

Wetzel, Jeff@Waterboards

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Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Wetzel, Jeff@Waterboards
Subject: proect P803 word change

Dear Sir:

We would like to register our protest in that we agree with what is stated in the letter below regarding the word change that would allow PG&E to be able to shut the water on and off at their will. We would like to add to the impact portion of the letter as follows:

As a legal user of the water rights off distribution box 5 we have already experienced huge problems when PG&E shut the water off to the canal that feeds our diversion box.

We have an orchard where several trees died and there was not much production from the trees that survived. We also do organic vegetables so that we can have fresh vegetables during part of the year and freeze some for the winter months. We lost our whole vegetable supply for this year due to the water being shut off. We would not be able to do this if the word change was approved because without the water we cannot maintain the vegetable garden or orchard.

We also have livestock and do animal rescue. We use the canal water for their needs as well as bathing the animals, washing blankets, dog and cat beds, crates, carriers, pens, and much more. The continuous flow of water is critical to this type of operation.

Without the flow of water the wildlife suffers and thirsty animals encroach upon us looking for water. This causes a whole new set of issues. Wildlife and fish have depended on this water for the last 100 years. If PG&E was able to shut the canal off at will then the whole eco-system is in distress and could be lost which would cause a huge upset in nature, wildlife, fish and way of life for all

The thought that PG&E can change life by turning on and off the water as they choose is uncomprehendable.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

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