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**P.O. Box 337**

**Arbuckle, ca 95912**

**RE: Detachment of Parcel # 021-200-117**

**Dear CCWA:**

**I was assured in a meeting with the District that the LAFCO effort to realign the District would have no effect on my property. Now, I am informed that it will result in the detachment of my property and the loss of my water rights.**

**For many years I have been paying my share of the District’s budget. I did this despite the fact that, until the last two years, I was not using my 120 acre allotment.**

**It is only recently that I have been drawing on this allotment, as Dennis Lohman has planted thirty acres of almonds on the property and is in the process of planting another twenty acres. His goal is to plant a total of one-hundred acres.**

**I paid into the District for over twenty years with the District, in return, being contractually obligated to provide my full allotment of water.**

**Recently the District has stated that it will renege on this obligation and will only provide a small portion of this allotment.  Its reasoning was that the District did not initially put in a large enough pipe. Was this my fault? It is apparent from the fact that the District put in a much larger outlet that my property was to be provided with a full allotment.**

**In truth, it appears that the real cause is that the District has allowed downstream users to draw on the original pipe, which is now inadequate.**

**Now, rather than honorably meeting its obligation to provide my property with a full allotment, the District seeks to have me ousted from its membership.**

**Further, the District has stated to me that it intended to add other properties to the District. Have these properties been paying into the budget as I have? Moreover, won’t the addition of yet more users result in a negative effect on the ability of the existing members to receive their full allotment? This will result in an amplification of the dire consequences of any future shortage of water.**

**I request that the District once more assure me, in writing, that this realignment will not affect my property.**

**Once more I request that the District put in an adequate pipe and supply me with my full allotment**

**I may be seventy-six years of age, but I still can tell when I am being mistreated.**

**Yours truly,**

**Richard W. Meier**

**CC:   Dennis Lohman**

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