

SLV Water District Sues SV On Water Report

San Lorenzo Valley County Water District directors have sued the Scotts Valley City Council over the council's recent certification of two environmental impact reports.

District directors want the court to force the council to set aside its certification of the impact reports or to have the city show in court why it shouldn't have to set aside the reports.

The lawsuit asks the court to command the council to set aside its certification of the reports on the Indian Springs condominium project and on a Scotts Valley Plaza shopping center until it's determined both are complete and legal impact reports, and until it has been confirmed that there's adequate water for both projects.

Directors believe they weren't adequately notified of the impact reports, nor do they believe either report adequately addresses the water shortage in Scotts Valley.

According to the lawsuit, the district would be affected by the development of these two projects since it has control over a portion of the underground water sources in the immediate vicinity of the development(s).

The developer of the Scotts Valley Plaza shopping center has stated the center will draw water from an existing well on the Mount Hermon Road site. SLV Water District Manager Ed Steffani, how-

ever, said his board is worried that more water will be drawn from this well than currently is drawn.

This well, Steffani noted, is drawing from the same source as nearby wells owned by the SLV Water District.

According to SV Water District Manager John McGuire, Indian Springs developers plan to give the water district water from a well planned for the Plum Valley area off Geyer Road in exchange for meters to serve the 225-unit condominium project planned off Bean Creek Road.

Steffani noted that the SLV District's Olympia wells draw from the same source as the proposed Plum Valley well will draw from.

For these reasons, SLV directors are concerned about the effects these two projects could have on their wells.

Their first complaint is that they weren't mailed a notice of the determination of the need for the impact reports as required by law, nor were they or other potentially affected agencies provided with copies of the draft or final impact reports.

Their second complaint is that neither report adequately addresses the water shortage situation in Scotts Valley.

The lawsuit points out that the ultimate conclusion in the impact report on the Indian Springs condominium project "is that approval of the project before an

adequate water supply is assured would strain the already overtaxed resources of the Scotts Valley County Water District."

"This is an understatement of such magnitude that it is inaccurate," the lawsuit claims. "The Scotts Valley County Water District is chronically in a state of such short supply that it is rationing water, engaging in water conservation

and purchasing water from other sources, including the San Lorenzo Valley Water District."

As for the impact report on the shopping center, the lawsuit claims that the report is inadequate in defining the water problem and in coming up with a true mitigation for that problem.

Seiple To Lead Education Group

Colette Seiple, UCSC assistant chancellor for university relations, has been named chairwoman of the board of trustees for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Seiple will continue her work at UCSC while performing the volunteer job for the council.

The council, headquartered in Washington, D.C., is an international organization involving more than 2,100 colleges and universities.

The organization does public affairs work for education and conducts professional development programs for members.

Members are alumni administrators, fundraisers, government relations workers and public relations workers.