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**Subject:** OBJECTION TO THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF GORDN SYLTE AS A FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSIONER OF FCD#17

I, Susan Ellis, object to the re-appointment of Gordon Sylte as a Commissioner of Flood Control District #17 (FCD#17). I request the reconsideration and removal of Gordon Sylte as a Commissioner of FCD#17 as per Idaho code.

I am one of numerous disgruntled taxpaying members of FCD#17 and Water District #95C (WD#95C). I am current secretary of WD#95C. My husband and I live on Twin Lakes and own Water Right #95-764. We have attended many of FCD#17's meetings over the past 25 years.

I have continually witnessed Gordon Sylte's blurring of the lines between the roles of

FCD#17 and WD#95C; he, in essence, has attempted to control the DELIVERY OF WATER TO THE SYLTE RANCH under the guise of being a FCD#17 Commissioner. A conflict of interest?? In public Flood Control meetings, I have reminded Gordon Sylte that the DELIVERY OF WATER is the role of WD#95C, not FCD#17. Local IDWR staff have also called him on that behavior. Laurin's Scarcello's removal hearings, as Watermaster of WD95C, also brought Gordon's egregious behavior to light; I feel that Gordon's behavior was a significant part of the reason for Laurin's removal as watermaster.

Even after Laurin's removal as Watermaster, Gordon has continued to instruct damtender Laurin's Scarcello to "send him more water" and to "open the dam up more." During summertime, when the flow of water should be controlled only by the Watermaster of WD95C! Disregard for the law he swore to uphold in his oath of office???

This summer, Gordon was found to have at least one unlicensed, unpermitted storage pond on his property. Gordon Sylte continues to fight in court to have access to all of Twin Lakes water. Is there any doubt why we feel Gordon has a conflict of interest and why we do not trust his self-serving decision making?

Please reconsider your appointment/remove Gordon Sylte as a Commissioner of FCD#17.  
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Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

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