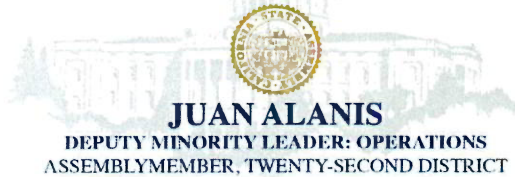


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April 8, 2025

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Joaquin Esquivel, Chair  
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Dear Director Nemeth and Chair Esquivel,

I am writing with concern for the termination of water services affecting residents of Diablo Grande and in the Western Hills Water District (WHWD). The community is suffering due to apparent financial mismanagement by previous developers of the water district.

The region's primary water supplier, the Kern County Water Agency, has notified WHWD that water service will be terminated on June 30, 2025, due to missed payments. The district is burdened with over \$65 million in debt. Specifically, WHWD owes payments to the Kern County Water Agency for a June 5, 2000 Contract to Transfer Water. Despite the last payment being made in 2019, the agency continued to provide water. However, after a review, the agency has decided to stop the service effective June 30, 2025. The residents of Diablo Grande and WHWD should not be held responsible for the financial mismanagement of previous developers, and deserve emergency relief while a long term solution can be worked out.

At the request of the Western Hills Water District President Mark Kovich, I respectfully request an urgent meeting with the Department of Water Resources, the State Water Resources Control Board, Mark Kovich, and my office to discuss potential immediate solutions. Action is needed from all levels of government to prevent this water termination and secure the necessary support for the community of Diablo Grande.

Thank you for your consideration. Please provide your earliest availability to my Chief of Staff, Joshua Whitfield, at [Joshua.whitfield@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Joshua.whitfield@asm.ca.gov) or (916) 319-2022 to arrange a meeting. I look forward to your reply on this important matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Alanis", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Juan Alanis  
Assemblymember  
22<sup>nd</sup> District

cc:  
Western Hill Water District President – Mark Kovich