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Re: Pine Water Co.  
Decision # 67166

Dear Commissioners,

If Pine Water Co. is unwilling to take the steps to remedy their shortcomings, why is it always "Staff's" recommendation to penalize the property owners, rather than Pine Water Co? If Pine Water Co. does not attempt to correct their failing infrastructure and excessive water loss, the Commission should revoke the rate increase, or revoke Pine Water's CC&N.

As everyone knows, the previous one meter per month moratorium created a false sense of crisis with over 260 property owners on the waiting list. After Decision# 65435 allowed 25 meters per month, very few of those were ready to build. The current rate of one or two new hookups per month is inconsequential when compared to the several thousand meters currently in use.

A complete moratorium could be considered a taking, as it would greatly diminish the value of those properties that do not have a water meter.

Solitude Trails, Portal 4, and Strawberry Hollow were all able to find plenty of water. Why can't Pine Water do the same? It is time for the Commission to require Pine Water to perform, or penalize Pine Water. It is not time to penalize the property owners in Pine for the shortcomings of Pine Water Co.

Sincerely,



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