

Another Template for Protesting

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Groundwater Well Permits

Dear [Permitting Authority/Decision-Making Body],

I am writing to formally oppose the issuance of the proposed groundwater well permits for [specific location or permit numbers, if known]. These permits, if approved, would allow the extraction of water from the same aquifer that supplies the wells operated by [Your Water Supply Corporation Name]. I have significant concerns about the potential negative impacts of these additional withdrawals on our community's water supply.

The aquifer in question is a critical resource that sustains our water supply corporation and the residents who depend on it for drinking water, agriculture, and other essential needs. Approving new wells in this aquifer could lead to several adverse consequences, including:

1. ****Depletion of Aquifer Levels****: Additional withdrawals may lower groundwater levels, reducing the availability of water for existing wells and threatening the sustainability of our water supply.
2. ****Impact on Water Quality****: Increased pumping could alter the aquifer's dynamics, potentially introducing contaminants or reducing water quality, which would affect our ability to provide safe and reliable water to our customers.
3. ****Strain on Local Infrastructure****: Our water supply system is designed to operate within the aquifer's current capacity. Excessive withdrawals could overburden our infrastructure, leading to costly upgrades or service disruptions.
4. ****Environmental Concerns****: Over-extraction from the aquifer could harm local ecosystems, including wetlands, streams, and wildlife that depend on stable groundwater levels.

I urge the permitting authority to conduct a thorough hydrogeological study to assess the cumulative impact of the proposed wells on the aquifer's sustainability. This should include an evaluation of current and projected water usage, recharge rates, and the potential effects on existing users like [Your Water Supply Corporation Name]. Without such data, approving these permits risks jeopardizing the long-term viability of our shared water resources.

I respectfully request that the permitting authority deny these well permits or, at a minimum, delay approval until a comprehensive impact assessment is completed. Protecting our aquifer is critical to ensuring a reliable water supply for our community now and in the future.

Thank you for considering this opposition. I am available to discuss these concerns further or provide additional information as needed.

Sincerely,

[Your Full Name]

[Your Title/Position, if applicable]

[Your Water Supply Corporation Name]

[Contact Information]

Please Note - Per the minutes of NTVGCD July 18, 2024 they engaged Advanced Groundwater Solutions, LLC to consult on well permit applications from Pine Bliss, LLC and Redtown Ranch Holdings, LLC

These minutes can be found on the NTVGCD website - <https://ntvgcd.org/>
Definitely an interesting read.