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Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

To: Neil Derry
Supervisor, Third District, San Bernardino County
385 N. Arrowhead Ave., 5th Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0110

Date _____

Dear Supervisor Derry,

I oppose the policies of the County that deny building permits to those of us who rely on hauled water.

These actions are opposed by the Homestead Valley Community Council, by property owners all over your district, and by the Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association in the First District.

No state or county code prohibits hauled water.

The state licenses commercial water haulers and certifies wells.

There is no rationale for a policy not founded in written law, and subject to arbitrary and conflicting judgments by County employees.

This policy discriminates against lower income property owners. It is not constitutional. It devalues all private property that does not have a well or is not on a water main. We are sure you would agree that legal actions are to be avoided if possible.

We think an owner has a right to get water to the property in the best, most economical way under local circumstances, and has a right to do any new construction or remodeling on the property, with the usual health and safety requirements for plumbing and septic tank. There should be no restriction as to how long a property may have been unoccupied, and no requirement of proof of non-availability or low quality of water on the property.

I am a property owner and this policy makes my property difficult if not impossible to sell if I so desire.

I rely on licensed commercial delivery of water to my property.

I have a meter at a certified community well; I haul the water to my property myself.

I wish to build or make improvements on my property.

I do not want to be forced to spend the money to drill a well on my property

There is a well on my property. I do not think it is prudent for the State or County to in effect be mandating a greater rate of drilling and more water usage from individual wells than has historically been the case. I also rely on a licensed commercial water hauler in case of emergency.

Please come to our assistance in this matter.

Thank you,