



West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District

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Kern County Water Agency
3200 Rio Mirada Drive
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To: KCWA Board of Directors

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District (WSCFPD), which covers approximately 620 square miles in western Stanislaus County and includes the Diablo Grande (DG) community. In light of the recent news about the water issues in DG, I respectfully request that your agency continue supplying water to the community.

DG is a remote residential area located in the western hills of Stanislaus County and the closest fire hydrants from DG are located approximately nine miles away in Patterson. Given the location and the surrounding dry, brush-covered terrain, DG faces a heightened risk of wildfire throughout much of the year, in addition to the threat of residential structure fires. A consistent and reliable water supply is critical for both everyday living and for fire suppression. Discontinuing this essential supply would pose serious risks to both people and property, particularly during California's prolonged fire season.

The WSCFPD maintains a volunteer fire station in DG, but we currently only have one volunteer firefighter that lives there. In the event of an emergency, career and volunteer firefighters from Patterson, Newman, and Westley areas will respond with significant delays of 15-25 minutes (or longer). We understand the challenges in water resource management, but we urge you to consider the unique circumstances and public safety concerns of our area in making decisions about continued service.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. We are hopeful for your support and thank you for your consideration to preserve this essential service for fire protection.

Respectfully,


Jeff Frye
Fire Chief

Bcc: West Stanislaus County Fire Protection District Board of Directors
Cc: Erik Klevmyr, Fire Warden/Stanislaus County OES Director