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From: Mickey Laws <mlawski220lakeside@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 9:53 PM
To: Vasquez, Victor@Waterboards
Subject: response #2 from M Laws on Nwana extraction
Attachments: SWRCB response #2.pdf

Dear Mr. Vasquez,

Please see the attached below.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michele Laws

State Water Resources Control Board
Attn: Victor Vasquez

Feb. 8, 2018

Re: More comments in support of Amanda Frye's letter dated Jan. 21, 2018

Dear Mr. Vasquez and SWRCB Staff,

Once again, after rereading the documents provided by Mrs. Frye, it becomes more clear that Nestle's claim to water rights through a succession of title records is suspect. The course of the chain is relatively easy to follow until a series of mergers, conveyances, and name changes beginning in 1929, which eventually produces the Arrowhead Puritas Waters, Inc. in 1969. Since then, it is increasingly difficult to follow how Nwana came to be the owner of water rights in the SB National Forest. And Nestle continues to this day, to coin a phrase, "muddy the waters" (no pun intended) about their rights to withdraw water in the face of a huge collection of documents challenging them to the contrary.

According to ROI 14-B, 1 "in 1978, the USFS issued the SUP to Arrowhead Puritas Waters, Inc". Now it may be that APW had water rights at one time, however that is open to debate. But, on a later renewal application, "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water Co" was penciled in over APW! And, as further investigation by Mrs. Frye indicates, said company doesn't appear to exist as a legal business entity in California. This alone should raise a red flag as to the efficacy of Nwana's claims.

It's possible to see how someone in the Special Use department of the USFS may have thought they were correcting an error in the process of moving the permit forward. But it was allowed to stand, for whatever reasons, and became imbedded in all future communications and accepted as the name of the permittee and owner of water rights. That should not be allowed to continue now that it has been brought to your attention. The SWRCB should find that Nwana has been illegally withdrawing water from Forest land, and put a stop to it immediately.

Nwana recorded sales of \$4.5 billion from their bottled water division alone in 2015. I have talked to people who purchased "Arrowhead Mountain Spring Water" thinking they were somehow contributing to the community of Lake Arrowhead; that it was somehow benefitting the community. Then I inform them of the loss of habitat to endangered species, negative impacts on the environment and local residents due to water shortages, and the threat of wildfires in a drought, and it becomes apparent their intentions were misguided.

Please stop Nestle now. With all the documents that you have at your disposal, you have the means to stop Nestle. **Documents don't lie.** Please demonstrate that you also have the will to stop Nwana.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Lewis, full time resident of Lake Arrowhead +
concerned citizen.*