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Subject: Borrego Air Ranch GSP

Mr. Jim Bennett,

My family currently owns and has owned numerous properties at the Air Ranch since 1986 individually and as partners. I agree with the numerous other letters objecting to the Borrego Valley GSP and note that each one offers distinctly different and valid objections to the plan.

While it might make me feel good to go on and on expressing my feelings, I'll skip the folderol of emotion and just make a couple points I haven't seen delineated in others' letters.

A cursory look at the Air Ranch proves the extremely limited use of water for anything except that required for human existence and exemplifies the lack of productivity to cutting our tiny usage by 75%.

$12 \times .75 = 9$ acre-feet per year saved of the 5700 acre-feet goal. That is .001578 of the goal, roughly one and a half tenths of one percent. .1578% in exchange for destruction the Valley's asset that has existed for 74 years and forcing the abandonment of 24 residences to become public liabilities.

Here's the two outcomes I foresee:

1. It is impossible for residents of the Air Ranch to survive in the extremes of the Borrego Desert with a 75% water cut. Everyone will be forced to abandon their homes and relocate to survive. The Air Ranch, a once beautiful asset to the Valley, will become a haunt for vagrants, vandals and the lawless.
2. I believe I've researched the pumping numbers accurately enough to generalize a second scenario. Current BPA for the Air Ranch is 12 acre-feet per year. To prevent the inevitable #1. scenario above, all 24 residents will be forced to drill individual wells, each having a BPA of 2 acre-feet per year. This plan thus may result in quadrupling the available usage and becomes counter productive to the GSP's stated goal.

Respectfully,

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