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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

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Mr. Erik Boe

Dear sir my comments from the meeting Dec. 6th are.

I this ground water table has been shrinking for over 40 years. Proven by the 1982 meeting for a moratorium & further development of under ground water at that time.

II The leaking artesian wells were to be fixed or shut down. Neither happened; Two of the latest ones drilled leaked like sieves, their owners got fish licenses to cover the big expense of fixing them. These wells flow year around, "not much income" but saved a big expense fixing them. "Lots of water there" other wells leaking were allowed duck ponds to save their expense. There are many others that need fixed along time ago.

III what happened to priority Rights "The law", another law not mentioned was the law "no use in five years you lose the rights" I think there has been a lot of right filed the last 5 years that shouldn't have been. at any rate we'll have to wait on attorney & state & County people to hash this out.

IV people participating in the ground management plan would not be subject to a time priority. Why? some sitting on the advisory plan have the latest filings & should be the first to be shut down.

V To implement & mitigate plans designed to pay any material injury caused by ground water use in the district upon senior water right users

Seven wells & three good springs plus creek water all dried up on our home ranch "that's a century's ranch" been here since my great grandfather "the first homesteader" came here in the 1870's. How would you ever compensate for that?

VI There is no way to replenish the water we've lost in the area. This is a desert, very little run off, no glacier where you could store water. "Isn't any" the only way this whole aquifer from Orona to the mouth of the Bruneau River can survive is start shutting down these last water rights.

VII That's the job of water resources. They should have done this years ago & they need to get it done now.

P.S. also heard by grapevine that our water resource man may be partnered with Sid Erwin? unbelievable!

Sincerely

David Lettner