

Dear Neighbors

All of us are aware That we have lost our 218 protest vote, because 2 of us were not in town or they did not care, but 46 said no to connection to Davis water system. I honestly DO NOT understand why those other insist to join to Davis. They may want to help City of Davis and have lots of income and get some Tax benefit, but what about those with fixed income or not enough? these Neighbor will be forced to move out of their HOME. I called to list my house for sell, but I have build here to live rest of my life, like many of you.

I AM NOT AN ATTORNY , BUT MY COMMEN KNOWLEDGE TELL ME NOBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO KICK ME OUT OF MY HOME.

Now I think we should join together and do something to stop the connection to Davis AT LEAST NOT FOR SUCH PRICE . Supervisor Don Saylor should work for us, if he is our supervisor. HE SHOULD NOT GO THE EASY WAY FORCING US, INSTATE DEAL WITH WATER BOARD AND OTHER OFFICIAL TO FIND THE BEST ACCEPTABLE TO MOST OF US.

PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT, SAVE YOUR FUTURE, YOUR PROPERTY AND YOUR HARD EARNED MONEY. Thank you for being our good Neighbor though all this 30 years.

Dear Neighbors.

This makes me so terribly sad.

How can those who "won" live with themselves now that they have kicked so many of their neighbors out of their homes by FORCING them to sell? This is unconscionable. It's going to be an unbelievable hardship on us to have to move now, given our intense health challenges. I always knew we would have to move someday, but I wanted to put it off for awhile when it wouldn't be such a difficult, painful experience.

How do you sleep at night?

Dear Neighbor:

Please read and carefully consider:

- *We all agree that we have a problem with contaminated water*
- *We all agree that an additional \$10,000\* per year per household is a great deal of money and will impact the value of our homes*
- *We all agree that a solution to the water problem is needed*
- *We all agree that hooking up to the Davis water system is but ONE solution*

Where we disagree is that the proposed \$8.25 million Davis connection solution, added to significant usage fees, is the best solution. It MAY be, but we need more information in light of new regulations. **A careful reading of the Point of Entry and Point of Use for Water Treatment Devices regulations offers us new options as a result of new information not previously available.** In the past, information provided to us has been incomplete, and as a result misleading and biased. The strong goal from the county has been to push us hard toward connecting with the Davis water system. This MAY not be the best solution.

We, the undersigned, encourage EVERYONE to submit a protest vote. But wait! Please read further. This is not a vote against connecting with Davis or a vote to ignore the problem.

This is a vote to **PUSH THE PAUSE BUTTON** until we can get new information on the point of use regulations, costs (to hire a local company to run well system, to replace well(s) as needed, and to monitor the point of use/point of entry system as authorized by the new State regulations) and some answers from a few experts on engineering issues and legal questions.

We only ask for a PAUSE to get some additional answers before we jump into an agreement that will last decades, costing each household \$125,000 for the connection alone - and the total cost will likely more than double that over the life of the payout.

\*\$10,000 per year is calculated as \$4157 loan repayment fee plus \$3979 water use estimate starting in 2019 for an initial total of \$8136. Water rates will continue to increase. A conservative estimated water rate increase of 5% per year for 5 years results in \$5076 with an annual cost of \$9233 in 2024, reaching \$10,000 as soon as 2027.

## **Dear Neighbors who have supported the “Pause” concept,**

While you may not have heard from us on the Pause Committee recently, please be assured that we have been actively working to stop the City water juggernaut. The Tolling Agreement that we entered into with the County to preserve our legal rights is still active, and we are hopeful that we can get agreement with the County on an exploratory well before it expires.

As you know, we had a community meeting with Supervisor Don Saylor in early August. At that meeting, Don refused to support our request to drill an exploratory well to determine what type of water quality we could expect with a deep water well.

At the September 11 Board of Supervisors meeting we made several presentations during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. We reiterated the extremely expensive nature of this \$8.3 million All-City water project (for each household per year: \$4100 for construction loan, plus an estimated \$6000 + for water charges, an annual total of \$10-12,000 per year per household!). We also recapped the survey results for the neighborhood, demonstrating that only 14 households supported the City project, and 63 households (81% of the vote) wished to proceed with the exploratory well. We requested that the County authorize a new assessment (a prop 218 vote) for us to pay for such a well.

Since that time, we have met with experts from the pre-eminent Yolo County engineering and hydrogeologic firm of Luhdorff and Scalmanini. What they have told us is that there is ample water quantity at depth. However, whether a deep water well can supply adequate water quality can only be determined by an exploratory well. A single well, utilizing well #2 as an emergency back-up, could adequately supply all the neighborhood's water needs. This would cost significantly less than the All-City project. In addition, it avoids the tremendously pricey Davis water rates. An exploratory well is the first step.

An important point made by Luhdorff and Scalmanini is that the quality of water found at depth has a low likelihood of changing over time. They feel very comfortable in saying, if we find good quality water with an exploratory well, it is highly likely to remain good quality water.

We have also met/spoken with each of the 5 supervisors on this issue. Our basic pitch has been that we want the opportunity to finance an exploratory well ourselves. While an exploratory well is estimated to cost \$200,000, that cost divided among our 95 houses over a 5 year period would be approximately \$425 each per year: a fraction of the city water charge. We received support from Supervisors Provenza and Chamberlain, pushback from Saylor, and neutral comments from the other 2 supervisors. BUT: the item *is* on the Tuesday September 25 Board of Supervisors agenda.

We want the Board of Supervisors to direct staff to prepare a new 218 proceeding to fund an exploratory well. We encourage all of you who are able to attend the September 25 Board Meeting to support such a motion. This meeting will be held at 9:00 pm at 625 Court Street, room 206, Woodland.

We will provide additional information about the timing of the item when the agenda is publicized this Friday, September 21. If you are unable to attend, but want to support this approach, please feel free to send a letter or email to the Board (with a copy to us).

Letters can be hand delivered to the County office at 625 Court Street, room 204, Woodland or emailed to Julie Dachtler ([clerkoftheboard@yolocounty.org](mailto:clerkoftheboard@yolocounty.org)) or Beth Gabor ([beth.gabor@yolocounty.org](mailto:beth.gabor@yolocounty.org)) with a written request that it be included in the Board packet in the section on NDM letters. Letters can also be emailed to us, and we can email each supervisor. While we know it is short notice, it is preferable letters arrive before the weekend to be included in a board packet. (Questions? Email us!)

We think this is our last opportunity short of litigation to derail the City water project. Thanks to all of you for your support.

The "Pause Committee"