



State Water Resources Control Board  
Att: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board  
1001 I Street 24<sup>th</sup> floor  
Sacramento, Ca. 95814

01/29/17

Dear State Water Resources Board,

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Board about our concerns in regards to providing affordable safe drinking water.

I am Sharon Batini (age 74) my husband Angelo Batini (84) we have been involved with providing or associated with wells and water now since 1973 when the operator was Carlotta Lumber Company. We acquired this property in 1995 at which time we inherited the water. Our well supplies water free to the 8 houses within the 33 acres, Since 2005 we have worked directly with the northern district office for safe water. The actual Water permit goes back before our time M.F.Micheal Water company 1200579. Our concerns is the unacceptable amount cost that is required of us to pay to maintain a safe drinking water. The people who are on our system can hardly afford to pay rent (\$500-\$600) these people are on fixed incomes and all live in a depressed county (Humboldt). Our costs have been new water lines \$3000. New well 2003, \$ 10,000, monthly water sample \$35.00, Nitrate test yearly \$35.00, monthly reports to

District, chlorine system 2010, \$1840. Other Lab cost \$175.00. The chemicals for the system is still another cost. The list seems endless. That State now requires us to have a certified operator on sight we were not certified when the state required this, so we could not take the examination for 6 months so we hired a person \$400.00 per month these people did exactly the same thing we had been doing all along. (but the State in all its wisdom required this) so I took the test only to fail after weeks of study so again 6 months we have to pay someone to do our work. Tried again to to the State Water examination only to fail again, I could not do the math without my book. We have now submitted a request for an waiver under regulation 63825 of the water act. Jan.17,2017 The reason I am submitting the letter for your consideration is to make sure you address the issues facing the very small systems that are out in the rural Area. Please keep the small systems in the scope of your planning. We are on the west side of the mountains and it is a hardship for us to go to Sacramento or Oakland we are lucky to make it to Redding that is where we had to go for the Examination.

Please Help us provide clean affordable safe drinking water for Carlotta, Ca. 95528 (ASDW)

Sincerely: operator for Mitchell Water Company 1200579

Sharon L. Batini

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sharon L. Batini".

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