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Nature Of Opinion

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As homeowners in the Johnson Ranch community, we are very concerned about Johnson Utilities denial of effluent by to Swing First Golf, LLC for irrigation of the Golf Course at Johnson Ranch. Where better to use reclaimed waste water than on irrigation! As Swing First has documented with it's billings from 2015 & 2016 the increase is 4 to 5 times more because JU refused to provide effluent to irrigate the course. The two bills from Feb.-April, 2015 totaled \$12,700, compared to the two bills from Feb.-April, 2016 of \$65,200. How can any business survive an increase of such magnitude and still remain competitive? How many jobs in our community will be lost if the Golf Course at Johnson Ranch goes out of business? After reading the documents in the A.C.C Docket #WS-02987A-16-0017, we do not find any plausible reason for Mr. Johnson (and company) to be allowed to do this. Johnson Utility is affiliated with another golf course nearby that is STILL getting plenty of effluent for it's irrigation, which sounds quite discriminatory, in our opinion. We are not a "golfing" family, but we do have friends & neighbors who are golfers---people who bought their homes in Johnson Ranch because there WAS a golf course in the community. Many of them also paid "premium" prices for homes bordering the course. Many homeowners that have lived in Johnson Ranch for 10+ years have experienced drops in property values during that time. Just as their homes have regained their values, they could be looking at another value decline if the Golf Course at Johnson Ranch goes out of business. In a recent research of MLS listings for Johnson Ranch I found 71 homes that are currently "For Sale" that claim a "community golf course". If that "community golf course" is put out of business by Johnson Utility's apparent greed-- I believe ALL of our 6000+ home values will be affected. We feel that Swing First's request that the ACC require the utility to keep providing effluent to the golf course until a decision is made is reasonable, and we ask the Commission to please hold a hearing on this matter. Thank You.

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