



CA State Water Resources Control Board:

I am extremely disappointed regarding the recent decision, threatening to revoke the water rights of Millview Water District in the Ukiah area that had been purchased from Masonite Company, License # 5763. Apparently this decision was based on the information that "water has not been put to useful or beneficial purpose of a period of five years or more".

While this information was only brought to my attention through the local newspaper yesterday, there isn't ample time to gather further facts before submitting this letter of appeal by your May 9 deadline. Nevertheless, I can speak personally how this decision could affect my family. In 1998, my husband and I purchased seven acres with the intention of constructing our home. On this same property, our tenant has been receiving Millview water for years before we purchased it. Although the water line is already there, we can not get another line to our future home site, as there has been a state mandated moratorium for new hook ups for more than ten years. Our records indicate that we applied in both 2005 and 2008, but I believe that we have been on the waiting list for longer than that. Recently, we heard from Millview that there was a good chance that we would finally get water to our future residence. Perhaps they were counting on the Masonite well. Our hopes have been crushed again with this recent news.

We have finally started construction of our garage and plan to commence construction of our home within a year, as we technically have water on our property at the rental home. However, we will have to evict our tenant who has been there for at least 15 years and eliminate the \$1000 a month rental income if we don't get the additional Millview water line that we applied for. I have no idea of the number of other people who have purchased property with the hope of building a home in the Millview Water District. Unfortunately, they will have to wait much longer with the hope of building or selling their land until this moratorium is ended.

I clearly don't understand how the state can impose a moratorium on water hook ups in our district until additional water sources are in place, yet then deny the water district of its purchased water rights which could alleviate the water shortage. I realize that water is a precious commodity and the rights to it are often controversial and getting more complicated with the ongoing drought. I respect that your agency is attempting to create a semblance of fair allocation and you are confronted with difficult decisions. Please reconsider this water right that was purchased with the intention of supplying customers like us who have been active members of our community, hoping to get our fair water allocation.

Sincerely,
Mimi and Jack Booth

cc: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Millview Water District