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Dear Mrs. Kristin Mayes,

I do not want the K2 well in Strawberry. I believe if Pine would quite taking the water here, and if there were a moritorium on building and hooking up new people; we'd have enough water.

I am a very upset and concerned resident of Strawberry over this K2 well that Pine proposes to put in Strawberry and then expects it to be owned by Pine water co. This I believe is Ludicrous, and the board members said it's the same water that is in Pine. I can't believe the big business men think they can pull the wool over our eyes , a whole town.

First, when someone believes there is water somewhere, and it's not on their property, why do they think, just because they offer to pay to put the well in, that they will own it. That's not how it works in real life.

Second, they say it's their water because it runs underground through Pine. What a Joke! This is what Jim R. (board member)said at the meeting last Wed. There are two wells up near my home in Strawberry that are probably within 200ft of each other and they are two completely different water systems. They don't even know if there will be water found at R level, but I'm sure they know they will get it at level C.

Thirdly, these business men explained that we are in the middle of a thirty year drought and we are having water trucked in presently, and come to find out Hardcastle just made a deal with the developer up on the hill on the N side of Strawberry with 30+ lots for \$250,000 guaranteeing them water. I'm not sure if this is true, but if it is; how can he do this? The money is supposedly to be spent for a new well. I think the public has a right to know about this, so at least we can sell our homes before the water runs out. I don't believe at this time there is enough water for all the houses that are to be built on the hill there N. side of Strawberry. There is a facet at the highest point of the hill and it is working. I turned it on and water came out. Will all of these homes

need to take water out of the C aquifer? I believe we need a moratorium in Strawberry too. Right Now! At least until something is worked out. I believe that we need to keep the K2 site for Strawberry residents. And I believe the other two wells in Strawberry should be used for Strawberry residents, especially if we are to expect 15 more years of drought.

I have heard from people in Strawberry and Pine that Ray Pugal would like to supply Pine and possibly Strawberry, with the water he has found. Why isn't Hardcastle dealing with this man in a fair way? I've heard that Pugal is a good man, Not a shark like Hardcastle. And there are supposedly 4 wells including Pugal's that will supply all of Pine and growth for 100 years. The K2 well is only suppose to last for 7-15 years, and it may only produce 150 gals per minute. I really think after the meeting that the board is not supporting Strawberry. We need to keep our water rights to the K2 for the future. We need protection from the big business men who want to make \$ now and rape these quaint little towns. We want a future here. I wanted to retire here. Others who are retired don't know if they will be able to stay because of the water.

We need the reserve for the years to come from the drought. In Carmel/Monterey CA the ACC stopped giving out water permits and it's a very nice place. The building stopped, and they still have enough water. Now I've heard that in Prescott, the water from Chino is going to be gone. Because they are taking out more than is being recharged. Mr. Muluzzo said that they used to pump the water out at about 150 ft now it's down to 2300 or more. We don't want that to happen here. The board members say we need to work together while Strawberry is being robbed of the well site and Pine will be robbed in their pocket books.

Well, I think Hardcastle needs to be fired or else Hardcastle needs to be fair with Pugal and work things out. I've heard that Hardcastle is not a trust worthy person so I'm not sure he should be running the water co. Pugal's well is already producing, and is guaranteed water. Not a crap shoot. + 100 year guaranteed water. Strawberry would be able to use all their wells and we would solve the problem for now. We might still need a moratorium in Strawberry. I don't know.

I know an attorney in Prescott for whom you may know Dave Wilhemsem. I've written him and asked him to look over the K2 contract and see what he thinks about all this. I don't know if he can help or not but maybe he can just give

some input here, because we really feel like something peculiar is going on. I just think Hardcastle isn't thinking about the future of the people , the forest, the animals and the environment, and the money that will need to be spent. It's crazy. There is already a solution. Pugal.

Sincerely,

Gloria Rich

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