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From: Jane Wilcox [jane@janewilcox.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 06, 2007 1:42 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Mayes-WebEmail
Subject: Thank you for coming to Pine

Dear Commissioners Pierce and Mayes,

I would like to express my heartfelt thank you for taking the time to come up to Pine and listen to the citizens regarding this K-2 Well proposal. I did not have the energy to stay for the entire meeting, as I get up at 3:00am to start my day, and by 8:45pm I couldn't stay longer.

It is unfortunate that you were not able to see the site that this well is proposed to be on, but I feel perhaps Bruce's presentation may have provided you with some insight to the actual size of it.

My biggest problem with this is the fact that we DO have water in Pine, and Brooke Utilities "negotiation" tactics clearly demonstrate that he is not willing to actually provide SERVICE to the citizens of our communities. I know the three private well owners personally, and they have all indicated they would be more than happy to REASONABLY negotiate with Brooke. Brooke Utilities is a monopoly here in Pine, and we desperately need to revoke their CC&N's so that we, as a community, can control our own destiny.

This K-2 Agreement is flawed to a point that is dumbfounding. I feel that there are conflicts of interest, and special interests being served at the expense of the tax payers here. I strongly urge you to review what they are asking of us. A loan by any other name is still a LOAN to a PUBLIC UTILITY which is unconstitutional, according to the statutes in the State of Arizona Constitution.

As Terry Schleizer pointed out, the community has lost its trust in both the PSWID (as evidenced by the recall of four board members) and Brooke Utilities. I find it interesting that my water usage habits remain constant throughout the year, yet I am charged for LESS usage now than in the Summer months. I do not trust Brooke Utilities, and feel that the days of "rubber stamping" by the Arizona Corporation Commission that Brooke has taken advantage of in the previous eleven years needs to stop.

We HAVE solutions, but the obstacles placed in the way of more economical and viable solutions pile up.

Please. Deny the request to encumber the property in question, and revoke Brooke Utilities CC&N's.

Thank you for your time in reading this.

Sincerely,
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Commissioner: Kristin Mayes

My name is Jim Worhle, for 23 years I served as one of the COP building Officials. I have been a full time resident of Strawberry for 6 months and a part time resident for 5 years .I have been doing research on Mr. Hardcastle and his Water company and have found it very disturbing. I attended the meeting in Strawberry involving the K2 well site. Most of the neighbors in both Communities stated the case very well. It matched some of my information. The K2 well site is flawed for many reasons. The location, size of property, and the possibility for bacteria from the residents' septic systems adjoining the K2 site, and other environmental issues lead all to conclude the plan is flawed and it is not the solution to the Water problems for either Community.

Water is available in Pine. A developer has a well that if utilized would end the immediate problem in Pine. The PSWID along with The Water Company has not done their job. The inability to find water and repair the infrastructure for 11 years is a travesty to the Communities. I have discussed the issues with many older neighbors in Strawberry who are afraid to step up and complain for the fear of the Water Company shutting off service to there property. All of us are presently storing water in large containers because of the Water Companies inability to provide water at our property. Several times during Spring, Summer and Fall we have no water available and need to use our stored water for drinking and toilet use. I have helped some older neighbors with flushing toilets and drinking water. One neighbor has a private well and helps us fill our containers when the water company is not able to provide water for us. Water trucks are slow to fill tanks and without warning we are suddenly out of water. I have never had more than 25 lbs. of water pressure in my home.

When complaining to the Water Company about the problem it seems to fall on deaf ears and they inform us we need to conserve. We all conserve on a regular basis. I have a local propane gas company and APS. If I have a problem with service they make the repairs promptly. Recently APS upgraded all the transformers and associated wiring for our neighborhood which resolved the problem of occasional outages. Why is Pine/Strawberry Water Company not correcting problems in the systems infrastucture and searching for water sources as mandated. It's time for the Water Company to be removed as a Monopoly and time for our community to step up and buy out the Water Company so we can be responsible as a Community for a Water District. Please do not allow the K2 well site to move forward and use tax payers' money for the risky endeavor. The future with Mr. Hardcastles organization is higher bills, more hauling chargers and an antiquated infrastructure that is doomed to failure.

The quality of life in the Community is at stake. I moved here for the beauty of the area and the closeness and friendly atmosphere of all the neighbors. We need your support.

Sincerely;

Jim & Barbara Worhle