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A public comment in WA 83.

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Ladies & Gentlemen

This letter is submitted to you in reference to the application from Sunriver Water LLC to supply water and sewer for the Caldera Springs Annex. It is without question that this application should be REJECTED. The reasons are obvious to anyone who stays current with our water conditions in the Central Oregon area. The reasons are **Global Warming and Drought** (past, present, and future). The news is rampant with information about Global Warming, wells in central Oregon running dry, water rationing to begin, and irrigation to be prohibited in July. These reasons should be enough reasoning behind a rejection of this application. If you need more reasons for rejection, please read further:

A. Water:

---Drought (past, present, and future)

---Water table is already extremely challenged

---The Sunriver Resort, the developer of this project, sold the water district recently to Northwest Natural. They kept 2 of the 5 wells in Sunriver to supply water to their two 18 hole golf courses. Not necessarily a good cause for our limited water table supply.

---There is an obvious, yet unwritten, potential conflict of interest that may have been present in the sales agreement.

---This proposed development is for 400+ multi-million dollar housing units. We have a problem with a development of this type of housing when the social goal is developing "affordable housing".

---This development also includes a large community pool for their development, which is not really that important in the grand scheme of good water management use.

---Sunriver residents already have a supply and pressure problem when the transient and tourist population blossoms.

---In the event additional wells are required, what does that do to the water table and aquifer, and who gets stuck with the additional costs? We current residents should not be burdened with that issue.

---And lastly, an important question arises: Who actually OWNS the water rights they are proposing to sell?

B. Sewer:

---The current sewer treatment facility resides in the center of Sunriver. It already has a smell and abatement problem that we are faced with. This will exacerbate that problem.

---The current sewer treatment facility already has a capacity problem handling the effluent from the developments of Sunriver, Caldera Springs, and Crosswater. It will only get worse.

---We are a family of two senior adults. Our water and sewer combined bill was for \$87.88 for the month of April, with no irrigation occurring. Our sewer bill was 80.3% of the total. Does that seem reasonable to you???

---Sunriver Water LLC already has a 5 year plan for improvements (and corresponding rate increases). This increase will be burdened onto existing customers and paid for by us even before they start building homes and billing new customers.

---The facility already lays the burden of noise and smell directly onto residents of Sunriver.

C. Other:

---This issue is not just about Caldera Springs Annex. It about the entire Central Oregon water supply crisis. This needs to be evaluated as such by all County, State, and US Government organizations. This approval should not be solely on the shoulders of the PUC. There are moral concerns, financial concerns, social concerns, and long term planning concerns. We are hoping your review has a broad vision for the future.

Thanks for listening.

Richard & Debbie Brissenden

Sunriver, Oregon

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