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Subject: Comment to the May 23, 2022 meeting regarding 170 WD proposal.

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Dear Sirs:

In regards to: The proposed revision of the boundary of Water District 170 that was held on May 23, 2022 , we were unable to attend the meeting...therefore, we'd like to express our situation in not getting our Irrigation water that we should be entitled to out of Deriar Creek.

In Brief History:

We are members of the Wallace Creek Water District 75E., plus members of the Queen Ditch that is located on Forest Land. Deriar Creek runs through the Queen Ditch..on down to the bottom of the Mountain...where there is a Head Gate that has two (2) Levers (which one of the Levers directs the water to the five (5) Queen Ditch members properties, & the other Lever directs water to property owners to the South (of the Queen Ditch members properties) ...& they aren't members of the Queen Ditch...but their "Rose Ditch" joins "Deriar Creek" below the Queen Ditch. (And we believe, that there's only two (2) properties that are receiving water to the South.)

The Water Master report for 2021..reported that we were delivered 76 days of water as follows: (Ap.-Ju.- 45 days; July-Aug.- 31 days: & Sept.-Oct.- NO Water.)
BUT, IN REALITY, We received only 6 1/2 days of Irrigation Water...(Which we only started to Irrigate towards the end of June...when we purchased new Water Pods put in) and during the 6 1/2 days our water was turned off three (3) different times (In June, July, & August)
And the two (2) different parties that turned off our water (Are members of the Wallace Creek Water District 75E ...& we share the same Water Right Dates.)

Note:

a) Here within "A" will represent the past Lessee of our property:
& "B" will represent the party to the second (2nd) Lever at the Head Gate.

b) For the past 4 yrs., we've been Leasing our property to "A" ..who also Irrigated our property...& we ended the Lease in 2021.(When he became upset about us putting in a fence between the neighbors property & ours.)

c) BUT, after the Lease was ended...we feel that we were putting up with a Bunch of Rudeness from both "A" & "B" about trying to Irrigate our property.(Between the two of them) they would just show up for a couple of minutes to inform us that our Water was turned off & we need to learn how to "Lean" for our neighbors..& leave.
Later, We informed them, that we are "Green" about the Irrigation process...& granted that the first time that our Water was turned off is because the Queen Ditch Weir needed to be filled....but the two (2) times afterwards, (when our water was turned off)...It was done in a Rude way .& we were informed that there was never a problem before between ("A" & "B")

Note: All three times that our water was turned off we were told that "B" needed water to Irrigate.

d) This year we did send a "Proposal "Letter (to both "A" & "B")...in order to share the water...or perhaps to have a meeting to hear their input. "B" called us, ...& ended up making a "Physical" threat!

e) We don't want to fight with our neighbors, we are Old...plus, Disable, ...& this yr. We plan to plant grass seed in our large Corral...& we told the Water Master "Tony" ... if we don't get water to Irrigate then we'll let him know. Tony earlier, also discussed with us about the "Lateral Ditch Organization" ... but we don't know how that will go with the people that we're already having trouble with.

**Sincerely,
William & Sally Thomas**