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Subject: water transfers

Hello Mr. Hubbard,

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the Bureau's proposal of water transfers from Butte Co. I have three points to make:

1) This is just a bad idea. Removing water from Butte Co. will jeopardize the quality of life in the area. The local population relies on the availability of water for its livelihood and survival. Replacing marketed surface water with pumped aquifer water can only lead to diminished supply and further compromise of communities that are already defined as "disadvantaged".

2) The legality of the proposal is in question. The original contracts with the water supplier (Bureau of Reclamation) surely prohibits the sell of water (provided by the Bureau) to a second agency. And if profit is involved, certainly the Bureau of Reclamation would not supply surface water to any agency and allow that agency to sell the provided water at a profit.

3) If this proposal is allowed to go forward, an EIR would certainly be warranted to protect the residents of Butte Co. Determining withdrawal limits, monitoring consequences, and assessing liability are topics that would certainly have to be addressed.

At the Chico meeting on January 11, 2011, a number of questions went unanswered and in developing further conservation concerning this proposal I feel that the following 3 questions are pertinent:

1) Who initiated this proposal?

2) Who are the proposed sellers and buyers?

3) What guarantees do the residents of Butte Co. have in protecting their water supply?

Thank you for your attention to these concerns and I look forward to your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

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