

Salt Water Intrusion in Monterey Bay Region

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Date: 12/14/2010 9:26 AM
Subject: Salt Water Intrusion in Monterey Bay Region

Roger Briggs,
 Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

Please read the following email exchange between Daniel Press and myself from 2006 regarding our salt water intrusion catastrophe here.

Ag runoff is relatively inconsequential compared to this "water quality" problem/catastrophe we have experienced here for decades.

It has permanently ruined our 2 major ground water basins in both the Pajaro and Salinas Valleys...
 As I say..."this is a food security problem..."

www.douglasdeitch.com

I trust Dr. Press forwarded my concerns and emails from 2006 to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, where he was then a board member, for your consideration and action....

I and the people of the Central Coast/Monterey Bay Region are still all waiting for you to address this catastrophe and water quality problem.

Will you, please?

Thank you,
 Douglas Deitch
 ED/MBC
 831-476-7662

www.pogonip.org/WaterDocs/SantaCruzWaterSolutionWeb.pdf

www.MontereyBayConservancy.org

www.begentlewiththeearth.com

www.OurInconvenientTruth.com

www.douglasdeitch.com

www.pogonip.org etc.....

Please read this sequence of emails from 2006.....they are in reverse order...

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Re: Water Quality Issues in Santa Cruz-Saltwater Intrusion-Monterey Bay Conservancy
 Regional Water Solution

Date:Thu, 22 Jun 2006 20:28:49 -0700

From:Douglas Deitch <ddeitch@got.net>

To:Daniel Press <dpress@ucsc.edu>

DP

Thank you, again!

You are very responsive! (no joke)

DP:"I can't tell you what the chancellor or any other campus top administrator is thinking about these topics, you'd have to ask them!"

DD:I try to

<http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/archive/2005/November/19/edit/let.htm>
(fourth letter)

and at times I succeed

Subject:

LAFCO/ANNEXATION/WATER NONDISCLOSURES

From:

Douglas Deitch <ddeitch@got.net>

Date:

Thu, 13 Oct 2005 06:27:35 -0700

To:

djones@santacruzsentinel.com, Tom Ragan <tragan@santacruzsentinel.com>, thonig@santacruzsentinel.com, ddeitch@got.net

Dear Donna and Tom,

Pat McCormack, Roger Anderson, and Judy Doering Nielson (at least) have been contacted by me, questioned, and then made aware by me that they do not understand Pajaro's water plan because the presentation they received from PVWMA was deceptive/deficient/defective.

In Roger's case, he has been unaware of the "doubling of PVWMA's groundwater by stopping pumping on the coast" for his entire tenure on LAFCO as "public member". I contacted him after the PVWMA presentation by Mary Bannister, found he was unaware of virtually everything, and requested of him (as my representative on LAFCO as a member of the public) to bring this to the commission's attention, hold annexation deliberations in abeyance, and request a new presentation by PVWMA prior to annexation hearing so the commission would be accurately briefed. Apparently, he (Roger) has done nothing in this respect. Nor has Pat McCormack the same requests were made of him.

Yesterday, I spoke w/ Pat about this (briefing the commission and suspending the annexation hearing until this was done...and he refused to do or say anything.

LAFCO is deliberating in the dark in respect to the water issue...and this is the critical issue because we are oversubscribed agriculturally and it's using up all our water.

Pat McCormack has known this for virtually years, yet has been negligent in informing/briefing the LAFOC commission on this because I have consistently informed him of the commissions lack of understanding of

the water plan. They are completely in the dark. He knows this, yet has not informed the entire LAFCO commission, as I have requested/instructed that he do.

They know this (see my attached article) and I advised all of them to bring this to the commission (LAFCO) and clear this up so everybody on LAFCO is accurately briefed and understand PVWMA's plan. The water issue is crucial in the deliberation over the present annexation request by Watsonville. Both Roger Anderson and Pat McCORMACK HAVE REFUSED/NEGLECTED TO DO THIS.

The proper course of action, this being the case, is to immediately suspend deliberations on annexation pending a proper complete rebriefing of LAFCO on what's really going on w/ the PVWMA Basin Management Plan

Both of these people have either intentionally or grossly negligently withheld critical information from the balance of the LAFCO commission during this critical period. They should both be either removed from their positions or should resign because of this misconduct, their negligence, and breach of their fiduciary responsibilities to both LAFCO and the public. I will be having a conversation w/ Don Ramos, chair, this am about this specifically. (684-9110)

Doug
476-7662
530-582-9185
oh yea....ps...FYI

http://dougforsupervisor.com/gary_patton_letter_1976.htm

http://dougforsupervisor.com/robly_levy_letter_1981.htm

Cheers,
DD

Daniel Press wrote:

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> #1. "It" refers to the ex parte rule.
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> #2. Lots of people on campus are aware and concerned about the
> university's growth plans and impacts -- one need only look at the
> comments received on the LRDP and its EIR. I can't tell you what the
> chancellor or any other campus top administrator is thinking about
> these topics, you'd have to ask them!
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> DP
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> On Thu, 22 Jun 2006 13:12:50 -0700
> Douglas Deitch <ddeitch@got.net> wrote:
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>> DP,
>> Certainly.
>> I understand.
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>> Perhaps two questions, though, please....
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>> 1. What does "it" refer to in
>> "you can't imagine how many conversations it stifles! "
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>> 2. Why isn't the Environmental Studies Department (or any
>> Department or person, including the chancellor, I guess, as well) at
>> UCSC informed or concerned about our regional and local ground water
>> resources and their wasting through contamination by seawater, if
>> water is such a big concern in UCSC's growth plans and hugest of
>> environmental issues?
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>> Thank you,
>> Doug
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>> Daniel Press wrote:
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>>> Yeah, I can't, I'm sorry -- you can't imagine how many conversations
>>> it stifles!
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>>> DP
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>>> On Thu, 22 Jun 2006 12:56:04 -0700
>>> Douglas Deitch <ddeitch@got.net> wrote:
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>>>> DP,
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>>>> OK...
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>>>> so let's talk in your capacity as...
>>>> Professor and Chair
>>>> Environmental Studies Department, UCSC...
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>>>> instead...
>>>> I'm not proud...(joke)
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>>>> DD
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>>>>> Daniel Press wrote:
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>>>>> Doug,
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>>>>> If there's any chance that this issue might come before the
>>>>> Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board as an action
>>>>> item, then I really cannot speak with you about it -- there are
>>>>> pretty stringent rules on "ex parte" communications that bar me
>>>>> from discussing an agenda item, or possible agenda item outside of
>>>>> a public Water Board meeting.
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>>>>> However, you can send me an e-mail saying that you have concerns
>>>>> that you would like the Board to address; I will forward it on to
>>>>> Roger Briggs, the Board's Executive Officer, urging him to have
>>>>> the right staff person contact you. We have had numerous agenda
>>>>> items come to the Board for action in this manner.
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>>>>> Cheers,
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>>>>> DP
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>>>>> Daniel Press
>>>>> Professor and Chair
>>>>> Environmental Studies Department, Room 429 ISB
>>>>> Member, Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
>>>>> University of California, Santa Cruz
>>>>> Santa Cruz, CA 95064
>>>>> (831) 459-3263
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>>>>> On Thu, 22 Jun 2006 10:08:47 -0700
>>>>> Douglas Deitch <ddeitch@got.net> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>> Re: Water Quality Issues in Santa Cruz-Saltwater Intrusion
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>>>>>> Daniel,
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>>>>>>> Could you please return my call @ 818-4201 regarding water
>>>>>>> quality issues - specifically saltwater intrusion-in the Central
>>>>>>> Coast Region.
>>>>>>> Thank you
>>>>>>> Doug Deitch
>>>>>>> ED
>>>>>>> Monterey Bay Conservancy
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