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Mr. Shelley W. Keen  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
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Boise ID 83720-0098

Subject: In regards to the removal of Water Master of Water District WD95C.

Dear Mr. Keen:

I believe the hearing examiner to be thorough and intelligent, and I would like to thank him for his time on this topic. This matter has literally been beaten to death. However, there are a couple items that strike a chord with me. In the matter of a water master, board member, commissioner, or any other party concerned in such a small district and community, to be instructed to take no work, is absolutely beyond my comprehension.

In the matter of "not using the best information available." The best information available as provided by the State (Tim Luke) this Water Master, previous Water Masters, long time area residents, as well as Jason Scott of GEO Engineers (who submitted a bid for an inflow gage on Fish Creek last summer) - all stated that Fish Creek alone is not the sole source of inflow for water on Twin Lakes.

Miller Creek, Shove's Creek, and nine others, as mentioned by Jim Blaine, all contribute.

In fact, the aforementioned maintain that there are a number of sub watersheds that contribute in the range of at least 25% of inflow. Thus casting a long shadow of doubt on the "best information available." Thus casting an even longer and darker shadow of doubt on any decision or conclusion, based solely on the "best information available." Couple this to a decree that does not serve its community well, and in fact, divides it, casting the shadows even further.

Any decision I made had the input of a number of factors. Inflow on Fish Creek, input from the Flood District, the Water District, from community members, and decades of putting up hundreds of thousands of tons of hay off the upper lake meadows, decades of driving forest and timber roads, while repairing logging and road building equipment, working with Inland Empire Paper installing culverts, railcar bridges and pre-stressed concrete bridges over numerous creeks and streams throughout this drainage, all the while doing my level best.

After three days of testimony, hundreds of hours of preparation by the parties involved, resources, travel time, air fare, hotel rooms; I would hope the only result would not be to kick the preverbal can farther down the road. Then again, the game of kick the can is best played in the shadows.

Sincerely,



Laurin Scarcello