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To Board of Directors
San Juan Water District

RE: Public Comment San Juan Water District Director Divisions

Dear Honorable Boardmembers,

Bringing fairness of representation is more than decoupling a zip code from decisions. The cause of this action, or at least its complexion, has origin in the dis-satisfaction of wholesale customers to the cabal which happens to have its center in Granite Bay representatives who appear to be insulated and isolated from our community.

We are San Juan retail customers, but my home is only a few hundred feet from being in Orangevale Water, and closer to the boundaries of Citrus Heights Water and Fair Oaks Water and Folsom North than it is to Granite Bay or even the District offices. Kids in my neighborhood attend San Juan Unified Schools, attend scout troops in Orangevale. In my neighborhood, we shop, dine, attended services and almost all of the social connections are in Orangevale, Citrus Heights, Folsom and Fair Oaks. The bottom line, we are in Sacramento County, so our County supervisor and City Council members, School Board members, cemetery districts, mosquito control etc.. are all more similar to Citrus Height, Fair Oaks and Orangevale, than Placer County. And our local ordinances are all codified in Sacramento County. Moreover, Citrus Heights Water, like San Juan Water has retail customers in Placer County, perhaps those residents have more in common with Granite Bay/Roseville customers than our neighborhood.

As retail customers of San Juan, any proposal based around representation of the wholesale boundaries, leaves the likelihood that our rates will be set by a majority representatives from outside the boundaries of the retail district. Conventional thinking from a water centric basis will likely result in us being de-linked in representation from the community we associate with and is a dis-service to my neighbors and I. Bob Walters was our neighbor and in his passing the board decided to replace him from Granite Bay. Ducks select ducks, but people that set our rates should be from our community. It is about more than zip codes and population density, it is about the community fabric. I am asking that representation from our area be aligned with communities which we associate; Orangevale and Fair Oaks.

Alienating one group to appease the real and perceived needs of other political factions does not solve the core genesis of this ailment. It is time for a change in the representatives serving as members on the board of directors to bring representation to the whole Community.



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