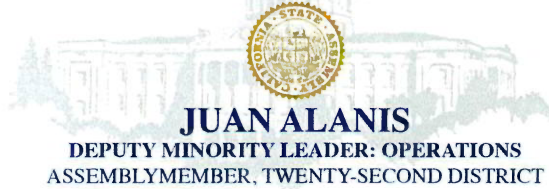


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Governor Gavin Newsom
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Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)
3650 Schriever Avenue
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RE: Termination of Water Supply in Diablo Grande

Dear Governor Newsom and the Office of Emergency Services:

I want to bring to your attention the urgent threat to the water supply of hundreds of families in the Diablo Grande community within Stanislaus County. The community, comprised of approximately 600 homes, has relied on water from the Kern County Water Agency since its contract to transfer water in 2000. However, on April 2, 2025, the Agency notified the roughly 1500 residents of Diablo Grande that it would terminate the Contract by June 30, 2025.

The Western Hills Water District (WHWD), which facilitates water supply to Diablo Grande residents, has faced severe debt at no fault of the residents. I agree with the WHWD's argument that the financial problems primarily resulted from the actions of two former developers, and no significant action has taken place to alleviate the financial burden resulting from the community's developers. Despite no relief or resolution to the outstanding lawsuits and complaints surrounding this issue, the residents of Diablo Grande are facing an urgent and dangerous threat.

I am requesting the Office of Emergency Services provide immediate assistance to the residents of Diablo Grande who will be adversely affected by a termination of water services. A long term practical solution to these decades long problems are needed. I ask while a solution to this crisis is worked on at all levels of government that the State help provide emergency relief to the Diablo Grande community and ensure no disruption of water supply to the residents of this community occurs.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my Chief of Staff Joshua Whitfield at Joshua.Whitfield@asm.ca.gov or 916-319-2022 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Juan Alanis
Assemblymember
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cc:
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