

Fwd: Water meeting in Kingman

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Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM

To: [REDACTED]
Bcc: sscantlebury@azwater.gov

Dear Mr. Newell,

Thank you for forwarding your letter.

The Department is reviewing the updated modeling and other relevant information, including current and projected drought conditions, along with the public comments we received through the end of the day tomorrow, September 30, on whether the Director should initiate procedures to designate an Irrigation Non-Expansion Area. We will include your comments.

The presentation and recording of the public meeting held in Kingman recently are posted on our [website](#).

I appreciate the time you took to share your insights with Supervisor Bishop and with the Department.

Best,

Carol

On Thu, Sep 29, 2022 at 5:03 PM [REDACTED] > wrote:

I am writing to you as Jean Bishop wanted me to send you a copy of a letter, I wrote to her about your meeting. I was unable to attend due to my health. This letter has some ideas that could be addressed in your attempt to outwit some of the dissenters at the meeting.

I lived in Colorado for 57 yrs. have been in Arizona for 32 yrs.

This state has been settled by ranchers and farmers, land developers and miners. Pretty much the same out here in the southwest as was CO.

They appear to have no one but their own interests in this matter. Everyone else can like it or leave it!

I am attaching this letter so maybe you folks can get together and get the state gov to pass a bill to change the situation.

The head of Mohave County and the state senate should be interested if not able to try to pass a bill to change this to a law in regard to water problems I know that are going to come as the farmers are still putting in new orchard and drill wherever they can.

Sony Borelli is also a Mohave county rep. and should be able to get with the other reps to help.

It's a matter of life and death for Kingman's future and the locals can't do anything without a state ARS addressing this issue.

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I'm not worried about my home; we are on the Meadview Basin which is one of the best in the state according to the Flood control division.

I gave someone from your office a couple of years ago of the Colorado well permit form. The residential and larger agriculture permits are very restrictive. I know as I had one when I lived there!

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Jean Bishop Supervisor

Mohave County District # 4

February 2, 2017

“Water Situation”

Dear Jean,

I read the article the Miner had about your meeting, I wish I had been there now after reading some of the proposals that were presented for correcting this situation. Most of them come right out of a classroom.

Let me tell you that I worked with a “pro” for over 2 years that managed the South Platte River Drainage that included The Denver region. Plus anything in that drained into that basin. Ken was the South Platte commissioner for the State of Colorado.

We read floodgates, Satellite monitoring, irrigation gates etc. and was a very interesting time to me.

The reason we did it was because a subdivision next to us wanted to drill some more wells while we had wells drying up on our mountain while people had to drill their own wells.

Colorado had at that time instituted a law the kept you from using water outside, called in house only. (2 acres) You needed at least 5 acres to have a horse and could only have a 20’ slope and it should be situated 200’ from your septic system.

The permit issued today has the same restriction set out then (1972) for both residential and commercial. If your residential well had enough production four families could be served by the one well.

WE had to place usage monitors to check the flow for a period of 24 hours to see how much water was used. Shut the pump off and return to measure the static level the next day. We did this with a very simple instrument that is still in use today. What we did was drop a line down the well that had a double wire. When it hit water the needle would show a short, the wire or tape was measured in feet

so we knew how deep it was to the water. We had a tape that would measure up to 1000' 'We measured a Total of 8 wells each"

We also monitored the water company wells the same way. This was done for a period of 2 years. Wells in the subdivision that had the water system, had to test their wells the same way we did and check for interference from nearby wells in their system. (we did find some). I worked with both entities.

It was determined that the drying well were not the water company's fault.

The two pro's the water commissioner and the water company employee did get paid I didn't. I didn't care as it was a learning experience for me, and I was helping the folks in my subdivision.

No Expensive engineers or use of \$450,000 dollars to find an answer. They should be required to monitor their wells and record the usage. We gave away the water rights to Kingman's share and sold it to Bullhead City years ago. Couldn't let a solar outfit build a solar system as it would take too much water to clean the mirrors and generate steam, so we (unless) have to go along with the worthless . ADWR They only know where the well is located but don't care how the water is used except up!! The county gets the minimal Taxes from Agricultural land. Maybe we could charge them a fee such as 10% of their net income. I pay as much in taxes as they do!! If they kept a drilling log they would easily find out where the water table was at! As far as the recharge is concerned , gravity will take care of the higher up stuff until it runs dry!

I hope you enjoy this little recitation from friend and constituent

Jack Newell

Meadview

PS wells have been drilled here for a gas retention company they may have had a log to see how deep the salt was. Luis Vega should know he was probably one of the engineers involved.

You might pass this on to the other supervisors G. Watson may have been around when they did this!