

Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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ith Subject of "Lake Arrowhead Enforcement Hearing"

Dear State Water Resources Control Board Members: Attn: Rubin Mora

I submit the following statements as a concerned resident of Lake Arrowhead CA. since 1980. I have been a full time Real Estate salesperson in the area (Remax Lake Arrowhead) for the same period of time.

I was a co-founder of The Save Our Forest Association (SOFA) in 1988, and past president of same for several years, their address is: P.O. Box 126 Rim Forest, CA 92378 c/o Patrick J. Marley, General Counsel.

In short I am a Lake Arrowhead Activist.

With all due respect to the Staff Decision of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) declaration that Lake Arrowhead does not have the right to draw water from the lake for domestic use, please consider the following;

1. The law and the use conflict; Which has the most legal weight, a 100 year old law which had never been acted upon, or 100 years of use and understanding by some seven thousand property owners of Lake Arrowhead.
2. People have bought property for years for millions of dollars with the understanding that they 'owned the lake' and the water in it including for domestic use. Part of their decision to buy was the pristine 'Arrowhead springs' water which tasted so good, not to mention at a reasonable price.
3. The basis for the above conclusions were the accepted historical use, the fact that the property owners in the 1970's voted to accept an assessment on their properties to Buy the Lake from developers, Boise-Cascade. The fact that the same property owners chose a few years later, by vote, to encumber their properties again by an eight million dollar bond to build a new State of California mandated Dam to 'replace' the old one.
4. Please consider the ramifications; resurrecting an old legal document never acted upon, as opposed to the good faith custodial actions of the Lake Arrowhead property owners over the years. Enjoyment of the area and property values are dependant on our 'Lake Rights' and your correct decision.

Thank you most sincerely for allowing me to enter these views into your forthcoming hearings.
Yours very truly,
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