From: Meleon

To: <u>Vasquez, Victor@Waterboards</u>

Subject: Stop Nestle From Taking Water from the San Bernardino Mountains

Date: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 1:25:54 PM

Dear Victor Vasquez:

I am writing to urge you to stop Nestle (Lake Arrowhead Drinking Water) from taking millions of gallons of water from the San Bernardino Mountains. Their permit has expired, and we cannot afford to allow Nestle to put corporate profits ahead of the health of our forests. We had very little rain and snow this winter, and trees in Lake Arrowhead are already dying from bark beetles because they are not healthy enough to emit sap to combat this pest. Local trees rely on underground water supplies to survive, and Nestle took 32 million gallons of water last year, and a judge ruled that they were only allowed to take 8.5 million gallons which is still too much.

Please stop Nestle from taking water from the San Bernardino mountains.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

M Meleon

References

<u>California warns Nestle about millions of gallons of water drawn from San Bernardino National Forest</u> LA Times. 22 December 2017.

Bottled water giant Nestlé tells California regulators it's entitled to keep piping water Desert Sun. 9 February 2018.