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To: LUEG, GroundWater, PDS
Subject: Borrego Springs Groundwater Sustainability Plan comment

May 5, 2019

County of San Diego Planning & Development Services
C/O: Jim Bennett
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RE: Borrego Springs Sub Basin

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in regards to water rights we own on our property located at 2220 Hoberg Road in Borrego Springs, CA. (Parcel # 141-080-04). I have owned the approximately 20 acre hotel and restaurant property since 1993. There is a well on the property and I have spent a substantial amount of money maintaining and improving the well over time. I have been helpless in watching the water level in the well drop from 271 feet in December of 1993 to 324.02 feet on 4/30/19. The water level has dropped 53.02 feet over the last 25.5 years as a result of overdraft.

If the Groundwater Sustainability Plan is to be implemented, I feel it important to recognize and fairly compensate property owners with existing water rights whether or not they were pumping from their well at the time of the baseline pumping allocations approximation. At that time I was purchasing water for our property from the Borrego Water District and our amount of water usage could be easily ascertained.

I would expect either a cash buyout for our water rights or marketable water shares in exchange for any adjudicated action.

Sincerely,

David G. Leibert



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