

lawyerrct@comcast.net on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 2:15 PM -0800 wrote:  
Gary,

It was good to talk to you at the Carr Lake pow-wow in Spvsr. Calcagno's conference room.

A heads up for you, relating to the WDR governing Las Palmas Ranch on River Road. As you know, the users were concerned about the reporting and remediation requirements in the order. The staff has indicated the reporting requirements are non-negotiable. That's unfortunate, but may be irreversible.

As users, we would rather report gross water usage or, ideally, weekly levels in the storage ponds. In other words, just report that our irrigation system is operating normally; and specify where and how if it is not. The WDR has a grid for reporting gallonage per individual parcel (easily 100+) which seems a bit much. But if that's what we have to do, then that's what we'll do.

However, the WDR also makes the users responsible for salt, nitrates and other things building up in the groundwater. While we can do the groundwater monitoring, there is nothing legally we can do about the quality of the water. We simply spray what we are given by the treatment facility. And unlike some other homeowner associations perhaps, we only own a small percentage of the land area with lawns. The rest is owned by private homeowners over whom we have no control. So we can't regulate the amount of fertilizer or the use of water softeners, etc.

I have suggested to staff that we discuss modifying the remediation portions of the WDR to place responsibility where it should be, and I don't know yet what the response will be. If things don't work out, I may come to the July meeting in Watsonville to try again to make our points clear.

If you have any suggestions, would you let me know?

Bob Taylor

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