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I am representing 5 generations to do so.

The Following comments are directed to: the AWA Board of Directors, all Staff,
Management, Legal, and Environmental representatives.

Let the Record Show I am handing hard copies of my comments to the Board Secretary, as
I am not going to use my time to read page/section numbers, but they are all in there for
you to verify.

{Brackets indicate what was not read in the public meeting, August 16, 2005}

{In Response to: Comments and Responses to Comments on Revised Section 4.1 of the
Amador Transmission Project Environmental Impact Report, # SCH2000022106}

I really wanted to start my 5 minutes by walking to a wall and pounding my head against
it.....

The good news is I have more sense than that.....

But I want you to KNOW that is where MY level of frustration is.

I think, when you pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for something, you should get
something of *quality*.

Over the past 5 years that is what has been spent, and all we have here is mumbo-
jumbo...or perhaps you prefer to call it "legal-ease". Frankly, I have another word for it,
but I regress...

I'm a county girl, and I say if you put a fancy dress, a hat and high heels on a pig.....you
still have a pig

Dressed up a bit.....but still a pig.

And that is what this CEQA process has been.....It is not what the law INTENDED IT
TO BE... but it's what you have.

In February, 2000, EIP prepared the NOPIS.....

You remember that is when "the powers that be" determined the environmental work
would ONLY be done on the actual route of the proposed pipeline {showing Figure 1,
NOPIS}

Many of us complained you cannot dry up 23 ½ miles of canal, and innumerable miles of
creek without doing some SERIOUS environmental work.

The *experts* then said...oh yeah...gee we should have thought of that...ok we'll do that.

And.....Along came the DEIR

JUST in response Spinetta tributary, which is MY back yard, let me tell you about the rabbit trail these documents have taken me on

- The DEIR said...quote... “Spinetta Creek would have less surface flow if the Pipeline Alternative is implemented. This tributary could become intermittent during June through October, depending on the summer and fall climate of any given year. {page 4.1-42, third bullet down} {repeated statement, same page, second from the last paragraph, first sentence}
- The FEIR said... quote... “Natural springs in the Spinetta Tributary watershed located JUST DOWNSLOPE of the Amador Canal will continue to provide surface water to this tributary to the South Fork Jackson Creek. End quote {page 5-42, response to 17-9}
- The Revised section 4.1 Water Resources reads, and again, I quote... “The reach that now is perennial and could become intermittent is estimated to be 0.9 mile long (see figure 4.1-4). Natural springs in the Spinetta Creek watershed at location 6 in Figure 4.1-4 would continue to provide water to Spinetta Creek so that is would remain perennial downstream of this location. {end quote, {page 4.1-40, Revised 4.1}
- Finally in “Comments to Responses”.. quote “Location 6 is adjacent to the small natural spring on Spinetta Creek. This spring is NOT influenced by losses from the Amador Canal because it is located on a northwest-facing slope that would not receive Canal leakage due to topography. **Upstream** of this location, a small pond is supplied with water from a natural spring not influenced by losses from the Canal, and this water drains to Location #6. ...Then it sends to read response to Comment J-4”.

J-4 tells you...quote “there was no obvious spring source for the pond.”

J-4 “In summary, the “natural springs” referenced in the EIR are the small pond and unnamed seep/spring on the Fregulia Ranch. {Comments to Responses...page 4-127, Response to comment J-4}

If you kind of got lost going thru this thought, let me summarize:

The flow of the Spinetta Tributary goes from

Could become intermittent to

Natural springs will continue to provide surface water from the top of the tributary all the way to the South Fork.

Back to could become intermittent, Then finishes with the 0.9 miles changing from perennial to intermittent {Comments to Responses. page 2-3}

BUT then the location of the springs moves from the top of the water shed... to location 6. Then springs (plural), becomes just 1 spring (singular) and finishes by becoming a seep/spring

And it can NOT be a leak, because it is on a northwest slope?? Not even going there!!!!!!!!!!

The pond changes from being fed by a natural spring not influenced by the canal to a NO obvious spring source for the pond.

And last but not least the Spinetta tributary changes into a creek, back to tributary, and finishes strong as a creek with FIVE tributaries.

You guys are killen' me

You know, You just don't have truth where there is chaos and

If you don't have truth, you can't make sound decisions, NO one can, it's impossible.

When there are this many discrepancies in this one little corner of the world that I am completely familiar with.....MY back yard....I just don't have a lot of faith that everything else is accurate...and frankly, I don't see how you can either. It's not like we haven't ALL found errors and inconsistencies, don't forget what Condrashoff has found...MAJOR STUFF...

.why didn't the staff double check EIP?

We are all TIRED doing this stuff, when it would have been so easy to mitigate this from the very beginning. The trees, the fish, the birdies...all would have been happy, you would have had your project, DHS would have been happy. None of this had to be so darn hard.

And it still doesn't have to be.

Right now, tonight, while you do not have a certified EIR, please remember that you are not bound or held hostage to this incompetence.....

You could still do this project, if you still honestly believe it to be necessary.

But for the sake of all we hold holy. DO IT RIGHT!!

