issue of spiked water bills from CaAL-AM be put on the Water Board's agenda for discussion and action in time for the October 15 board meeting.

If I am unable to attend the board meeting on 9/17/12, I am requesting that this letter be read into the record during the meeting.

Thank you,

Ronald J. Roland

Tony Lombardo

From: Larry Silver < larrysilver@earthlink.net> Monday, September 17, 2012 12:46 PM

Sent:

To: Dave Stoldt

rita dalessio; Tony Lombardo Cc: SWRCB Order WR 2009-0060 Subject:

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SEP 1 3 2012 David Stoldt

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District dstoldt@mpwmd.net

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Dear Mr. Stoldt:

The Sierra Club believes that the Adoption of Ordinance No. 154 Tolling Water Use Credits Affected by SWRCB Order WR 2009-0060 is consistent with the over-all settlement (and dismissal) of the three cases challenging the validity of SWRCB Order WR 2009-0060. Sierra Club urges the Board to adopt Ordinance 154.

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From:

Dave Stoldt

Sent:

Monday, September 17, 2012 5:40 PM

To:

Stephanie Pintar: Arlene Tavani

Subject:

FW: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 154 TOLLING WATER

USE CREDITS AFFECTED BY SWRCB ORDER WR 2009 0060; MEETING PATE

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From: Tony Lombardo [mailto:tony@alombardolaw.com]

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 11:16 AM

To: district5@co.monterey.ca.us

Cc: leekm@co.monterey.ca.us; Dave Stoldt; dave@laredolaw.net; lewis4water@gmail.com; kristimarkey@gmail.com;

Jeanne Byrne (<u>icbarchfaia@att.net</u>); Bob Brower; <u>sandcitymyr@aol.com</u>; Donna Rovella; Debra Tipton

Subject: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 154 TOLLING WATER USE CREDITS AFFECTED BY

SWRCB ORDER WR 2009-0060; MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 17. 2012

Chair Potter and Members of the Board:

We represent Quail Lodge, Inc., Carmel Valley Ranch Housing, LLC and Baylaurel LLC. We are writing in regards to the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 154 scheduled for this evening.

At the last meeting, an email was received from Ms. Molly Erickson questioning the Initial Study and Negative Declaration that is proposed to be adopted concurrently with the Ordinance.

There were no specific allegations as to why the proposed Negative Declaration would be inadequate and as far as I am aware, no correspondence has been received since that email with any further explanation of that position.

Since all water use on the Monterey Peninsula is controlled by the terms of the Cease and Desist Order, any use of these water credits would also be subject to the terms of the Cease and Desist Order.

While my clients do not believe that the State Water Resources Control Board would ever agree to rescind the Cease and Desist Order until and unless a replacement water supply is found for the Monterey Peninsula, they have no objection to the Ordinance including a provision requiring both the resolution of the Cease and Desist Order and a replacement supply for the community as a condition precedent to the use of the extended credits.

In the event that either the Ordinance is not adopted by your Board or if it the adoption of the Ordinance is challenged by a third party, my clients would be forced to proceed with the current litigation involving the State Water Resources Control Board and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District in order to either have the Court declare that the expiration of the water credits should be suspended during the period of the Cease and Desist Order or ask the Court to order the rescission of the water credits so my clients could be restored to the position they were in before the credits were issued.

It is well settled California law that a party to a contract has a right of rescission as an equitable remedy where in situations such as this there is a failure of consideration (in this case, the inability to use their water credits) (see, for example, *Sharabianlou v. Karp* (2010) 181 Cal.App.4th 1133, 1144, citing *Runyon v. Pacific Air Industries, Inc.* (1970) 2 Cal.3d 304).

The California Civil Code also recognizes the right of rescission. California Civil Code Section 1689(b)(4) states that a party may rescind a contract if the consideration bargained for fails in any material respect for any

cause. "Consideration" is also defined as a benefit conferred or any prejudice suffered (see Civil Code Section 1605; also the case of Fox v. Ehrmantraut (1980) 28 Cal.3d 127 at 136).

My clients have collectively spent millions of dollars to conserve water on their properties which have resulted in years of benefit to the community, the consideration for which was the issuance of the water credits. In the event they are prevented from using those credits as a result of either the Cease and Desist Order or actions taken to challenge the adoption of this Ordinance, my clients would have no alternative but to seek rescission of the agreement and the right to the use of the water which they agreed to forego based on the issuance of those credits.

My clients support the adoption of Ordinance No. 154.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dave Stoldt

From: Sent: Lindy Levin < lindylevin@gmail.com> Monday, September 17, 2012 2:09 PM

To:

Dave Stoldt

Subject:

Spikes in Cal Am Water Bills

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Dear Mr. Stoldt,

I am writing to you to request that the water board put the issue of Cal Am's water bills on the agenda for discussion and action at the next board meeting on 10/15/12.

it took many months for me to reach a resolution with CalAm after I proved from three sources that I had no leaks inside or outside of my house in PG. Even after that, CalAm sent me a disconnect letter. I complained to the PUC, and as a result, a Cal Am gave me a credit for over payment.

Here is the problem: if a consumer proves there are no leaks, why is he or she still held responsible for the unexplained water loss? If there are no leaks, how can Cal Am negotiate a leak adjustment? These rate adjustments are still far more than a bill based on average usage.

Cal Am has successfully shifted the burden of proof and ultimate responsibility to the consumer, which is a policy that is unjust and should be investigated.

I intend to be at the meeting tonight, but if for some reason I don't make, please read my letter into the record during the meeting.

Thank you Lindy Levin

Sent from my iPad

From:

Dave Stoldt

Sent:

Monday, September 17, 2012 10:50 AM

To: Subject:

Arlene Tavani FW: CalAm water bills

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From: Walsh, Craig (RWC) [mailto:Craig.Walsh@colliers.com]

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 10:26 AM

To: Dave Stoldt Cc: Lindy Levin

Subject: CalAm water bilis

Importance: High

Dave,

We have a home at 1111 Ocean View in Pacific Grove. This my mother house who is 78 years old and is the widow of Bill Walsh. I am their son and the trustee of my mother's estate. We have been getting crazy water "bills" over the last 2 years. To make a long story short, CalAm is now going to turn off service at this residence because we have racked up \$10,000 in water usage over the last 60 days. The bills have been up to \$5,000 and down to \$300 per month so there is no constant leak.

Two weeks ago I had an independent leak detection company out, their finding was there is no leak anywhere. They tested the drip system and went through the entire house. (I have their certified report).

CalAm sent out a "technician " in June of 2012 and he concluded it was the drip system....without even testing it!!!! He was there and gone in 20 minutes.

Last month CalAM said we used 84,000 gallons of water....the home is 1,900 sq ft. **This is ridiculous,** they even suggested someone was stealing water -to take 84 thousand gallons the truck would have to be able to hold 5 swimming pools and be there for 14 days.

To me This is Elder Abuse, please put this issue on the agenda for the next meeting.

Craig Walsh

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From:

Dave Stoldt

Sent:

Monday, September 17, 2012 10:48 AM

To: Subject:

Arlene Tavani FW: 2010 Recipient HECEIVED

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Another email

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From: Jhparise@aol.com [mailto:Jhparise@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 9:24 AM

To: Dave Stoldt

Subject: 2010 Recipient

Mr. Dave Stoldt, General Manager

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Our family experienced one excessive water bill from Cal Am as have many others, friends in our community. This is just not our problem as many others have voiced their concerns in the media as well as have written to our local paper, The Monterey Herald.

Something is definitely wrong here and it's time that MPWMD gets involved directly to correct this immediately.

As of today, September 17, I am asking that the issue of Cal Am's spiked water bills be placed on the Water Board's agenda for discussion and action in time for the October 15 board meeting.

If I am unable to attend the board meeting on September 17, then I am requesting that this letter be read into the record during the meeting.

Thank you, Janice Parise Pacific Grove

From:

Dave Stoldt

Sent:

Monday, September 17, 2012 1:20 PM

To:

Arlene Tavani FW: Cal Am Bill Spikes Subject:

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----Original Message----

From: Cris Staedler [mailto:staedler@emcplanning.com]

Sent: Monday, September 17, 2012 12:35 PM

To: Dave Stoldt Cc: 'Lindy Levin'

Subject: Cal Am Bill Spikes

Good Afternoon Mr. Stoldt-

We have recently experienced a Cal-Am bill spike with one of our commercial tenants at 301 Lighthouse Avenue in Monterey. In summary, they have been in the same lease space for 27 years and consistently use approximately 5 units per month.

Last month, they received a bill from Cal-Am for 250 units. This was a %5000 increase from 375 gallons per month they consistently used for 27 years to over 18,000 gallons per month.

In response, the business owners contacted Cal-Am customer service and were told that there was nothing they could do about it. The business owners hired a reputable plumber to check out all the plumbing and no leak was detected. They continued to monitor the water meter on a daily basis and found it to be operating consistently with their normal average monthly usage of 5 units per month. In short, they have not found any leaks and the water meter is now showing normal average monthly usage once again. The business owners contacted Cal-Am again and were told that the only way they could get an adjustment on their bill is if they can provide evidence that there was a significant leak associated with their water meter, which they cannot.

This story appears to exactly emulate other recent stories of customers receiving abruptly spiking water bills with no apparent explanation for the "alleged" increase in water use and then the rates inexplicably drop to former levels after their spikes. This is clearly a situation where ".there are bills in one single month that appear to be atypical" according to written comments made by Cal-Am President Robert MacLean. Clearly, there is something wrong, as at least partially acknowledged by their President, Robert MacLean.

I respectfully request that the agency put this issue on the agenda for the 10/15/12 meeting for discussion and appropriate action.

Further, I would request that my email be read into the public record at tonight's board meeting.

Cris Staedler **Managing Member** 301 Lighthouse Avenue, LLC PO Box 414 Monterey, California 93942

Phone (831) 277-2699

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Post Office Box 1876, Salinas, CA 93902 Email: LandWatch@mclw.org Website: www.landwatch.org Telephone: 831-759-2824

FAX: 831-759-2825

September 17, 2012

Chair Dave Potter and Members of the Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court, Building G Monterey, CA 93940

RE: Item 15 – DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND DISTRICT POSITION ON CAL-AM APPLICATION REGARDING GOVERNANMCE, OWNERSHIP, AND FINANCE

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board,

LandWatch reviewed the staff report for item 15, and we have the following comments.

LandWatch has long supported public ownership of any desalination facility on the Monterey Peninsula. In 2009 LandWatch co-wrote and advocated for the Hybrid Regional Plan in which we supported public ownership. In March of 2012 LandWatch updated our Hybrid Regional Plan and said, "A desalination facility should be publicly owned and financed. It has been estimated that a publically financed facility could be many millions of dollars less expensive over a 30 year period than one that is privately financed. This is due to the fact that the return provided by the California Public Utilities Commission to regulated utilities is approximately twice the rate for financing by municipal bonds."

The Updated Hybrid Plan goes on to say, "The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District which is directly elected by the voters within the Cal-Am service area should be the managing agency for developing and overseeing the overall program. Individual components of the program should also be developed by public agencies. The agency to develop the desalination facility is still unclear with several options available including a project by the Monterey Peninsula Water Management Agency, a joint effort by Cal-Am and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, The People's Desal Plant, and the Deep Water Desal project."

As noted on page 4 of the staff report, "...the District stands ready, able, and willing to serve in that role and provide the leadership to procure, build, and operate a facility and sell water to Cal-Am through a wholesale water purchase agreement." District ownership makes it unnecessary to separate governance from ownership since the two would be one and the same. It is the only alternative presented by staff that would assure direct accountability to ratepayers.

Coalition of Peninsula Businesses

A coalition to resolve the Peninsula water challenge to comply with the CDO at a reasonable cost

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The Honorable Dave Potter, Chair, and Board Monterey Peninsula Water Management District P.O. Box 85 Monterey, California 93942

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Re: Ordinance 152 Citizen's Oversight Committee

Dear Chair Potter and Members of the Board:

The Coalition of Peninsula Businesses volunteers to serve on the Ordinance 152 Oversight Committee as a community group representative.

The Coalition includes all of the major business organizations on the Monterey Peninsula and throughout the District's service area. Collectively the Coalition represents all of the major employers and economic engines in the District. Most of our members' employees and those they represent are also residents of the District.

Our Coalition is dedicated to resolving the Peninsula's water supply issues at a reasonable cost and in time to meet the CDO's deadline. We have worked diligently with all of the various agencies, including the District, to address the Peninsula's water issues. We have been granted party status in Cal Am's pending application before the PUC.

The Coalition will bring strong business experience to the Oversight Committee. We are constant users of the District and its services. We know the District's mission and its challenges. That combination of knowledge, user experience and business acumen makes us well qualified to be an active and valuable member of the Committee.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

John Narigi, Co-chair

Vice President and General Manager,

Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa

Mike Zimmerman, Co-chair

Executive Vice President and COO,

Cannery Row Company

Members Include: Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Commercial Property Owners' Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Association of Realtors, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Association of General Contractors

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VIA E MAIL > October 2, 2012 > Mr. David Stoldt, General Manager > c/o Henrietta Stern, Project Manager > Monterey Peninsula Water Management District > 5 Harris Court, Building G > Monterey, California 93940 > > > Tydings-Cappo Water Distribution System Application > -006)

#20110405TYD (APN 241-182-003; -004; -005; and >

>

> Dear Mr. Stoldt:

> I am writing in behalf of our client, Jeffrey Cappo. The purpose of this letter is to request the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to issue a Temporary Water Permit for the Tydings-Cappo Water Distribution System (WDS).

> We understand and accept that there will be Special Conditions that require completion of the WDS permit process prior to occupancy of the home and full use of the well. We understand and accept that the well may be used for construction purposes only.

> The Tydings-Cappo WDS was granted a Coastal Administrative Permit for 3 connections August 29, 2012. Attached please find the signed Resolution and Notice of Approval.

> MPWMD has reviewed the revised hydrology report and concurred with its findings. We expect that a "complete application" letter for the well will be prepared by Henrietta Stern in the near future, once we resolve the County issue. The County is working on correcting an inaccurate reference to an amended Hydrology report in the resolution.

> Due to the over 6 month delay resulting from County staff pulling the 3 Connection Water System from the Planning Commission's Hearing for the Cappo Residence at the last minute, we have a significant potential hardship if construction of the Cappo Residence is delayed. It is almost September and we need to be able to proceed with the retaining walls and superstructure before the rains begin.

> The contractor for the Cappo Residence has pulled a grading permit and earthwork has commenced on site. We are requesting this Temporary Water Permit in order to be able to pull the Building Permit and start the retaining walls of the house before the rainy season to avoid any possibility of potentially significant erosion.

> We need to be able to pull the Building Permit for the construction of the Cappo Residence next week. The Construction Documents have been checked by the Building Department, we

have made the requested changes and clarifications and they are currently in the back-check process. We expect to be able to complete the Building Permit plan check process this week. > > Our client will experience significant hardships in both time and money, if the construction is halted due to the Building Permit being held up by lack of MPWMD signoff. Per the contract between the Owner and the contractor, the cost for remobilization is a minimum of \$8500 per event and if the retaining walls are not constructed in a timely manner the erosion damages could be far greater. > > Both Mr. Cappo and Ms. Tydings desire that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (the "Water District") also proceed with processing the WDS Application (for a regular Water Permit) in a timely manner. > We are happy to schedule a meeting with you as soon as possible if this would help answer any questions and expedite matters. > Thank you. > > Sincerely, > (Via email) > Robert M. Carver AIA, LEED AP > STUDIO CARVER > ARCHITECTURE + PLANNING + INTERIOR DESIGN > P.O. Box 2684

> Carmel, CA 93921

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From:

Stefani Mistretta <smistretta@redshift.com>

Sent:

Sunday, October 07, 2012 1:08 PM

To:

Carmelita Garcia; Chuck Della Sala; Felix Bachofner; David Pendergrass; Jerry Edelen; Jason

Burnett; "Fred Meurer"; David Potter; Dave Stoldt; Arlene Tavani

Subject:

More Public Discussion needed

To President and members of Mayors Water Authority, and To MP Water Management District Chair and members.

Please schedule, as soon as possible, a public discussion of the possibilities for lowering the future cost of desal water. Specifically you need to discuss 1) public ownership as the means for lowest financing costs, 2) converting the proposed surcharge into an equity stake for ratepayers, and 3) maximizing the advantages of competition between three desal proposals to further lower costs.

Thank you.

Stefani Mistretta

1287 Sonoma Ave

Seaside CA 93955

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From:

tom macdonald <timacdonald@earthlink.net>

Sent:

Sunday, October 07, 2012 12:22 PM

To: Subject:

Dave Stoldt; Arlene Tavani WATER SUPPLY

DEAR MR STOLDT AND MS TAVANI,

I WAS VERY CONCERNED TO READ THAT CAL AM IS ASKING THE PUC TO REQUIRE WATER USERS TO ADVANCE SOME \$99 MILLION TO CAL AM TOWARD THE DESAL PLANT AND THEN TO INCLUDE THAT \$99 MILLION IN CAL AM'S RATE BASE. SO WATER USERS WOULD BE PAYING CAL AM 8% ANNUALLY ON THE WATER USERS' OWN MONEY!

CAL AM IS ENTITLED TO A RETURN ON ASSETS THEY PROVIDE, NOT ON ASSETS WE PROVIDE.

IT IS BAD ENOUGH THAT CAL AM'S ESTIMATED COST OF DESAL WATER IS ABOUT DOUBLE WHAT THE OTHER POSSIBLE PROVIDERS ESTIMATE WITHOUT OUR HAVING TO PAY THEM FOR THE USE OF OUR OWN MONEY.

I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ENSURE THAT THIS TRAVESTY DOESN'T GO ANY FURTHER THAN IT ALREADY HAS!

Tom Macdonald 34 Miramonte Road Carmel Valley, CA 93924 (831) 298-7380

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From: Sent:

David Breedlove <david@stoneaxe.net> Monday, October 08, 2012 1:13 PM

To:

Several Addressees

Cc: mheditor@montereyherald.com **HECEIVED**

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To Mayors Water Authority, and to the Water Management District:

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Please be advised that I and every thoughtful person I know are sick and tired of this endless water war. Sick of reading about Cal Am's arrogant treatment of Monterey Peninsula water users, and tired of waiting for all the political entities to come together and get something moving. We need Cal Am out of our lives. We need a publicly owned water utility. We need our investment in dam removal, desal facilities, and any other water infrastructure to be held as our equity stake in our water company. Enough already!

David Breedlove

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Paul B. Bruno

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October 8, 2012

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District 5 Harris Court, Building G Monterey, CA 93940

Re: Nominations for the Ordinance 152 Citizen's Oversight Panel

Members of the MPWMD Board of Directors,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Citizen's Oversight Panel. I live within the boundaries of the MPWMD. With my educational, professional, public service and business background, I am well suited to serve on the panel. While I am a member of various local groups, I would like to serve on this panel as an individual.

I am a Certified Public Accountant (inactive) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. For the past 23 years, I have been the CFO and a principal with Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) and a partner in various family-owned entities (trucking, concrete, development, commercial and residential property management). MPE is a general engineering contractor headquartered in Marina. One aspect of our business is the installation of public works infrastructure.

Some on the Board may be familiar with my community service activities. I currently serve as the Chairman of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. As a Director, I represent the interests of private pumpers in the Coastal Subarea. I am a Founding Director, and former Vice President and Treasurer, of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy. In addition, I serve on the Board of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association and the Monterey County Republican Party (MCRP). For the MCRP, I serve as an Executive Committee Member, the Secretary, and as the Spokesperson. Regionally and statewide, I served for 6 years on the Board of the Directors of the California Republican Party, my last position being the Budget Committee Chairman.

It would be an honor to serve the community on this important panel. With my long history of being an activist in the local water supply matter, I believe that I can bring a lot to the table.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Bruno