

STATEMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PLOCENE RIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

Dear fellow Board members, staff, Chiefs, and interested member of the community

I have decided to resign my position as a member, and President of the PRCSD Board of directors, effective as of the adjournment of this meeting. I am glad that we now have a full slate of directors, so that we can have a full quorum, and business can be carried on as normal.

The issue that has brought this up is the District's recent decision to take a lead role in pursuing the project to dredge out the Wayman Dam pond, as a source of water for fire fighting use. As many of you may know, I hold a water right to use the water released from that impoundment for irrigation purposes. This dam has been used strictly as a point of water diversion, and never as a storage facility, since I have been here.

I feel that the appearance of a conflict of interest on my part could harm the district. As Risk Manager, and Board member I would not want that to happen.

As has been acknowledged, the property on which the dam/pond and some of the conveyance lies, is part of Tahoe National Forest. The water of "Texas Ravine" was first diverted for agricultural use by Thomas Wayman in around 1860. The Waymans were ranchers, teamsters, and miners, and owned a great deal of land in Pike, definitely more than 1200 acres. Thomas Wayman applied for and was granted all the water in Texas Creek, above his diversion, in 1867.

When I became a landowner of a small part of the Wayman Ranch, but a part that used most of the water, in 1974, the Forest Service required me to renew an existing special use permit, for the use and maintenance of the part of the system on USFS land. Since there were two other land-owners at the time, whose properties (also part of the original ranch) were served by the pipeline, we were required to form an organization to apply for this permit. That organization, the Wayman Ranch Pipeline Association still exists to this day. I have renewed the Special Use Permit every year since around 1975.

However, I did not conceive of this project to improve the pond. My fellow water users, conceived of, planned and began this project without consulting me, or seeking to involve me. In reality, I wouldn't gain anything materially if the project goes through. I think it's a worthwhile project, but I would only benefit the same as any other member of the community whose property might benefit from increased water supply in the event of a bad fire. Granted, my property is pretty close to the site, about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. There are at least seven houses, I can think of, that are closer.

I have recused myself from every public discussion of this project, since it was first brought before the Board. I have abstained from every vote regarding it. I don't feel conflicted in any way about my actions in this matter. I have not attempted to benefit personally in any way from this project. But when the matter changed from Board recognition of a private project, that could benefit our District's ability to increase our fire fighting capabilities, to a publicly funded project...my situation has changed. If it had been my decision, I would never have sought public funding, but just gone ahead and done it with our private funds, if ever the Forest Service gave their approval. This is why I am tendering my resignation from the Board. I have really enjoyed serving on the Board, all these years, with all you good people. I hope I can continue to serve the district, but just as an interested member of the community.

Thanks a lot for everything.

Dan Guyer,

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