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California Senator Jean Fuller
Bakersfield District Office
5701 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 150
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Subject: Indian Wells Valley Groundwater Authority (IWVGWA)/California's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Dear Senator Jean Fuller,

As my third contact to you since March 28, 2018, 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 third letter to you is to ask you to step in, as our California Senator, 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 Sacramento 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,

Sincerely,

Lorry Wagner

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CC: Assemblyman Vince Fong

Enclosures:

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>