

Dear Jim,

When I was appointed to the CSA2 Advisory Board in December, your first suggestion when I told you about all my great ideas was to "Not do anything to screw up any of the projects currently underway." As examples you gave the Spring Valley Lake recovery project and the "water distribution grant."

You told me these were exciting times for the people of Spring Valley, although I wondered why, with all of these "exciting plans" going on, there were only one or two people in the audience at your meetings and you had difficulty mustering a quorum.

On February 3, 2015, when I called to ask you to add to the agenda for our meeting the next day discussion of a competing water distribution plan from Jim Moffitt, you said you "Would not allow an agenda item for Jim to speak."

Jim Moffitt told me you asked his opinion on a proposed water distribution plan and map in January, and he responded with a competing plan, but you never got back to him. Soon after this, Mr. Moffitt sent his proposal to me, and I forwarded it to at least 3 other CSA2 Advisory Board members who told me they never knew a map or plan existed.

As you know there have been recent CSA2 discussions of "transparency issues" taking up the valuable time of our board.

Today I met with David Fields and Jim Moffitt to talk about the competing plans.

David has built water treatment plants and his own house in Spring Valley.

Jim was once the biggest plumbing contractor in the United States, built his own house here and has volunteered or provided low-cost work on Spring Valley water systems and buildings for many years.

For four years I was Resident Ranger of 2,500 acre Boy Scouts of America Camp Tamarancho in Fairfax, CA in charge of the maintenance of a water system with 10 storage tanks to 100,000 gallons fed by spring boxes and connected by lead pipe and PVC spanning 30 campsites. This water system was the pride of the BSA because you could drive out a dirt road for 5 miles, turn a hose bib and provide potable water to a campsite. This system was highlighted in "Boys Life" magazine while I was there.

I also learned a lot about documenting, maintaining and upgrading rural water systems when I was resident caretaker of Skywalker Ranch, and when I lived on Angel Island for years working for the California State Park system.

This is not rocket science.

So even though I like you personally, and believe you have good intentions, it's time to do the work: We don't report to CSA2, Jim, we report to the people of Spring and Long Valleys.

I believe anyone who reads the attached competing proposals and does their best to understand them will come to the same decision I have:

The proposed plan won't save a drop of water, will add risk to our system, and ineffectively try to solve eliminating Chloroform at the stubs of our system by sharing it with the rest of us.

Jim's plan will save 6.5 million gallons a year immediately and mitigate the concentration of dangerous chemicals at our system hubs in a much more practical and efficient manner: Saving 6.5 millions of gallons a year you can flush anytime you want, instead of once or twice a quarter like they do now. David says with inexpensive technology you could flush frequently on a timer into a storage tank so we can truck the water anywhere we want and water our gardens with it!

In the worst year of the worst drought in California history, with a mandate from the Governor to save 25%, this is both a legal and moral imperative.

Attached please find 3 items:

- 1) The map and proposal by CSA2 that you don't want to discuss.
- 2) a one-page description of Jim's alternative plan.
- 3) a copy of the original citation to CSA2 regarding exceeding our Maximum Contaminants Level (MCL).

On Wednesday, May 6th, at 7 pm at the next CSA2 Advisory Board Meeting, I will be making motions to:

- 1) Hire an independent local engineer with expertise in rural water delivery systems who will be tasked to study the competing plans and make recommendations, taking into account the issues involved.

I have had preliminary discussions with Clifford Ruzika at Ruzika and Associates. He tells me he's familiar with our system, which he has upgraded in the past, is familiar with all of the principals, is a local boy who "needs the work," and we can just come by his offices and he'll help us "hash out our differences."

- 2) If there is an expense incurred to hire a mutually-acceptable consulting engineer to compare the competing plans, I will ask the board to pay for this. If it cost us \$1,000, for example, that would be an almost insignificant cost compared to the grant amount.

3) Set a meeting with Special Districts staff to "hash out our differences," and hear from their original consultant.

I hope a majority of the board and meeting attendees support me in this, because ultimately it's not about which plan is implemented; it's about whether we have a voice in how our money is spent.

And I also hope you will do your best to accommodate me and any other members of the board or audience who take the time to understand these plans before the next meeting, participate in the discussion, and hopefully, approve the above.

I'll find out on May 6th if the board has the best interests of the people of Spring and Long Valleys at heart, or whether there will be one less person attending our meetings.

Sincerely,

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