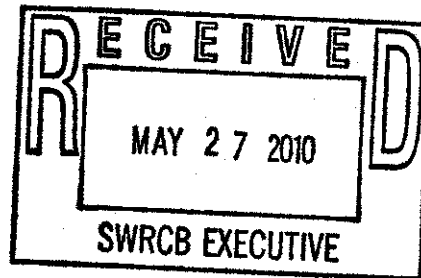


Hello,

I sent the emails, which I am copying to you, before having the correct information as to where these concerns should be addressed. Tom Lyons gave me the correct email address. The comments I am sending are self explanatory and the issues remain of extreme importance. Thank you for accepting my comments!

Most sincerely,
Jolaine Gorrilla
Land owner and resident of
Cuyama Valley



— Original Message —

From: jolaine
To: Mary Adams
Cc: Tom Lyons ; G. R. Hensley
Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2010 10:44 AM
Subject: Fw: Central Coast Water Board - Comments on Impaired Waters

Hello Ms. Adams,

At times redundancy is useful. Most especially when re-stating the ongoing serious issues causing contamination to the Cuyama River and groundwater basin. I copied to you the same letter I sent to Mr. Lyons, for the same reasons of positive redundancy. Your sustained efforts in protecting and conserving our coastal waters...and California's water is admirable, and greatly appreciated!

Thank you, most sincerely,
for [once again] taking the time to read and consider, my well meant intentions and words!

Jolaine Gorrilla
Member Cuyama Valley Conservancy

Attn: Ms. Mary Adams
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

RE: Comments for the 2008 303(d) List of Water Quality Limited Segments

Dear Ms. Adams:

I am a long time older retired resident of the Cuyama Valley, and a member of Save Cuyama Valley, a group of concerned citizens. We are committed to preserving the Cuyama Valley's land, air and water. I became actively involved in these pursuits in becoming aware of the harmful impacts of corporate farming and gravel mines in the Cuyama River and its tributaries. This involvement has given me cause to do extensive research into the basin's overdraft and the pollution to the Cuyama River, wilderness areas, air, ground water and open land.

This is a unique valley of wilderness - open spaces - and farming. There are not many areas like it, remaining in California. This is why it is imperative that the Cuyama Valley water basin and the Cuyama River be included in all plans and discussions of impaired waterways. These plans should also address the extremely critical ongoing overdraft, of the Cuyama water basin.

Several large corporate farming operations are experiencing the growing issues of Cuyama Valley's constant lowering water levels. Many land owners and residents of Cuyama as well. This is harmfully impacting to all!

The over pumping of Cuyama's groundwater, by corporate farming, plus growing impacts of climate change, and the lack of a basin plan for the Cuyama Valley, exacerbate the Cuyama Basin's, worsening overdraft. This shall cause continuing and profound impacts to corporate farming and Cuyama's landowners and residents. Its high quality of life shall be greatly disrupted and ultimately, destroyed.

The Counties of: Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Ventura also depend on the Cuyama River and its water basin, in vast and significantly connective ways.

Maintaining Cuyama River's viability and flow helps in the sustenance of California's Central Coast's waters and beaches. Shoreline erosion is becoming a severe and costly expense to all of California and its waters.

Pollution from the waters that flow into the ocean are of grave concern for all. Sand and gravel mines; expanded corporate farming water demands [and farming fertilizers and chemicals]; as well as dams and reservoirs [Twitchell Reservoir]; are causing severe and extreme impairments to the Cuyama River and the Cuyama Valley Water Basin. This does not bode well for the future of Cuyama; its adjacent counties; or for California's coastal waters and its shorelines!

It seems that the Cuyama Valley and the Cuyama River are not often included in its adjacent counties' or California's collective conscience of care and considerations for its water or land.

The value and awareness of connectivity, shared through a sustained quantity and quality of pure clean water, land and air is of common concern and necessary in maintaining a higher quality of life. Its preservation requires a response of care from all involved.

I am grateful to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for their considerations of my comments, made on behalf of Cuyama Valley and its valuable connectivity's of water!

Most Sincerely,

Jolaine Gorrilla, Cuyama Resident and Organizing Committee, Save Cuyama Valley

Hello Mr. Lyons,

I am forwarding the same letter I sent last year, as the same issues grow in severity...and are still not being thoroughly addressed!

Twitchell Reservoir remains a dangerous repository of farming chemicals, which leach into percolate Santa Maria's agricultural water and its drinking water...and on into the coastal waters.

Many Parents traditionally give their children allowances, which is often to reward good behavior and to teach children to budget and manage money. Many parents discontinue these allowances, when their children act badly. This is intended to teach that irresponsible actions are punished.

As a country, we give huge "allowances" to corporate agriculture, oil companies, sand and aggregate companies and many other ecologically harmful investment endeavors.

When rivers, oceans, ecologically sensitive areas, and life itself is horribly threatened, these "allowances" continue.

Why do we continue to allow Life's Waters to be depleted and contaminated?

It is imperative that the Cuyama Valley water basin and the Cuyama River be included in all plans and discussions of impaired waterways.

Thank you for your continued concern and efforts toward sustaining the quantity and quality of the Central Coast's water.

Most sincerely,

Jolaine Gorrilla
Member Cuyama Valley Conservancy

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

From: jolaine

To: Tom Lyons

Cc: G. R. Hensley ; Jenny Lee ; gene@sbpistachios.com

Sent: Monday, May 25, 2009 4:43 PM

Subject: Central Coast Water Board - Comments on Impaired Waters

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Jolaine Gorrilla, Cuyama Resident and Organizing Committee, Save Cuyama Valley