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Attn: General Manager Mr. Kevin Walsh & GWD Board:

Some of us may not be use to public speaking, and our hearing not the best. I will put my thoughts in writing. Starting with "purpose of report".

- 1- I question the procedures to "regulate" Ag use.
- 2- I agree with the NWSC.
- 3- I thank the other users!
- 4- I hope urbanites want to preserve Ag!
- 5- Raising the rates to help conserve water won't stop the hobby farmer from using more water, but will hurt the farmer who relies on farm income for his living. In the beginning we were encouraged to use water, to cover the GWD expenses. As I remember, the plan was to continue the Goleta West Conduct to Refugio. When irrigating we walk every line and check ever mini sprinkler.

I hope that you also look at the urban users that build on added rooms, convert garages, add second stories etc. for more people to live in the same unit. With several families sharing the same house, there should be more water use for bathing, cooking etc.

While looking at urban use please don't forget the UCSB. I know I was shocked during the moratorium, when UCSB announced they were building houses to attract professors. I learned that the UCSB was given an allotment when they first came here, that just may have caused the first shortage that created the moratorium in the first place. Why didn't my Ag meter receive that benefit?

I'm curious what happened to the water when the lemon and other farming acres converted to housing?

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I want to comment on last evenings meeting. I pulled up my letter from your last meeting and my questions are the same, so made you a copy of that letter.

What I was able to hear, no one including me wants to pay more for water if we don't have to. In avocados & flowers we have enough free trade competition that it is tough to stay alive. That does not help the GWD that also has budget problems.

I believe what I heard was accurate, water use depends on many factors, type of soil, age of tree, weather etc. I believe what you said was true; some "farmers" accounts have stopped using GWD water, what happens if they start using again? These are all problems that concern both the farmers & GWD.

What/who is a farmer? That is really a tough one. Is it the man in bib overalls with mud on his shoes, or the one with briefcase in hand who hires some one else to care for his trees/flowers. Does the water belong to the man, the land or the district?

Question: If ranch uses 20-acf water raising crop, converts to houses that uses 5-acf of water, who gets the 15-acf difference? Could the 20-acf stay in the ag-pot, and use new (State) water for the houses?

I hope to have a hearing aid before the next meeting.

Thanks Kevin for listing!

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Attn: General Manager Mr. Kevin Walsh:

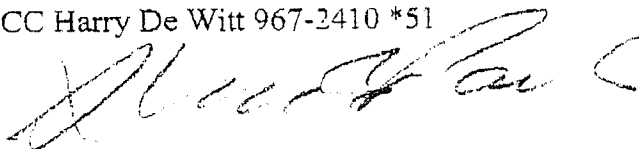
I'm sorry I didn't hear more of what the speakers had to say at last night's meeting. Are there minutes or records of the speakers I could get? I didn't even know who the speakers were. The white haired lawyer with a ponytail wanted ability for questions and answers, and your mailing list. One of the three ladies said what you were doing was "land use" something or other. I heard the word "subsidize" from the young man with black hair, and not sure what the young man in shorts had to say. Gary Cavalletto said the 180-acre feet were a drop in the bucket, and Ag water didn't require urban attention. (?)

Did I hear council Russell say that the district had a 3000-acre feet surplus? I was curious what the safe annual yield was. Was the slide "C" account the Dos Pueblos Ranch? Kevin I understand where you are preaching, and if DP would start taking water again the district could be 300-acre feet over average.

I plan to study your charts of our water use and compare with acres planted and age of trees etc. Do you have record of rain history since 1970 it would be helpful? I was also curious if the average 180-acre feet "over" occurred evenly for years 97 to 04, or much larger for a few (one) years. We recorded only 7.5-inches of rain in the 03-04 year?

I hope you will pay our ranch a visit to see how we try to conserve. Loosing market to Chile & Mexico scares me more than water! I would like to show you where we lost 5-acres of mature trees @ 20 gpd and replaced with 10-acres of new trees that use 1 gpd. This was several years ago, so new trees use more than 1 gpd to day. We have wells to bring on line when needed. My comments to you about a "few trees here & there". I like to think I'm replacing not expanding, and can live with our average use. We are also stumping 10+-acres per year that uses less water.

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Attn: General Manager Mr. Kevin Walsh: 879-4621

Subject: Ag Water

A few question I have:

- 1- How do you apply a 13-year weather related average to one year?
- 2- If one year I'm below my 13-year average, will it off set a year I'm over?
- 3- We are stumping our older trees, which short term will use less water, what happens when they grow and use more?
- 4- Will I be able to keep my 13-year average until lake silts up and lowers storage capacity?
- 5- The hobby farmer who wasted water will have higher 13-year average than one who conserved water?
- 6- Other than the Wright judgment, who gets special rates?
- 7- If Cachuma went dry does these certain customers still get special rates?

Kevin, I look at life as if we were a handful of people in a lifeboat with one gallon of water, who gets what. In real life things aren't that simple, but like to think that way.

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Four generations living on the farm

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Attn: General Manager Mr. Kevin Walsh, FYI:

Kevin, I have included a copy of my 1/4/2005 letter to the GWD. I would appreciate a reply to any of the questions I have raised. I would also appreciate a copy of our water use per meter on all properties listed in your request "crop report".

I am completing the GWD annual request for acres using district water. In my earlier letter I informed the GWD that we were starting to stump & replant old orchards that could be considered changes that affect our use, even though the acres remain the same! What to report, producing acres or irrigated acres? In few years the stumped trees will be back in to production.

I thank you for offer of "spill" water to inject at reduced price. In a reservoir I would accept, but a little high to inject into wells next to neighbors who have wells. We had trouble injecting the last time, when ground fills it follows up the casing on the out side if you don't have sanitary seal, which we don't on old irrigation wells.

Thanks Kevin, would appreciate reply and copies of water use if available.

Glenn E Parks

Nov. 18, 2005

Mr. Kevin D. Walsh
General Manager
Goleta Water District

Dear Mr. Walsh:

As one of those who spoke out in favor of local farming on Nov. 8, I am writing to put my remarks in a more durable form. Judging by the comments of the two women board members, the future of agriculture in the Goleta valley looks bleak. This urban bias is understandable, given the state ordered mandate for growth, the desire to expand the tax base, pay the massive interest on state water etc. The ag minority can be put out of business, more 'relevant' development interests like UCSB can flourish, and everyone will feast on food imported long distance for ever. Right?

Wrong. Remove cheap oil from the equation and contemporary Goleta, like everywhere else, will go hungry. Like water, oil is not a given. Now some food for thought.

What to do? Create an expanded water supply through mandatory conservation. A turf tax on lawn area, and a swimming pool surcharge would be a good start. Cistern technology for rainwater catchment in all new construction would be a winner too.

Impossible, you might say. Bad for our business. Wait for the next drought and watch what happens. Please choose carefully before you put local agriculture out of business with prohibitive rates. Your name won't look good in history books if you do.

Thank you

Sean Hutchinson

Fairview Gardens

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Subject: Re: CITIZENS RATE STUDY COMMITTEE

In a message dated 11/14/05 11:19:24 AM, cg@css.sbcoxmail.com writes:

I feel GWD was very public friendly, to include attorneys-paid by Ag customers, as CAC members. Please be assured, GWD and the Board members, do not have a hidden agenda. Simply, there is no great conspiracy.

Hi CG,

I respectfully disagree with most of your comments. It s seem to me that asking people to look at the GWD WITHOUT looking at AG is an agenda of its own. If you are taking water away from ag it goes to developement. So are you pro developement?

As for well run.. looks like the district is being sued by its largest coustomer UCSB. Or ,is that something we should ignore ... The fact is the GWD will use the Rate Comittee to come to the conclusions that have already been determined by Walsh. thanks Geoff Bloomingdale

ps in the last rate comittee Ag water was NOT being taken away??

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November 10, 2005

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Kevin:

Do you have email address? Mine is plccglenn@earthlink.net

Please note the fire department has changed our mailing address to #555 Las Varas Canyon Road, Goleta, CA 93117.

How did the meeting go, It started to rain here about 5:00, and you said you would forward my fax to board, so I stayed home.

Did you get the chance to look for recent aerial photo so I can count avocado trees? When I go to Pacific Western for copies of aerial photos, they don't fly our area very often, and I can't afford to fly.

Thanks Kevin

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