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To the PUC re: MPWSPD

I write as a ratepayer and a long term resident. My interest is in water available to those customers in the MPWSP system.

The PUC does not need reminding that its duty is first and foremost to the citizens of the State of California, although that has not been apparent to those customers depending upon

Cal Am for their water. This EIR draft also seems to focus more on reducing the environmental impact of a desalination plant than providing a long term, scalable, low cost water supply to an under-served community. Cal Am's EIR proposal is not in the citizen's best interest for the following reasons.

- A) It isolates the need for water relief, when there exists a much larger need for all its contiguous municipalities.
- B) It analyzes a flawed concept – slant well extraction, which has no proven benefits in past testing or current applications.
- C) It ignores cost factors to the public which are substantial. Those costs, principally power, rise in inverse relationship to the amount of water produced. Small plants are costly. Large volume plants in Israel produce water for \$493 per a/f. They do not use slant well extraction.
- D) The EIR does not give sufficient weight to the timely delivery of water. A perfect solution to today's problem ten years from now is not in the interest of those who no longer live here. The laborious process Cal Am is putting its ratepayers through has delayed the process for years, not just days or months, and is unlikely to lead to anything other than more years of delay. It has many flaws and shortcomings, litigation is guaranteed.

It is my fear the PUC is not seeing the forest for the trees.

Respectfully,  
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