

Dear Ms. Aston:

Please be good enough to deliver this email to each of the members of the Board.

I write this message as a resident of the Mandalay Bay neighborhood in the Oxnard, California Channel Islands Harbor. My neighbors and I are very concerned about the very noticeable deterioration in the quality of the water that flows in the channels behind our homes, which deterioration began to occur immediately following the shutdown of the Mandalay Generating pumping station.

If you will, let me give you just one real life example of the seriousness of the matter for our family personally. Ten years ago we were looking to purchase a home in the Channel Islands area. The realtor showed us a modest dwelling with a back deck over the channel that flows by the homes on Falkirk Bay Street. We were immediately attracted, not to the structure itself which we have since completely rebuilt, but to the beautiful water flowing right behind the house.

It was that water that caused us to decide to purchase the property, and with our boat, kayaks and paddle boards it has been the focus of attraction and great enjoyment to our children and grandchildren. But now, with the serious deterioration of the water those days are lost to us. Being quite honest about it I can say without reservation that had the water at the time of our purchase been as it is on a typically bad day now, there is no way we would have decided to make the site our permanent home.

We are advised that returning the circulation of the waters in the channel to their state prior to the shutdown of those pumps would correct this serious problem. Further, we are advised that it is within your power to cause that to occur.

Therefore, we are writing to respectfully seek your help. Will you please exercise your authority to return our homes and our enjoyment of them to their condition prior to the decision to stop the pumps? If you would, we will be more appreciative than words can express.

Sincerely,

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