May 16, 2019 IWVGA Meeting

- 1. My name is Lorry Wagner. I'm here today to address the subject of IWV water.
- 2. First step...most of us recognize that you folks are under a time deadline of January, 2020, to submit a plan to fulfill Sacramento's concept of a water shortage concern. I'm here today to put some sense to that mistake along with sensible actions.
- 3. Last June, after sitting through your first public meeting, I knew immediately that the first move must be to remove any mandatory filing date. I immediately wrote to my CA political representatives and requested same along with justification. I have brought copies of those letters with me today for your information.
- 4. So far, you have done nothing, at least to my knowledge, that pursues eliminating this deadline. Now, also to my knowledge, I see you on the wrong path advancing and spending horrific amounts of money toward a dead end/no solution path.
- 5. Get rid of Sacramento's filing deadline date...not extended, but permanent hold! Then you have time to do this right.
- 6. Second step...with the huge amount of rain and snow this 2018/19 winter season which is still going on through April and May, again, we have extended time to do what needs to be done to apply a permanent, into perpetuity correction to the root cause of any man-made caused water problems down the entire eastern slopes and valleys along the Mono, Inyo and Kern counties. In our case on this side of the Sierra Nevada mountains, it is NOT Mother Nature drought interfering with our water refill.
- 7. Third step...there is definitely a path to correct this mess. Some of our IWV property owners with their own wells know exactly how to do this, have prepared a plan to do this and said plan has been forwarded and submitted to the necessary political entities that can make it happen.
- 8. We can all work together if you put the California government on permanent hold. That part is your responsibility and can be done, especially now that this State is receiving far more water than it can handle. This is the perfect time to push this agenda forward into

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> > July 24, 2018

California Assemblyman Vince Fong Bakersfield District Office 4550 California Avenue, Suite 740 Bakersfield, CA 93309

Subject: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGWA)/California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Dear Assemblyman Vince Fong,

As my second contact to you since March 28, 2018, (never receive a reply to my first contact) regarding the above subject, I wish to again bring this matter to your immediate and urgently-needed attention. This IWVGWA and SGMA is a huge threat to this valley rather than any solution to the "lack of water refill" coming into the Indian Wells Valley aquifer (IWV). The time-frame demands mandated by the SGMA are not sustainable, the IWVGWA is spending millions of \$'s which will accomplish absolutely no solution to the IWV water aquifer refill problem and the property owner's of private wells in this valley plus the residents and businesses of Ridgecrest are now being required to pay a fee for the use of their own water in order to pay the current \$930,000.00+ fund shortfall to date. Then more fees/taxes will be placed on all of us to pay for the actual activation of whatever plan may be approved by Sacramento. The plan being currently put together will not even start to touch the real root problem. This is absolutely not acceptable. Since this original mandate started in Sacramento, same needs to correct the damaging demands within this mandate. All "endangered" aquifers in California have different root causes and one, general over-all mandate does not fit most or any (??) and should be held up and readdressed in a "problem solving" manner.

This second letter to you is to ask you to step in, as our California Assemblyman, and bring whatever pressure you can to "DELAY" the SGMA mandate requiring "a plan" be submitted by IWVGWA by the year 2020 with an acceptable solution for Sacramento's approval, in addition to the errors pointed out above. In addition to the out-of-touch mandate imposed upon us by SGMA, we, the people living in this valley need more time to bring real and actual correction forth. The "hired" lawyers, management, engineers and consultants are simply sucking up \$'s to "create a plan" for the IWVGWA which has brought forth this new pumping fee to pay these outsiders who really do not know how or do not want to address, for whatever reasons, the base cause of our aquifer's refill cause. The people holding the seats on the IWVGWA are only those mandated (again) by Sacrament because they happen to hold that particular political position and, again, do not seem to be knowledgeable, understand the subject and/or capable of making decisions, etc., about the root cause. They seem to be totally depending on these outside, highly paid business entities.

To date I have received acknowledgement of the receipt of similar information and requests I have forwarded to our congressman, Kevin McCarthy and from President Trump at the White House bringing this mess to their attention and asking for their stepping into the areas of Federal Land Management that are involved. We also have to stop the State of California from making a huge mess of this issue. We need to "slow down and correct or repeal" this Sacramento SGMA mandate in order to move forward to actually address the real causes that have impacted the Indian Wells Valley Aquifer water shortage.

Thank you,

Lorry Wagner

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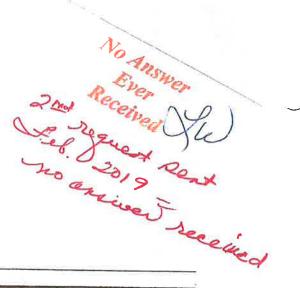
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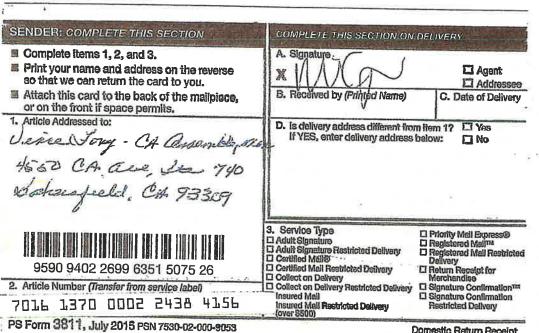
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The enclosed documents are an overview of how the citizens of Indian Wells Valley are attempting to move forward to address our own problems including our request to all the government-imposed issues that have created our water problem in the first place in our Indian Wells Valley

Further information of our endeavor may be found on a special page set up within my website for my Arabian Horses at:

http://www.sdarabians.com/CAWaterGovernmentInterference.html









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> > March 28, 2018

California Senator Jean Fuller Bakersfield District Office 5701 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 150 Bakersfield, CA 93309

Subject: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA)

Dear Senator Jean Fuller

The enclosed article is self explanatory. This article has been submitted to both the local newspapers for publication, plus the listing of others at the end of this article.

Since the intrusion onto private property rights which includes measuring water pumped out of private wells and imposing fees/taxes on every gallon of water pumped has not yet been started...only the discussion on the how's and why's of implementation...I am submitting the enclosed information to you in hopes that this is a subject which should be brought to the attention of my California State Senator; i.e., the fact that the local citizens are fighting to stop intrusion by government from violating private property rights and citizens' water rights.

It is understood that this terrible California State mandatory regulation must be stopped at the top; i.e., Governor Brown and the Sacramento Senate and Assembly before it becomes another California political mess. . I'm sure you are aware these both these California State bodies are also working to tax all drinking water in the State of California. I in addition, I believe this intrusion is against the California and U.S. Constitution. At this time. I am hoping I am correct in believing that you, as my Senator, will fight this terrible government intrusion.

As always referencing the article I have written and enclosed, I ask for my work to never be edited if and when republished by anyone, without my permission. Too many times over my earlier years when writing articles editors have not only left out or changed extremely important information making some issues not make a lot of sense, but also have actually changed the essence of my position.

I look forward to receiving your reply and any information sharing what I, as a private citizen, might be able to do in support of helping to stop this nightmare.

Thank you,

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Enclosure: My article on IWVGA





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April 18, 2018

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Dear Ms. Wagner,

Thank you for taking the time to write me to express your concerns regarding your water usage rates and The Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGA). I really appreciate it when constituents, like you, take the time to contact me and to bring to my attention matters of concern to them and our community.

In regards to residential water rates and usage, I am aware that water rates are increasing throughout the state due to scarcity, increased costs of sourcing and delivery, and the need to upgrade existing and build new infrastructure to accommodate growth. The California Public Utilities Commission is the state entity that establishes water rates for consumers, however the CPUC is a Gubernatorial appointed body and independent of the legislature.

I would encourage you, however, to submit your concerns through the Office of Ratepayer Advocates that operates separately from the CPUC with a mission to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels, and advocates for consumer and environmental protections. I would encourage you to contact the Ratepayer Advocates and or Governor Brown regarding your concerns. You are also welcome to attend the IWVGA meetings to voice your concerns during the public comment portion.

Also, I am pleased to know that you understand the importance of water to our valley and how valuable of a commodity that water is for our homes and local economy. Please know that water is a legislative priority of mine and that I will be working hard to find ways to secure safe, reliable, and economical sources of water for our area and throughout California.

Thank you, again, for contacting me. If I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Also, if you would like additional information on services my office can provide, my recent press releases, current information facing our state, and to subscribe to my monthly "E-Newsletter," please visit my website at www.sen.ca.gov/fuller.

Sincerely,

JEAN FULLER

California State Senate, 16th District

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April 29, 2018

California Senator Jean Fuller Bakersfield District Office 5701 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 150 Bakersfield, CA 93309

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 <u>not</u> addressing "residential water rates and usage." <u>My stated concerns</u> 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 <u>contacting Governor Brown</u> 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 <u>attending IWVGA meetings</u>, 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.

Lorry Wagner

Enclosures: My March 30 letter

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No Answer Ever Received!

November 27, 2018

Senator Shannon Grove P.O. Box 10330 Bakersfield, CA 93389

Subject: Attached Memorandum... Water Threats to We, the People, China Lake NWC and Edwards Air Force Base in California

Dear Senator Grove,

This is basically a cover letter for the attached memorandum and is being mailed to you at the only address I could find for you. I tried to send the Memorandum to your e-mail address as appears on your "candidate" website, but it bounced. Thus am hoping this P.O. Box address will go through.

The Memorandum is self explanatory. We, the well owners and residents of the Indian Wells Valley will be very pleased if there is anything you can do to extend the Sacramento mandate for submission of some plan for low-aquifer solution. We simply do not fall within the parameters of others in California with this problem. In addition, we residents of IWV have already put an outline of a workable plan together, submitted same to Washington D.C. appropriate individuals in Congress, the White House and the U.S. Department of Interior.

This group designated as the Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority as conforming to Sacramento's instructions are on the wrong tract, are not addressing the cause of possible low aquifer problems and are spending a huge amount of money to go nowhere. That's why we well owners and residents of IWV have stepping in to go in the right direction.

We thank you and would have great appreciation for anything you can do in Sacramento to delay Sacramento's mandate to give the required time needed to actually correct this mess.

Thank you,

Sincerely yours,

Lorry Wagner

On Behalf of the Residents of Indian Wells Valley,

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